

## **All Things New (“ATN”) Summary**

### **Part 10 – FINAL SUMMARY**

#### **Truth & Transparency are The Way, they are the only way**

*“Jesus said to him.....‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to Father except through Me.”*

**John 14:6**

*“The salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one’s eyes.”*

**Canon 1752, final canon, in the seventh book of canon law, of Holy Mother Church**

*“No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light”*

**Luke 8:16**

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#### **Executive Summary**

We are so very grateful to more people than we can possibly name or acknowledge. From the inception of our “Save Our St. Louis Parishes” ([www.sostlp.org](http://www.sostlp.org)) group, people gave so generously of their time, talent and treasure, as well as their prayers. We thank them all, especially the St. Joseph Canon Law Foundation. But above all, we thank Almighty God!!!

We give praise to God in any or all victories, and praise to God in any and all defeats. We acknowledge that anything that was good, true and beautiful in our work belongs to God, and came from The Holy Spirit, including our many successes saving dozens of parishes<sup>1</sup>. We

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<sup>1</sup> We assisted more than 80+ parishes of our then-178 parishes, in regard to ATN. We helped approximately 44 parishes set up their own Procurator Mandate, and begin preparation for some sort of appeal. In all of the “Draft Models” before our work, CLI and the AD-STL publicly stated that 88-108 parishes would be merged or closed (about 60+%), which is typical for CLI. Ultimately, only 34 parishes were merged or closed by the ATN Decrees published on Pentecost 2023. Of those 34, only 3 were in the group of 44 parishes who followed our guidance and sent written notice to the AD-STL of their Procurator Mandate. Of those 3, 2 appealed, and 1 won their Vatican appeal. We give all glory to God, and guidance of the Holy Spirit, for these fantastic victories!!

acknowledge that any failings were our own, but that God can use all things for good (even our failures), for those who love Him. We acknowledge that Jesus Christ makes all things new!!

And we acknowledge that even before our formal SOSTLP group formed, many were already praying and engaging with our new Archbishop, His Excellency Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, to seek the guidance of The Holy Spirit in any changes here in our Archdiocese, no matter how “sweeping” any such changes might become. We offer here just one very representative example, where our Archbishop himself rejected open dialogue, rejected synodality with his own faithful flock here, in regards to “All Things New” (“ATN”).<sup>2</sup> From the arrival of His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski as our 10<sup>th</sup> Archbishop, many honest, Show-Me-State Catholics simply sought dialogue and synodality. But we are sorry to report, that the evidence is now overwhelming that Archbishop Rozanski (and ultimately also his local “leaders” and Vicars) did not want such dialogue nor synodality, because they had already decided the metrics of destruction for ATN.

And for the record (one final time here in writing), less than 6 months after the ATN Decrees on Pentecost 2023, Archbishop Rozanski and Vicar Chris Martin told us that they were using “the wrong” metrics for ATN and measuring parish vibrancy.<sup>3</sup> Vicar Martin went on to tell us that “the experts” had different, “new metrics” which would take “up to three to five years” to implement. But he assured us that those “new metrics” would be much better than anything traditional or in our past, just trust him. To this very day, Vicar Chris Martin still refuses to answer the simplest of questions, and just tell us:

- 1) What are these “new metrics”?
- 2) Who are these “experts”?; and
- 3) Where have these “new metrics” been implemented with any success at all?

Are we supposed to pretend that we are not Show-Me-State Catholics? Can we just ignore the facts that perhaps the “most sweeping changes ever” failed, precisely because they used the wrong metrics (admittedly in error)? And despite all of that, they demand that we trust these “new metrics” (which are unknown and unpublished to us), as opposed to trusting Almighty God (as opposed to trusting Jesus Christ, who alone makes all things new).<sup>4</sup> And they are not done even there. Perhaps even more shocking, again using their own words (not ours), His

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<sup>2</sup> Attached as Exhibit A is a document entitled “All Things New Summary – Meeting with Archbishop Rozanski – July 20, 2022.” This document was published by the SOS prayer cenacle, none of whose members were ever a part of the core team for sostlp.org (which had not even been formed yet).

<sup>3</sup> Attached as Exhibit B is Vicar Chris Martin’s letter on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, dated 12-12-2023. Invoking the name of our Blessed Mother, Vicar Martin told us there would be “new metrics” (but none that he has shared publicly, then or now).

<sup>4</sup> This past weekend (05-31-2025), the Vigil Mass of the transferred-feast of the Ascension of the Lord, included St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (1:17-23), a short text which means Christ as “all things” at least 3 times, including “[He is] the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.” (Ephesians 1:23). Christ, and Christ alone, makes all things new.

