

10 May 2023

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend Pietro Cardinal Parolin  
Secretary Secretariat of State

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His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.  
Prefect, Dicastery for Bishops

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His Eminence  
The Most Reverend Lazzaro Cardinal You Heung-sik  
Prefect, Dicastery for Clergy

Via Facsimile: 48.45

Your Eminences,

By way of introduction, I serve as Procurator for over 3100 members of the Catholic Faithful in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. As Procurator having domicile in the Archdiocese, I am writing on their behalf as well as my own. The matter for which I am writing involves elements of competence for both the Dicastery for Bishops and the Dicastery for Clergy. The significance of the matter and the involvement of multiple dicasteries encourages the involvement of the Secretary of State. For these reasons, this Petition is being sent to each of you. Because of the large volume of paper involved, a hard copy of my mandates is being provided to the Dicastery for Bishops as it seems to have primary competence in this matter. If I am wrong on this point, I ask the matter to be referred to the appropriate dicastery for address. I am enclosing an electronic copy of my mandates for the Dicastery for Clergy and the Secretary of State (Attachment 1—Mandates).

We oppose the implementation of the “All Things New” (“ATN”) initiative in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It violates the legitimate structures of parishes, the rights and obligations of pastors, the rights of the lay faithful, and offends the unity of the Church by encouraging parishes to compete for survival and foments mistrust of ecclesiastical authority. The overall result causes significant disadvantage to the Church. Therefore, we beg the Holy See to suspend the implementation of ATN at this time so as to encourage a proper collaborative dialogue to take place within the Archdiocese of St. Louis, a dialogue