



All Things New Summary – Meeting with Archbishop Rozanski – July 20, 2022

On July 20, 2022, nine men and women from across the Archdiocese of St. Louis - the SOS (**Salvation of Souls**) Cenacle of Prayer were blessed to meet with our Shepherd, Archbishop Rozanski for lunch and questions. We spent many hours before the meeting prayerfully and carefully preparing our questions. We spoke with many Priests, Deacons, and laity beforehand. Besides the SOS Cenacle of Prayer who came to lunch, Prayer Warriors covered Archbishop Rozanski and the nine of us in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ before, during and after the July 20th meeting.

We did not have time to review all the questions attached regarding All Things New (ATN), so we left him a written copy and requested that Archbishop Rozanski reply (no response as of July 28, 2022). We expressed concern regarding the lack of clarity, lack of transparency and lack of participation in the most sweeping changes in our almost 200-year history. We asked him to move up the Listening sessions (scheduled for Fall) so we could participate before decision-making, his response was "No." We asked him to consider a gradual, phased-in approach over several years as was done in Albany, his response was "No." He would not agree to publish the names of the 5 parishioners at each of our parishes who were chosen to lead the ATN initiative (some Pastors have refused to share their names). We are hopeful and grateful because Archbishop Rozanski listened and has said: **"Be fearless in living out the faith, it's the greatest example we can give."** We are hopeful because you too may be courageous and stand up for your faith and Save God's Churches, our Sacred Refuges.

Will you be fearless, join us and step away from the crowd like Veronica?

Action Plan for Prayer and Discernment – Jesus Makes All Things New

1. Pray and fast and sacrifice for our Beloved Priests to be Priest Adorers;
2. Pray and fast and sacrifice for our Seminarians and all those discerning vocations;
3. Ask our Shepherds to speak the truth about ATN;
4. Ask our Shepherds to identify key performance metrics being used to decide which parishes will be closed based upon their lack of "vibrancy"
 - a. Archbishop Rozanski did NOT identify any performance metrics during our meeting;
5. Initiate/participate in Rosary Processions and Eucharistic Processions
 - a. Archbishop Rozanski did NOT respond during our meeting when we asked him to lead 3 Eucharistic Processions; and
6. Participate in the Listening Sessions.

Resources For Additional Information

1. All Things New - <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org>
2. STL Catholics – stlcatholics.org - Ken Battis
3. Save Rome of the West – SaveRomeoftheWest.com – Jason Bolte
4. Church Militant STL – cmresistancestl@gmail.com – Jim Murphy

"My Children, I am here in your midst with all the Angels and Saints of Heaven to unite Myself to you in prayer and in penance for the **triumph of the Church**, for the **salvation of souls** and for the **conversion of sinners**"

(Madonna of Roses-May 15,1970)

Exhibit A

All Things New (ATN) Questions to Arch. Rozanski - July 20, 2022

Mission: As Servant Leaders, we like our Shepherds who lead the Catholic Church, are called to speak the truth with charity for the **Salvation of Souls** and the Glory of God.

1. On March 19, 2020, Joseph Kenny wrote that the number of active priests and parishes was expected to be equal by **2027 (Catholic STL)**.
 - a. With 301 Diocesan priests and 260 religious order priests, there is NO immediate priest shortage, ATN 7/1/2022 states "our finite resources need to be realigned to enable vibrant ministry". What "collaboration strategies" will you implement to address the shortfall?
 - b. Fostering vocations – Besides Prayer Cenacles for Sanctification of Priests offered by the Spiritual Motherhood, what about the power of the Priest Adorer? (In Sinu Jesu, pg. 223 "When my priests return to my Tabernacles you will begin to see wondrous things in My Church")
2. The ATN Session Workbook (Oct. 9, 2021) notes there are a "declining number of priests to serve in parishes; this will continue into the future". The shortage of priests has a dramatic impact on access to the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
 - a. Why did Father Ken Brown send a letter to his brother priests in January 2022 suggesting that they start "re-imagining" what to do with the **surplus of priests** left after parishes are closed by ATN?
3. Approximately 350 Listening sessions will be held at each parish (2/parish) in the Fall, 2022 **after** the release of three options to the Pastors. How will the Listening sessions impact your decision-making if the recommendations are already released?
4. What key performance indicators did CLI (Catholic Leadership Institute) use to demonstrate improved thriving and "vibrancy" after the ATN initiatives were implemented in other dioceses/archdioceses such as Cincinnati where 208 parishes were reduced to 57 or the Pittsburgh diocese where 178 were reduced to 50. Peter Drucker said that you cannot manage what you do not measure. Which metrics will be used in STL? Will CLI attend the Listening sessions?
5. You [Archbishop Rozanski] mention a revitalized Catholic community. However, studies have shown that when parishes are closed, the surrounding community is decimated, e.g., Vincentians were no longer serving their Neighbors in Need. Or there may be no parish collaboration, e.g., Missionaries of Charity with Sts. Teresa & Bridget. In fact, after closing one parish in St. Louis City, there were 2,000 parishioners who did not re-register with any other parish. Parishes are invested and recognizable in the local community as salt, light, and leaven. How will these important community relationships thrive when churches/schools/preschools/food pantries and Adoration Chapels are