Excellency Archbishop Rozanski contradicts himself (or at least Vicar Martin's translation speaking for him?), by stating that it will take not "3-5 years" to bear fruit, but "20 years (and change). Which is it Your Excellency and Vicar Martin, 3-5 years for us to know if you are now using the proper metrics, or 20 years(and change)?<sup>5</sup>

It is for reasons such as these that we were forced to oppose vast portions of the ATN initiative, even while we prayed for His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski, Vicar Chris Martin, and all of our Archdiocesan leaders. We prayed for them even as they (and their proxies, including ordained clergy) publicly condemned us, for even daring to ask honest, Show-Me-State catholic questions. They mock and condemned us, while refusing to have any open, synodal dialogue, with anyone who opposed their pre-determined plans of destruction and decline.

### **Part 10 – Full Summary**

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself said "I am. ....the truth" (John 14:6). So how can anyone claim to be a true disciple of Christ, or following Christ's guidance (The Holy Spirit's guidance), if they are not speaking or publishing only "truth"? Jesus Christ is also "the Light", and gives us clear teaching about how his followers should act in terms of lighting lamps to help and evangelize others (Luke 8:16). This is all we have ever sought (then and now) in regard to ATN.....truth and transparency.

Is that what our Archdiocesan leaders have sought? Is that what they preached, or practiced? We all know the answer to that. They operated in secrecy, in darkness, saying one thing in private, in their very own leadership and Presbyter Council meetings, and then saying something else (often precisely the opposite) in public. And they demanded that no one contradict their false public "gospel of ATN."

We have offered all we have said, and published, under Canon 212 and Matthew 18. We have not only asked for fraternal correction, we have indeed *begged for it!!!* Has anyone from the Archdiocese offered even one contradiction or correction to us? We all know that the answer to that question is.....*a resounding NO!!*

Despite years of research and publishing, not one official from the Archdiocese of St. Louis has contradicted even one document or presentation of ours. They have not countered or contradicted even 1 part of our ATN Summary, nor even one conclusion. They have not been able to point to one substantive error or matter for correction, not in a single document, nor a single paragraph, nor a single sentence. Aren't we all left to wonder why that is?

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<sup>5</sup> Attached as Exhibit C, Archbishop Rozanski in his own words, in his personal editorial column entitled: "Twenty years and change," published in Catholic St. Louis magazine (April/May 2025 edition), page 4.

Archdiocesan leadership (especially His Excellency Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski & newly-minted Vicar Chris Martin) told us that they intended to make “the most sweeping changes” in the entire history of our Archdiocese. They informed us that experts like the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) had decades of data and metrics to help them measure what was important in diocesan and parish life and vitality, and thus we should trust them completely (and blindly) to guide us through ATN.

Then, during the entirety of the ATN process, those same leaders refused to discuss openly or meet publicly with anyone, not just with any of us at SOSTLP or St. Joseph Canon Law Foundation, but with any of you or your individual parishes either. They refused to show up themselves, in person, as required by Canon Law. This most basic failing formed a part of every canonical appeal regarding ATN, including the many which were successful.

Our elitist leaders refused to compel (or even ask?) CLI to likewise show up here, in person, even once. CLI was not required to have even one public session here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, before implementing their metrics and well-worn plans, which came from heretical and fallen dioceses, long ago fully infiltrated by the St. Gallen/Lavendar mafia. To no one’s surprise, who was paying attention, their ATN plans failed spectacularly (or did they? If destruction of tradition was their plan all along? If further decline was going to be “the excuse” for ever-greater changes?). Very few Archdiocesan officials even remotely attempt to defend ATN any longer, especially given the public revelations that our very own AD-STL leaders all privately concede that ATN was a failure, resulting in extremely low morale for the rank & file priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.<sup>6</sup>

To this day, we don’t know even the most basic facts about ATN, including what experts like CLI were paid. Reportedly, CLI was paid millions of dollars from our collection plate. That money quite literally belongs to God (and to you), and is NOT the fiefdom of a bishop or vicar. No one in AD-STL leadership will deny the million-dollar+ figure, nor even speak “on the record” about the true financial cost of ATN. The eternal cost of souls (especially from those who leave, or have already left, Holy Mother Church entirely) is sadly and truly incalculable.

Only AFTER the Pentecost 2023 ATN Decrees, did Vicar Chris Martin state the “quiet-part” out loud, admitting that even Archbishop Rozanski has proclaimed even “newer” metrics than those used for ATN.<sup>7</sup> Do we see even some measure of regret, or humility, in Vicar Chris Martin’s letter, while admitting that “the wrong metrics” were used against us? Of course not.

He adds that sentence as a foregone conclusion, even as he moves on to tell us that they now have those newer, “new metrics.” And what are these magical “new, new metrics”?

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<sup>6</sup> See Exhibit D, Presbyter Council Meeting Minutes excerpt from 15 October 2024 (highlighting is ours).

<sup>7</sup> See footnote 2 above, and attached Exhibit B again.

Apparently, they belong to the darkness, and thus are “secret,” as our overlords refuse to share them publicly with anyone. Like ATN itself, and its aftermath, Vicar Chris Martin remains silent and refuses to provide us with any details of the “new metrics” which he and other Archdiocesan leaders intend to now force upon us. Even while proclaiming that these “new metrics” and plans have worked to re-vitalize other dioceses, they refuse to tell us “WHERE” these “new plans” or “new metrics” have been employed? We are almost 18 months from this infamous letter from Vicar Chris Martin, and he still refuses to provide any details or any public explanation. Vicar Chris Martin’s letter stated that it takes “3 to 5 years” for such new metrics to turn things around. But, seemingly to the contrary, His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski says that it will likely take 15-20 years for us to know if such “new metrics” work, or not.<sup>8</sup>

Please go back and read the Scripture quotation from St. Luke’s gospel, which started this final ATN Summary. Does anyone light a lamp (to guide folks), and then “hide it” from them? Certainly not. And absolutely not a true disciple of Christ, a lover of Truth Incarnate, who wants to evangelize and lead others in “the most sweeping changes” in an Archdiocese’ own almost 200-year tradition. What unbridled hubris, or more properly stated, *PRIDE*?

Only God makes the ultimate Judgment in the end. That is why, in every single meeting, publication or video, we have emphasized our prayers ***FOR*** all of our Archdiocesan leaders, including His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski and Vicar Chris Martin. We have prayed ***FOR*** the success of ATN, defining success not by the ever-changing metrics of this world, or a new set of “experts” like CLI, but rather defining success as conforming our Archdiocese to God’s Will, following only The Holy Spirit. We were not, and are not, afraid to proclaim Truth, or true facts, timelines, evidence and statistics. Nor are we afraid to re-state one of our key prayer intentions:

*“May Almighty God have mercy on the soul of anyone.....who scatters Christ’s flock.”*

It is so very sad for Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to have so many examples of their own Archdiocesan leadership, refusing to be transparent (i.e. refusing to be truthful). Sometimes we find the most timely and accurate descriptions of our Bishops and our current Archdiocesan leadership in the most unlikely of places (often in their own words, sometimes leaked to the press/public, out of sheer desperation or disgust).<sup>9</sup> That was true at the start of ATN, and is true today, even years later, as we finish our summary of ATN. We see the continuing patterns of lies by Archdiocesan leadership, to implement whatever change they

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<sup>8</sup> See footnote 4 above, and Archbishop Rozanski’s own column entitled: *“Twenty years and change.”*

<sup>9</sup> With the video releasing this final ATN Summary, we will reference the current controversy in the Diocese of Charlotte NC, which highlights the leaking that faithful Catholics believe they must resort to, when tyrannical bishops attack their own flock. This is a prime example of not just a suppression of the TLM, but clearly an attempt to overthrow all tradition, all reverence. This is following a mad-made Church, not The Holy Spirit, just like ATN.

already had in mind, or that some east-coast or diabolical “experts” are pushing. That is why we must remain vigilant, even after finishing our ATN summary. We need to keep pushing and digging for documentation and truth. In regard to ATN, we believe we lived that ethos of pushing and digging, but always and only for THE TRUTH!! We believe we lived the very-aptly applied quotation here: “Got a problem, find the lie...:[then]....To solve the problem, correct the lie.”<sup>10</sup>

We saw many problems, and exposed many lies, as we have repeatedly documented, now and over the course of many years, and with hundreds and hundreds of pages of examples (not to mention hundreds of audio/video recordings published). From the outset, we insisted that all of our meetings would be FREE and OPEN, even those where we brought in an experienced and devout canon lawyer, to educate the laity about their own rights, and the Church’s traditions expressed in Canon Law. We insisted that each such meeting or session begin with an authentically Catholic prayer, and one “in support of” and “in submission to” our Church and Archdiocesan leaders. Unlike Archdiocesan officials, we never prevented anyone from attending, nor from “getting the microphone” (to ask any question they wanted, or to express any opinion they wanted, including in the negative about us). There were many “Archdiocesan plants” or “spies” at our meetings and sessions, who often tried to derail our discussions or canonical opposition to their man-made, CLI-driven plans.