- closed? What is being done to ensure that local communities around our parishes are not decimated by the closures?
6. Father Chris Martin stated that the DMI is the "driving force in deciding what will happen in our communities." What data from the DMI is being used in decision-making and how?
 7. What is the financial status of the STL Archdiocese? What happens to financial assets when a parish is closed, and a new Family of Parishes is formed? What happens to the proceeds from the property sale?
 8. You [Archbishop Rozanski] mention hosting **regional and archdiocesan prayer events**. A Guiding Principle of ATN is "Unceasing Prayer" and we are grateful for the ATN Prayer Cards distributed. ATN began almost 1 year ago – August 1, 2021. Will you revise the ATN Prayer to include a prayer for vocations? Will you lead Eucharistic Processions for ATN in conjunction with the 3-year Eucharistic Revival?
 9. What is being done to identify the root causes for Catholics leaving the Church, lukewarm Catholics, poor attendance at Mass and Reconciliation and reverse the trend?
 10. Have you considered a gradual, phased-in approach as was done in Albany, New York over a ten-year period?
 11. Joseph Kenny (Question #1) notes that only 196 of 315 archdiocesan priests are in parish assignments. Since religious order priests serve in 16 of the 168 archdiocesan parishes, that translates into 196 archdiocesan priests for 152 parishes. NOTE: ATN website published 178 parishes.
 - a. Will you re-assign some of the 118 archdiocesan priests to parishes to help pastors shepherd their large flock?
 - b. St. Paul Fenton and St. JPII each have 3 deacons. Will you move deacons to help pastors shepherd their large flock?
 12. The Realign Resources for Mission in Lansing, MI set a goal to ensure that no one is more than a 20-minute drive from a Catholic Church? Will ATN also set that goal?
 13. You [Archbishop Rozanski] mention the need of parishioners to inform themselves through materials at your parish. How can we do this when some Pastors have refused to share the names of parishioners involved so that we can connect, participate, and learn more? Is transparency one of the Guiding Principles of ATN? If so, why aren't the names posted on the ATN website or parish website?
 14. ATN website notes that we are blessed that the Synod on Synodality aligns with ATN. What are the findings in the St. Louis Synod Report which closed April 8, 2022? How will your efforts reaching out to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other marginalized Catholics build a renewed and vibrant Universal Church?

SOS (Salvation of Souls) Cenacle of Prayer File: All Things New Questions July 20, 2022

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Dear Brothers:

On this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Eucharistic Revival and source of joy and hope, we are reminded of our call to seek opportunities that draw us closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, deepen our faith, and enable us to share Him with others.

Since assuming my new role as Vicar for Parish Mission and Vitality, I have been praying about how best to serve the needs of our parishes and archdiocesan ministries as it relates to a vibrancy transformation. One ideal that has become apparent is that it is time to consider a new "way" for ministry that will help transform the culture of our communities.

Archbishop Rozanski recently shared, "We've been using the wrong metrics to measure vibrancy." Rather than considering hard facts and objective data to measure our "success," it is time to introduce a new, synodal, mission-oriented approach that requires intentional accompaniment, not intensive programming. We are looking for the fruit of a spirituality of synodality and mission, not "busyness." To truly shift culture in our local Church, we are looking to share a common vision and discuss our common experiences. This is not a quick fix...it is a shift of mode. Experts say that building this path can take up to three to five years of discernment and implementation.

The best path towards this new way of ministry is anything but another program. Disciples make disciples. We do not need a program for everything, but we do need someone for everyone. We are looking to build the muscle for a synodal, mission-oriented mode of ministry that is rooted in listening and discernment. To assist you and your parishes in this discernment process, we are proposing "The Way: A Journey Towards Renewal and Vitality." The goal is to guide each parish or ministry in formulating a clear vision rooted in evangelization, motivating you to explore diverse approaches in creating a path of discipleship.

This process will be built upon the following principles which will be accompanied with ongoing training and resource development:

- Vision and Leadership
- Listening and Building Community
- Discernment
- Evangelization
- Communion of Care

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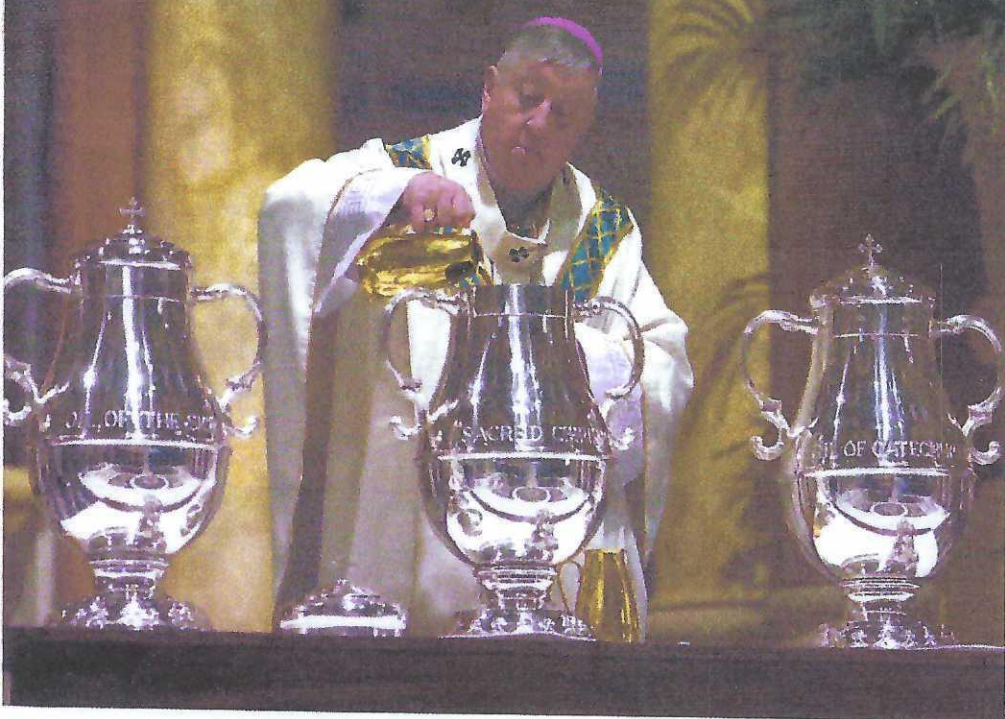


Photo by Jacob Wiegand
Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski
poured balsam into olive oil for
making sacred chrism during
the Chrism Mass last year at the
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

Twenty years and change

By Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

Let me recall a local story, tell a personal story and then make a point.

The local story is this: Do you know how many years it took from the initial design of the Gateway Arch until its opening to the public? Twenty years. The first stage of the design competition opened in 1947. And while the exterior of the Arch was completed in 1965, it didn't open to the public until 1967. Twenty years

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saw a great deal of change here in St. Louis!

My priestly story has a similar timeline. I was ordained to the priesthood in 1984 and served in many priestly assignments until I was named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2004. Twenty years saw a great deal of change in my priestly life! After serving as auxiliary bishop in Baltimore for 10 years, I was moved to the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 2014 and then to the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 2020. Twenty years have brought a great deal of change to my life as a bishop!

The point I want to make is this: We're still at

the beginning of a process of transformation in parish life as we shift toward becoming a more evangelizing Church.

I don't think we should be impatient with the seeds of change that we're planting, which will take something like 20 years to come to fruition. To be sure, some things will not change — like the sacraments and the teachings of the Church! But some things will change about how we organize parish life. And if we look around, two years after parish restructuring, and we haven't yet become an evangelizing Church, that's OK! These things take time.