We did not worry about any such opposition, because we were committed to The Light of Christ. We allowed all to freely speak. Any such spy or plant, with an “ulterior motive,” most often exposed themselves as fools. As Children of The Light, we were not afraid of transparency, and trusted completely in God to reveal Truth. Those in power, when they are telling lies, NEVER want more free speech, never want more public meetings, never want more transparency. We are sad to report, but convinced of its truth, that under our 10<sup>th</sup> Archbishop, we cannot cite one example of his “sweeping changes,” where he or his leaders wanted (or delivered) MORE transparency!!<sup>11</sup>

For example, in one of the early “promotional” videos for ATN, Vicar Chris Martin all but scolded us for loving our current parish or pastor, while telling us we should care more about the Archdiocese, than just “a local” parish. He told us that what we needed was “more saints.”

As we have often said, we could not agree more that we need “more saints,” especially amongst Archdiocesan leadership (and those in the Chancery, wearing roman collars). We

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<sup>10</sup> This quote comes from Samuel A. Nigro, MD, retired psychiatrist reviewing the Sophia Institute Press publication “Forty Anti-Catholic Lies – A-Myth-Busting Apologist Sets the Record Straight” by Gerard Vershuuren, Ph.D.

<sup>11</sup> We openly request anyone to contradict us, if they can point to such an example, where anyone can speak, say anything they want, or ask any question of Archbishop Rozanski and Vicar Chris Martin. It simply never happened. Neither of them ever appeared, in person (especially not together), where any Catholic could ask any question.

make no secret of the fact that we challenge Vicar Chris Martin, and all of our Vicars, to tell us publicly, and precisely, HOW what they did in ATN, is evidence of striving to be saintly?<sup>12</sup>

Given Vicar Chris Martin's own exhortation, we have quoted many saints in our documented history of ATN, and believe very strongly that those saints would be appalled by the "official" actions of Vicar Chris Martin and AD-STL leaders, in their implementation of ATN. We believe and assert that the communion of saints is horrified by "the most sweeping changes" forced upon the faithful flock here in the Rome of the West, as it swept away whole parishes, parish schools and the longest-running Adoration Chapel in the history of our Archdiocese. Fr. Chris Martin (among others) has attributed (in part) his own priestly vocation to the Adoration Chapel founded at his home parish of Incarnate Word in Creve Coeur. That Adoration Chapel, founded specifically to foster such priestly vocations, bears the name of Auxiliary Emeritus Bishop Robert Hermann, and continues to be a wonderful and lasting part of Fr. & Bishop Hermann's legacy here in the Rome of the West.

What will Fr. & Vicar Chris Martin's legacy be? It will surely include his continued silence and refusal of any public meetings and accountability regarding ATN. It will surely include the "sweeping away" of 500+ years (cumulatively) of solid parochial education here in the Rome of the West. And what do they clearly prefer to our allegedly "wrong" model of parochial or parish-controlled schools? Children ripped from their beloved schools (and Catholic Catechism), without ever meeting with any leader or decision-maker from the Rigali center, in person. They clearly support closures, without ever stating publicly and clearly "the metrics" (reasons) that are being used to decide which parish "lives" (survives) and which dies (has their school closed). And they absolutely refuse to publish what they are required (by law) to maintain, which is records of where those students "go next." They don't want to publish for you "the metrics" and statistics that they know are true here, just as they are in other dioceses crushed by such evil. A vast majority (some cite upwards of 70% of those displaced students) depart closed catholic schools for public schools, and thus a very DIFFERENT "catechism" is forced upon our children. No Catholic organization will publish such statistics, because they know it only accelerates, not slows, the trends of Catholics leaving Holy Mother Church, and her Sacraments, entirely!!!!

And let us not forget that Archbishop Rozanski and Vicar Martin promised us, in the immediate wake of the Pentecost 2023 Decrees, that while such decisions were painful, when implemented as Decreed in May of 2023, we would be on "solid and stable" ground afterwards, for at least "the next fifteen to twenty years."

***Have you felt on solid and stable ground since May of 2023?*** Of course not. One of the chief reasons for such long delays in our completing this entire ATN Summary, is the fact that they

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<sup>12</sup> Please also the video link published with this Part 10 ATN Summary, of Pope Leo XIV's address to the French Bishops, extolling the examples of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John Vianney, and St. John Eudes.