Think, for a moment, about the change that 20 years can bring. The iPhone began development in 2004 and was launched in 2007; we've seen a lot of changes since then! Netflix was created in 1997, launched streaming services in 2007, had "Netflix" buttons installed on remote controls in 2012 and stopped its DVD-by-mail service in 2023. The Augustine Institute

was established in 2005 and had just 11 students in its first graduating class in 2007. In 2024, the Augustine Institute — with 30 resident students and 450 online students — moved its headquarters to St. Louis. A mere decade ago, in 2015, the Augustine Institute partnered with Lighthouse Catholic Media and Ignatius Press to create the FORMED platform, which now has 1.6 million users in more than 5,000 parishes.

If we look back, we see that 20 years can bring a lot of change. I think we can (and should!) use that knowledge of the past and cast it toward the future with hope. ●



ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL T. ROZANSKI
is the 10th archbishop of St. Louis.

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o *Priestly Morale and Study Day- Fr. Lydon*

- Due to Fr. Lydon's absence because of illness, Fr. Burkemper presented some thoughts Fr. Lydon submitted via email in order to spark conversation. Summary:
 - Many priests- both younger and older- are "down" and not energized by Archdiocesan leadership at this time due to overwhelming human demands (parishioners, plant, personnel), especially increased demands resulting from "All Things New" (ATN). Additional causes: ArchHR disaster, quagmire of Catholic education, & generational, ideological differences in the presbyterate.
 - The Archbishop's Study Day on September 18th was a "mixed bag": Tom Buckley was very good (as always); Kevin Loos was okay, but a HUGE apology was needed about ArchHR and didn't really come; Dave Mattox was very impressive and the transparency about Archdiocesan finances was appreciated; Delaney Clement did not come off so well
 - Recent turnover of significant Archdiocesan personnel (Kevin Loos, Cory Nardoni, Todd Sweda, Karen Box) makes priests wonder what is occurring at the Archdiocese
- General conversation followed. Highlights:
 - General agreement with Fr. Lydon's assertion that priestly morale is low ~~da~~
 - o Experiencing much cynicism & hopelessness across the presbyterate
 - o It was asked whether this is just a segment of the presbyterate or widespread, and all agreed that it was widespread across generational and ideological lines
 - It feels like ATN had a clear focus on restructuring, but now there is no direction about what to do/not do in parish ministry
 - o It would be helpful to have direction from +ABR about where he would like his priests to focus/spend time, and what things he thinks we can "let go"
 - o "What is the vision now?"
 - The perception is that there is nothing

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- Isn't this supposed to come from Chris Martin? Nothing helpful has been received while he has been full-time, and now how can he do this when he's north of Florissant at the Augustine Institute?
 - The transparency at Study Day was very good and appreciated
 - Many priests feel a disconnect between their experience and the perception put forth from the Archdiocese
 - Example: Messaging from the Archdiocese calls "All Things New" a "great success," but not many (no?) parish priests feel that way. It has either led to significantly increased burdens, or it feels like "business as usual"
 - Such a disconnect undermines confidence in the Archdiocese
 - The perceived manner in which some assignments have occurred recently is problematic
 - Priests thinking that assignments are made without consultation of the Personnel Board
 - "Fishing Expeditions" that leave priests in limbo for periods of time or make them feel more "used" than cared for
 - Have the steps taken from a desire to bring the Archdiocese closer to the parishes (especially the Vicariate system) had the accidental effect of pushing priests further away from the Archbishop?
 - Suggestion for the Archbishop to be more personally present to his priests
 - Could meet with priests who are being transferred
 - Could visit parishes more for Sunday Mass
 - Many priests fear constant decline, struggles, continual culture wars, etc.
 - Leads to a "weight"/heaviness; need spiritual fatherhood!
 - Concern:
 - If priests do not love being priests, then it will hurt future vocations
 - How do we evaluate the effectiveness of particular services, activities, & events?
 - We do many things but rarely evaluate them
 - A Vicariate evaluation would be very helpful down the line
 - Archbishop Rozanski expressed his thanks for the conversation as it brought to light many important and helpful points for him to consider
- **Ex Officio Member Reports**
 - *Fr. Brown*
 - St. [redacted] is doing great work
 - Upcoming events:
 - Retreat at White House, Nov 3-7
 - Purgatorial Mass, Nov 4
 - Fr. Brown has resumed visiting all priests of the Archdiocese
 - Has done before, but now doing it again beginning with the most recently ordained
 - No reports to him of difficulties or low morale