kept expanding the destruction of ATN, especially in regard to parochial school closures. They know full well that canonical appeals against parochial school closures are far more difficult, and far more rare in Vatican jurisprudence (published decisions and guidelines). They knew they could more easily crush the dreams of parochial school children, than even they could do for little old men & ladies still in the pews of older parishes in urban, suburban or rural settings. And crush them they did, with more than half of the 9 (and counting) school closures coming *well after* the ATN Decrees, and going well beyond those parishes affected by the ATN Decrees. That is surely not being pastoral, telling your flock that they are “now” on solid and stable ground, only to shift that ground with an earthquake of closures announced without public meetings beforehand, nor with the decision-making leadership ever showing up in person, at the affected (closed) schools.<sup>13</sup>

One of the most recent such examples was the closure of the school at St. Simon parish, just this year. Sadly, it was by no means unique, especially in terms of its suddenness nor cruelty. While such closures are always tragic, the closure of the parish school at St. Simon’s was strikingly similar to all of the others, in terms of the “reasons” for the closure being shrouded in secrecy, and its parishioners being pitted against one another.<sup>14</sup> God is not fooled nor mocked, and He knows satan is trying to destroy all tradition and His One True, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are not surprised that the modernists and Marxist (enemies of Christ within His Church) want especially to destroy parochial school education, to try to destroy the next generation, particularly the next generation of vocations.

But we will continue to point out the “facts” and evidence of the generosity of STL Catholics, especially for funding parochial education.<sup>15</sup> Despite the financial “shortfall” for any of the 9+ closed parish schools being very modest (often in the single-digit 6-figures range), the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri (the recipient of our “Beyond Sunday” campaign funds) still has tens of millions of dollars in its accounts, and generates many millions (per year) in interest, from these held funds.<sup>16</sup> We openly wonder if the 25,500+ families who

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<sup>13</sup> Attached as Exhibit E is one of the public leadership announcements of a newly-created “President of Catholic Education” for the AD-STL. Has our new “President Julie Soffner” visited even 1 of the many schools she has pushed to shutter here, before any such final closure decisions have been made? See also footnote 20.

<sup>14</sup> Attached as Exhibit F, is the February 26, 2025 openly published letter from the President of the St. Simon Holy Name Society (a parish society, not just parish-school related). It is a tough read, and we certainly pray for Fr. Hogan, in his first parish pastorship role, absolutely set up to fail, by Vicar Chris Martin and AD-STL leadership. Fr. Hogan (and our Vicars, and ourselves) will absolutely be judged before the Throne of Heaven for these actions, and thus we make no excuse for Fr. Hogan, for our Vicars, nor for ourselves. God is not fooled nor mocked, even as Archdiocesan leadership destroys parishes, in the name of money and power, in trying to control or “overthrow” traditional models of a local parish controlling “its own school,” as proscribed by Canon Law (& Tradition).

<sup>15</sup> See attached Exhibits G & H. Exhibit G is our own timeline and summary of parochial education here in the AD-STL, especially since the “Beyond Sunday” campaign was launched in 2018, raising more than \$110+mm for catholic school education here. Exhibit H is excerpted from the annual report of the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri ([www.rcfstl.com](http://www.rcfstl.com)), the recipient of the “Beyond Sunday” campaign funds, from the AD-STL.

<sup>16</sup> See Exhibit G, and their own statements that “52%” of their total assets are attributed to the “Beyond Sunday” campaign, and its continued investment growth.

donated to the Archdiocese's "Beyond Sunday" campaign, would be in agreement with an entirely separate legal entity (RCFSTL.com), controlling millions of dollars of those donations, while 9+ schools were closed for a lack of a very small percentage of those funds, likely less than 5-10%, in each instance (and perhaps even cumulatively). And in the case of each such closure, that parish school had significant donors lined up, to help defray (or completely cover) any such shortfall. However, their donors were not allowed to do that. Only at the parish school of St. Clare of Assisi were private donors allowed to preserve their school. And what made St. Clare of Assisi different from the almost-identically situated St. Monica school (with its 100+ year history)? Vicar Chris Martin, of course. Before being elevated to these newly created "Vicar" roles, Fr. Chris Martin was last the canonical pastor of St. Clare of Assisi. His buddies and private donors were allowed to save their children at St. Clare, but no such "luck" for your children or the children of the other 9 (and more to come?) parish schools. Aren't we all left to wonder why?

Some believe that we have been (or I, Ken Battis, have been) unduly harsh or unfair to Vicar Chris Martin. If you so believe, I do wish you would follow the Lord's command in Matthew 18, and offer such correction to me directly. And even if you are unwilling to do that, I do sincerely hope that you will pray for me. Certainly it is your canonical (and Constitutional) right to think or say so. But that is precisely why we have offered all of our evidence (including criticisms) publicly, and under Matthew 18. While many in "official" Archdiocesan roles feel free to bear false witness against us in secrecy, none of them will correct us publicly if we are wrong (about anything). Once again, here publicly and in writing, we offer Vicar Chris Martin the opportunity to put his name and signature on any rebuttal of anything we have stated. We respectfully ask that he correct us publicly, just as we have published publicly. We offer (yet again, for the innumerable time) any opportunity to publicly discuss/debate these issues, with Vicar Chris Martin. As long as the session is mutually agreed, free and public, and anyone can ask questions and record video and audio (of us, but also of Vicar Chris Martin), we will participate. Once again we offer Vicar Chris Martin any "home court" advantage he would like, at the Rigali Center, at St. Clare of Assisi, or anywhere on consecrated and holy ground of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

From the outset, we have been willing to meet with anyone, anywhere. We adopted the Scriptural standard of "where two or more are gathered in His Name," and brought the Light of Christ with us everywhere within the Archdiocese. We had literally hundreds of meetings, from the banks of the Mississippi (in the City of St. Louis), west past Warrenton, and from Pike County in the North, to Perry County in the south. We visited the City of St. Louis, and ALL OF OUR 10 SURROUNDING COUNTIES. ALL OF THEM!!!

How many of those areas did Archbishop Rozanski visit, during his sweeping closures? How many did Vicar Chris Martin (or any of our Vicars, or Rigali center education "experts") visit, before they engaged in school closures against the will of the local pastor and parish, and

before they could explore alternatives to closure? The answer is NONE. They engaged in no such pastoral visits or canonically-required consultations. And Christ is not fooled nor mocked, and He will know that answer, at the time of the particular Judgement, before The Throne of Heaven, of each such Archdiocesan leader !!!

Now two years after the original Pentecost 2023 Decrees, has the destruction of tradition ended? Or even subsided? Of course not. We have been forced to delay this final summary numerous times, to address attacks on Adoration Chapels and parish schools, which go well beyond any of the stated ATN goals, and which cannot be supported by simply repeating the mantra “we don’t have enough priests.”<sup>17</sup>

The closure of local parish schools cannot be excused in any way by an actual or alleged lack of priestly resources. So, modernists and Marxists must use different tactics, since they never abandon their goals of destruction. To our knowledge, in the 9+ school closures<sup>18</sup> announced, not one of them has a “Decree” (or controlling document). This is intentional, to make canonical appeals more difficult, even as our Rigali-center dictators know that it sows even more confusion and disunity, within a parish family.

In each such instance, there is a stated financial shortfall. Such a “shortfall” is often stated as an absolute ‘fact’ that everyone knows, yet they typically refuse to produce any accompanying financial statements. When they do (such as with Good Shepherd school in Hillsboro MO), the faithful often engage to verify their numbers (something an honest catholic or true shepherd would want). We cannot find a single instance where the financial “shortfall” was not overstated, or deliberately deceptive.<sup>19</sup> And in every such instance, no matter what the shortfall, the local parish and school had private donors or benefactors who made public commitments to

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<sup>17</sup> Ironically, among the “news” and leaks we often receive, are statements attributed to Vicar for Clergy Fr. Ken Brown. Vicar Brown touts a “lack of priests” publicly, when convenient, and using that as an excuse, when trying to force certain changes. But, he often is also quoted as saying “we have plenty of priests” when cancelling, shuffling or trying to “force into retirement” some of his brother priests. Please see earlier our earlier ATN summary part publications, to recall that Vicar Ken Brown is the one who wrote the infamous and leaked email about “creating a surplus of priests” by virtue of ATN (at its outset). He wanted his inner-circle of priests to “re-imagine” what they might do with that “surplus” of priests they intended to create.

<sup>18</sup> While the AD-STL and local press reporting puts the number at 9 school closures, there are also closures of pre-school programs, and refusals to complete previously-agreed plans to open or re-open certain school settings. Even while they are willing to “lease” school buildings to other existing (and new/charter) schools, our Archdiocesan overlords demand that we submit to their mantra of managed decline, and that no one can make a “school” in such a location work.

<sup>19</sup> In Hillsboro, a non-Catholic local business leader lent considerable financial resources and personnel to studying and re-stating the “true” financial figures. When confronted with their own mistakes, the Rigali center catholic school leadership team refused to accept these “true” financials, stating only that “no one could work that fast” on revised financials, completely dismissing the tremendous work done by local catholics and non-catholics alike. How easy do you think it will be to “evangelize” the joy and truth of the catholic church now, in that area, to those non-catholics who saw (firsthand) how our AD-STL leaders treated their own flock?

cover the shortfall entirely. But all such efforts at fundraising and alternatives to closure were entirely rebuffed. YES, you read that correctly, even where it would not cost the Archdiocese nor even the local parish one extra dime, no alternatives to closure were allowed!!