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- Have had a number of assignments in recent months that required “triaging”
 - It was expressed that even when assignments occur unexpectedly that consultation with the Personnel Board should still occur in some manner. Not doing so undermines confidence in the usefulness of the Board and the assignment being made.
 - Fr. Brown asked that the record show that, “In each instance I called Jim Theby (president of the Personnel Board) and told him to consult with whomever he needed to consult”
 - It was expressed that calling one person was insufficient, and the parties agreed to disagree
 - Hopeful that:
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ATN Part 10 Final Summary

Newly created positions and vaunted titles (and paychecks?), but no actual dialogue and synodality with the laity at all? Certainly not with those adversely affected by such “changes”?:

<https://tgef-stl.org/2024/06/18/leadership-transition-tgef/>



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Leadership Transition at the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation

Fellow Supporters of TTEF,

As you may have heard, TTEF Executive Director Julie Scott Soffner was recently appointed by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski to fill the newly created role of President of the Office of Catholic Education and Formation.

In this new capacity, effective July 1, 2024, Julie will oversee catholic education across the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Having worked very closely with Julie over the past three years, I could not be more thrilled that Archbishop recognized Julie to be exactly the right person to help propel the catholic school system forward.

We are also fortunate to have a strong team in place at the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation. The TTEF staff will ensure that our organization, with your support, continues to provide great educational outcomes to kids in the region who would not otherwise be able to afford a private, faith-based education. We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected Pete Cerone to serve as Acting Executive Director. Pete is a talented leader and seasoned development professional who has worked with catholic primary and secondary schools across the region for over 20 years. Since 2018, Pete has served as TTEF's Senior Director of Advancement.

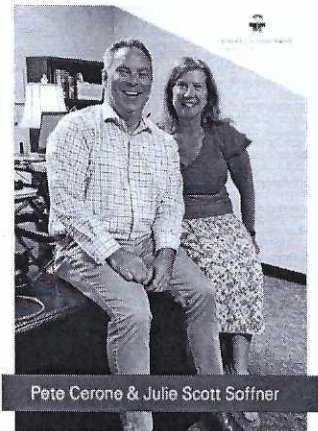


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ST. SIMON HOLY NAME SOCIETY

February 26, 2025

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To Whom It May Concern,

We, the members of the Holy Name Society's Executive Board, as parish leaders who have been called upon to respond by St. Simon's loyal parishioners, hereby call for the immediate removal or resignation of Father David Hogan as Pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish.

Father Hogan's destructive nature and erratic behavior have created complete chaos during a critical time for our school and parish, highlighted by his ill-fated decision to terminate two cornerstones of our parish during the enrollment period of our beloved school. A significant number of other departures during his tenure have effectively destroyed any chance of success if he remains Pastor. There have been at least 11 resignations or terminations of vital members of our Parish and School created by pressure from Father Hogan and we are left with numerous vacant positions including Principal, Youth Minister, Daycare Director and Assistant Director, 5th Grade Teacher, and Parish Secretary. There has been extremely minimal communication and no clear direction or plan moving forward to fill these positions permanently. This Pastor has left his flock completely in the dark. Current teachers and staff have been put in the difficult position to look for jobs in a more stable environment despite their love of our Parish due to fear of Father Hogan.

Countless parishioners are devastated by Father Hogan's actions, which, by all accounts, were taken despite counsel from many prominent Parishioners and Staff, including our President, who met with him on February 25, 2025 and desperately urged him to change course and actually listen to the community. Following All Things New, Parishioners were optimistic and progress was being made in restoring St. Simon to success. Since then, Father Hogan's hubris and refusal to listen to and work with others has led to the most harmful decision-making this Parish has seen in its history.

Father Hogan has betrayed the trust of the Executive Board of the Holy Name Society with his complete disregard for our dedicated Parishioners. His ministry is no longer effective. He has lost his good reputation among upright and responsible parishioners. Parishioners, teachers, staff, and members of the Holy Name Society now hold an aversion toward him.

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The St. Simon Holy Name Society funds and operates all athletic programs for our children and serves as sponsor of Cub and Boy Scouts. Holy Name has multiple fundraisers scheduled in the near future including Fish Fry, a Bags Tournament, Sports Trivia, and a Golf Tournament. Each of these events will hang in the balance until the situation is resolved. Without support from Holy Name's members, these programs and events will fail, and our children will suffer. It is with an extremely heavy heart and disappointment that we take this stance.