You also typically cannot find a “single document” which encompasses:

- 1) The stated reason(s) for the closure (i.e. Financial shortfall and amount);
- 2) The “public” session (including open Q&A), BEFORE the final closure decision;
- 3) The written alternatives to closure explored, and why they fail; and
- 4) The final document or dated conclusion, from which a canonical appeal may proceed, and the process and timeline for such an appeal.

This final point is critical, and was triggered by the Pentecost 2023 Decrees, for parish mergers/closures. At that time (Pentecost 2023 Decrees) our Archdiocesan officials did provide at least a basic outline of local and Vatican appeal timelines and processes. Why haven't they done that since, for school closures, or any future closures?<sup>20</sup>

Having lost both in Vatican courts (and the court of public opinion), our local leaders clearly prefer confusion, anger and discord amongst brothers and sisters in Christ, within a parish, rather than to simply give everyone an opportunity to be heard first (before closure decisions are final, or “announced” as final), and their Church-given right to an appeal locally and then to the Vatican. Our AD-STL leaders are in charge. They have the temporal power, even when they “abuse” their authority in doing so. They control it all, including whether the communication and the process are clear, unambiguous, and “synodal.”

How can Archdiocesan leaders (including relatively anonymous decision-makers in the “religious education” office at the Rigali center) justify such despicable conduct, and poor treatment of their fellow Catholics? They cannot, of course, which is why they never show up in person. They leave the parish pastor hanging out in the wake and turbulence of the chaos they themselves created. Often this parish pastor is a young priest, in his first assignment as a canonical pastor, or acting with that authority (as a parochial administrator). We openly question and wonder if that is just a coincidence?

Such tactics are part of the well-worn plans of destruction, by “experts” like CLI and from places where the St. Gallen/lavender mafia have already completely infiltrated or overrun the Chancery. Make no mistake, they are still working very hard, in darkness, to force more closures and their man-made, “expert” plans of destruction upon us, here in the Archdiocese of

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<sup>20</sup> Attached as Exhibit I is a summary excerpt of these 4 simple and transparent steps that Archdiocesan leaders could easily take, before implementing any additional closures, of any kind. We attach it as a separate exhibit, to make it easy for anyone to use it in their own letters/emails/communication or requests with Archdiocesan leaders or local pastors. Under Matthew 18, we sincerely beg for any Archdiocesan official to correct us, if these are not easy and pastoral steps, which anyone would expect, from a caring shepherd?

St. Louis.<sup>21</sup> Why must such destructive plans from the east, be forced upon us here, in the Rome of the West, without any synodal dialogue whatsoever?

What more can we say about the destructive plans of those who hate traditions of any kind, and bring us plans like ATN? Probably not much, if anything. We know we have prayed for them all, not with mere lip service, but by offering Masses, Rosaries (public and private), and other devotions (including the First Friday devotion of making reparations to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially now in the month of June). Surely, they will agree to meet, in person, before they destroy any more parishes, adoration chapels and schools here?

We doubt it, sadly. But regardless, we will pray for them. We will proclaim from the rooftops that we are Catholics, and that Jesus Christ, and only Jesus Christ, makes all things new!!!

We began this final summary Part 10 by including other groups and individuals who reported the same experiences of a complete refusal to dialogue, just as SOSTLP did, and just as the St. Joseph Canon Law Foundation experienced, in their own contacts and outreach to our Archdiocesan leaders. Thus, it seems fitting that we also include another “average” or “Show-Me State” catholic just reaching out for dialogue and clarity. We urge everyone to do as we have done, as the SOS prayer cenacle has done, and as Mr. Bob Baker has done.<sup>22</sup> We clearly state the challenge to any nay-sayer or detractor of ours, to see if you can get your own clear, unambiguous and pastoral response on any of these critical matters to the salvation of souls here. You be your own judge. We challenge you to use our simple, 4-part request BEFORE any “new” closure decision is made, and you decide if our Archdiocesan leaders are operating as children of The Light, or as children of darkness?

We certainly see similar patterns of destruction by wicked Bishops throughout the USA, and the global Catholic Church. It breaks our hearts, and we pray for all affected. But we cite such examples so that all can see that the “language” and “conduct patterns” of destruction in those

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<sup>21</sup> See attached Exhibit J, (excerpted and highlighted) sections of the Presbyter Council Meeting Minutes from 22 April 2025. Our new head of Archdiocesan religious education, Julie Soffner, has decided that 200 years of parochial education here is “wrong” and must be abandoned, in favor of some “15-20 dioceses” around the country that have “better models.” Like ATN and the ArchHR changes, which have wasted millions of dollars, the “new” model they want is undefined, and Julie Soffner has no intention of being personally responsible for it, nor showing up in person, in public, anywhere to explain it. These highly-paid Archdiocesan employees operate in darkness, yet claim to be “children of the Light.” Almighty God will indeed be the judge of that.