Many families and significant donors have already stated their intent to remove their children from the school, cease financial support, and depart the parish unless Father Hogan is removed promptly. We have gone extraordinary lengths with our time, talent, and treasure to strengthen our parish. That progress has been completely destroyed by Father Hogan's ineptitude.

The immediate removal or resignation of Father Hogan is critical to ensure the short-term and long-term viability of our parish and school. We, the parishioners of St. Simon, deserve better, and are eager to salvage what we can without him. We, the Executive Board of the Holy Name Society call upon the Archdiocese of St. Louis to immediately remove Father David Hogan as Pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish.

/s/ Timothy M. Weaks, President

/s/ Jeff Fox. Vice President

/s/ Geoff Nelle, Secretary

A Brief History of recent developments by Archdiocesan leadership regarding parochial education in St. Louis

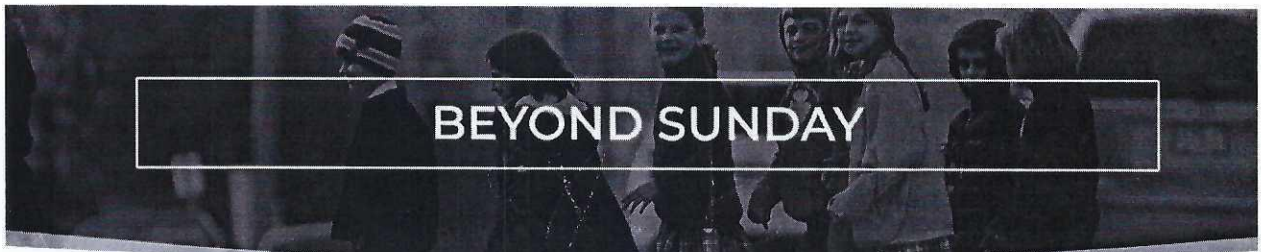
"These are the facts, and they are undisputed." A Few Good Men (Columbia Pictures, 1992)

- 1) In 2017, The Archdiocese of St. Louis (AD-STL) announced its new "Beyond Sunday" campaign (initially claiming the funds would go *exclusively* to support parochial [parish] catholic education). The AD-STL and its proxies touted that the "Beyond Sunday" campaign was "the most successful" fundraising campaign, in the entire history of our Archdiocese. (<https://rcfstl.org/beyond-sunday>)



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Transforming Catholic Education and Investing in Parish Communities

Thanks to the gifts of more than 25,500 Catholic families, the Beyond Sunday campaign, led by the Roman Catholic Foundation, concluded in October 2017 as the most successful capital campaign in the history of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The \$110 million raised through Beyond Sunday will transform Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and invest in local parish communities.

- 2) Despite raising more than \$110mm, from more than 25,500 catholic families, NOW the AD-STL wants to convince you, that they simply do not have enough money to support the parochial school (parish school) model, less than a mere 8 years later.
- 3) In 2020-2021, His Excellency Archbishop Rozanski and his "leadership team" (especially newly created "Vicar for Strategic Planning" Fr. Chris Martin), announce that they intend to make "the most sweeping changes" in the entire almost-200-

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year-history of the AD-STL (which will include not only parish mergers/closures, but also parochial school closures, even where parishes remain open and vibrant, and where those same parishes/parishioners/students wish to keep supporting them). So begins the “All Things New” initiative (aptly named by experts and those who hate anything “not new”.....i.e. those who hate tradition, of any kind).