<sup>22</sup> Attached as Exhibit K is an open letter sent by Mr. Bob Baker to our Archbishop and Bishop Rivituso, and copied to every priest in the AD-STL. We publish it here by express permission of Mr. Baker, who was not a core team member of SOSTLP, but simply a native St. Louisan and concerned Catholic. We also include the STL Today article link, evidence that some Churches believe they can grow here, while our Rigali center leaders see only decline.

places, can also be observed by Show-Me-State Catholics here. They can discern if the same pathology of hatred towards anything even remotely “traditional” is at play here?<sup>23</sup>

We have said all that we can say, and acknowledge that some believe we have said “too much.” But those same folks, who will whisper behind our backs or slander their faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, in social media, etc., also refuse to follow Our Lord’s command in Matthew 18. They refuse to point to any “error” in our reporting, or factual recitations. They refuse to meet in person. They refuse any type of Matthew 18 dialogue whatsoever, because they know it would make them accountable. They refuse to be “synodal.”

Satan and his followers are always guilty of the sin of pride. At times, they cannot hide their glee at causing misery for “the other.” When those in leadership in the AD-STL refuse to have open dialogue with those harmed or adversely affected by their closure decisions, they show themselves to be children of darkness, not sons and daughters of the Light of Christ.

So, in a clear statement to His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski, and particularly Vicar Chris Martin, we assure them that we do, in fact, submit to the true authority and monarchy of Holy Mother Church. We want to follow their leadership, and strive for more saints here in the Rome of the West. We seek only to follow Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus himself told us that He is “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6). We wish only to be ardent disciples of that Truth Incarnate. We seek only to serve Truth Himself, and thus we have documented everything that we could, as truly and accurately as possible (and sadly, in stark contrast to our Archdiocesan leadership). But please don’t take our word for it.

Go yourself, right now after reading this, to the Archdiocesan website ([www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org)). Despite spending millions regarding ATN (and likely additional millions on multiple changes to the Archdiocesan website), go and try to find a complete or accurate summary of ATN, on that website (or published anywhere by them in today’s public record). Can you? Have they “lit a lamp,” with their ATN disciples and metrics, or with their “new metrics,” for all to see and follow?<sup>24</sup>

Because we are honest, Show-Me State Catholics, we “showed” the evidence, and did everything publicly, in real-time (and in summaries), and for free. We do sincerely wish the

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<sup>23</sup> In the video/audio recording when we release this final ATN Summary, we will include recent examples from the Bishop of Charlotte NC and Jefferson City, MO. We have always included timely examples from elsewhere, which we believe shows “the intent” to destroy tradition. These “actions” speak far louder than mere words or the opposite “lip service” that wicked shepherds and hirelings often try to pass off as “truth.”

<sup>24</sup> In earlier publications, we provided a summary for the availability of the Sacraments (especially Mass & Reconciliation) before ATN. IF completed in time, we will provide the best-known-data on the current state of Sacramental availability, as our final exhibit (Ex. L). IF not completed in time, we will release that document later.

same could be said of our Archdiocesan shepherds. We sincerely and fervently pray that they will repent and change course, in regard to any such future closures. We earnestly pray that their actions would match their “words of synodality,” on such critical issues impacting so many souls here in the Rome of the West.

In summation, we affirm that no matter what, we are not leaving Holy Mother Church. Again, we tell you Vicar Chris Martin that we are trying to become saints, and thus will follow the exhortations of St. Boniface & Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

*“In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on course.” St. Boniface*

*“It is the laity that will save The Church.....by demanding that Bishop’s be Bishops, priest’s be priests, and religious be religious.” Ven. Abp. Fulton Sheen*

And May Almighty God have mercy on the soul of anyone who scatters Christ’s flock!

#### ***Pentecost 2025***

*“You are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.*

*To the Lord I cry aloud, and He answers me from his holy hill”*

*Psalm 3:3-4*

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*“Before The Cross, there is no Defence”*

**Episcopal Motto of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, 9<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of St. Louis**

*“Saint Agatha understood the truth that betraying divine love for any earthly end is pure folly.” [Homily on the Feast of St. Agatha, 02-05-2024]*

**Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, 8<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of St. Louis**, ordained to the priesthood 50 years ago on June 29, 1975 in the Piazza San Pietro (St. Peter’s Square) by Pope St. Paul VI, and ordained as a bishop by Pope St. John Paul II.