- 4) ATN culminates with the May 2023 Pentecost Decrees, where our leaders told us that while there was some “pain,” these ATN-announced changes would put us on “stable and solid” ground, for the next 10-15 years.
- 5) In less than a year from the Pentecost 2023 ATN announcement, additional parochial school closures continued, usually with very little advance warning or discussion of any other options, beyond simply “closure.”
- 6) As of May 2025, the AD-STL has closed at least 9 parochial schools (beyond even those parishes closed/merged by ATN), eliminating more than 500+ years (cumulatively), of Catholic education here in our Archdiocese. Several of the closed schools had 75-100+ year histories, having survived wars (including one, the Civil War), economic decline, The Great Depression and even some plagues, as well as other very difficult historical realities. However, sadly, they would not survive the modernists/Marxists who simply want to destroy “tradition” of any kind.
- 7) In each such closure, there were local parishioners and supporters who disagreed with the financial figures presented as the “reason(s) for closure” (often stating that the Archdiocesan leaders “outright lied” about “the numbers”). In each such closure, the local parishioners, supporters, students and parents simply asked for (*indeed begged for*) pastoral direction and honesty, including:
 - (a) Clear, written statement of the “reason(s) for closure”
 - (b) Open & honest (public) meetings of other options which could be explored, and what “objective standards” or canon law the AD-STL was applying to their specific school closure, vs. those other schools (often similar schools) allowed to stay open.
- 8) In EVERY such closure, the AD-STL refused to have any open, public or transparent discussions of those very simple and pastoral requests above (see #7).
- 9) NOW, our AD-STL leadership is convinced that “the parochial model” (i.e. The structure of catholic school education here for almost 200 years, controlled by the local, canonical pastor *exclusively*) is “not the best model” for us any longer, but they just don’t know what other model is better/best ?!?! (See attached notes excerpted from the Presbyteral Council Meeting Minutes, dated 22 April 2025).



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\$2.8M
Education



\$1.9M
Social Services



\$0.8M
Parish Life

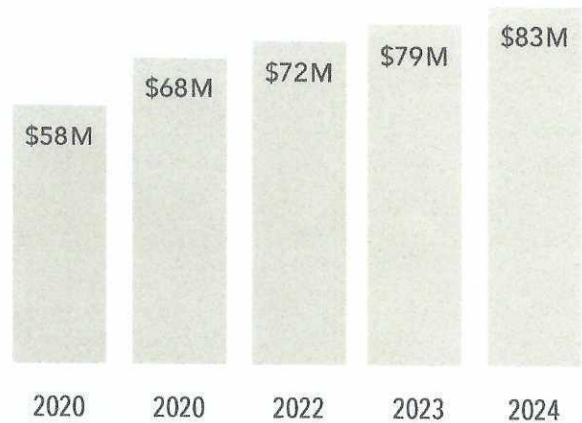


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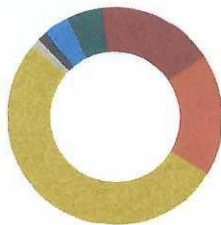
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Cumulative Grant Distributions



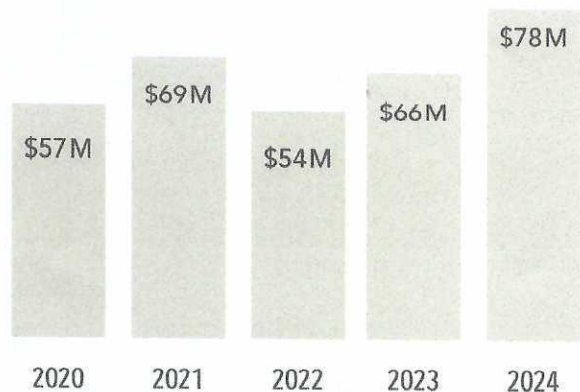
Assets Under Management



2024 Breakdown by Fund

- Beyond Sunday Education Endowment ... 52.6%
- Endowment Funds (all others) 18.0%
- Donor-Advised Funds 17.4%
- Long-Term Funds (unendowed) 5.4%
- Agency Advised Funds 3.8%
- Charitable Remainder Trusts 1.5%
- Charitable Gift Annuities 1.3%

Cumulative Growth by Year



Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,171,117	\$1,041,729
Investments - At Fair Value	\$78,039,729	\$66,350,102
Promises to Give - Net	\$7,500	\$0
Other Assets	\$408,272	\$482,172
Total Assets	\$79,626,618	\$67,874,003
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$173,796	\$244,841
Funds Held for Others	\$1,489,802	\$1,438,414
Grants Payable	\$3,434,245	\$3,299,964
Beneficiary Endowments	\$4,794,895	\$4,127,267
Agency Advised Funds	\$2,926,742	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$12,819,480	\$9,110,486
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restriction	\$1,577,406	\$1,363,966
With Donor Restriction	\$65,229,732	\$57,399,551
Total Net Assets	\$66,807,138	\$58,763,517
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$79,626,618	\$67,874,003

Statement of Financial Activities

As of December 31, 2024	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Total Contributions, Including Amounts Raised for Others	\$8,554,255	\$7,586,626
Less: Amounts Raised for Others		\$42,933
Less: Amounts Received for Beneficiary Endowments	\$335,316	\$325,933
Net Contributions	\$8,218,939	\$7,217,760
Other Income	\$172,858	\$207,538
Interest and Dividends	\$1,457,141	\$1,269,392
Investment Gains (Losses)*	\$5,052,679	\$6,528,099
Total Revenues	\$14,901,617	\$15,222,789
PROGRAM GRANTS		
Grants	\$5,809,333	\$5,374,615
Less: Grants Made on Behalf of Beneficiary Endowments	\$94,467	\$88,825
Total Grants	\$5,714,866	\$5,285,790
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Program	\$404,241	\$352,009
General and Administrative	\$454,681	\$456,118
Fundraising	\$284,208	\$221,020
Total Expense	\$1,143,130	\$1,029,147
Change in Net Assets	\$8,043,621	\$8,907,852
Beginning Net Assets	\$58,763,517	\$49,855,665
Ending Net Assets	\$66,807,138	\$58,763,517

*Net of Investment Fees

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When any “new” or additional closure in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is announced, an honest Show-Me-State Catholic Leader or shepherd should always provide the following, at an absolute bare minimum of caring, for the flock adversely impacted by the closure/change. Here are those absolute bare minimum pastoral standards:

- 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 fourth and final point is critical. The Pentecost 2023 Decrees, for parish merger/closures, triggered such appeals (and the Archdiocese did provide canonical appeal information). However, having now lost both in Vatican courts (and the court of public opinion), our local leaders prefer confusion, anger and discord amongst brothers and sisters in Christ, within a parish family, rather than to give anyone a clear path to what is their canonical right, an appeal locally and/or then to the Vatican.

Who would object to such obvious and reasonable standards or expectations? No one, of course. But the wicked shepherds and hirelings in Archdiocesan leadership know that to provide this bare minimum of caring, would expose them to The Light. And as children of darkness, they prefer darkness, not the Light of Christ. To do even this bare minimum of pastoral care, would allow for reflection over emotion, less disruption in parishes (and for their local parish pastors), and a far better opportunity for parishioners to organize a more widespread appeal on behalf of the parish, and their rights as laity in that parish. Since these leaders prioritize destruction (*and their own egos and power*) over pastoral care, they will likely continue to ignore these basic and bare minimum standards. And all of us should continue to publicly proclaim that they refuse such dialogue. They refuse to be truly “synodal” when continuing their march of destruction.

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Presbyteral Council Meeting Minutes

22 April 2025

In attendance:

- Archbishop Rozanski
- Ex officio:
 - Fr. Carl Scheble (Vicar General), Fr. Phil Bené (Judicial Vicar), Fr. Ken Brown (Vicar for Clergy, arrived 1:37pm), Fr. Chris Martin (Vicar for Parish Mission & Vitality), Fr. John Brockland (Episcopal Vicar- Western), Fr. Mike Lydon (Episcopal Vicar-Southern), Fr. Scott Jones (Episcopal Vicar- Northern)
- Executive Council
 - Fr. Mike Grosch (Deanery 2)- Chairman
 - Fr. Tom Keller (Deanery 3)- Vice-Chairman
 - Fr. Andrew Burkemper (Deanery 4)- Secretary
- Elected/Appointed
 - Fr. Peter Fonseca (Deanery 1), Fr. Zac Povis (Deanery 1), Msgr. James Ramacciotti (Deanery 2), Fr. Anthony Yates (Deanery 3), Fr. Ryan Weber (Deanery 4), Fr. Kevin Schroeder (Deanery 5, arrived 1:34pm), Fr. Nicklaus Winker (Deanery 5), Fr. Tom Vordtriede (Deanery 6), Fr. Henry Purcell (Deanery 6), Fr. Tom French (Religious Representative)
- Excused
 - Bishop Mark Rivituso, Fr. Paul Hoelsing (Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary)
- Special Guests
 - Michael Jacezko, Director of Projects (departed 2:00pm)
 - Dcn. Brian Selsor, VP of Strategic Initiatives- Catholic Charities (departed 2:00pm)
 - Helen Burke, Executive Director of Human Resources (departed 2:00pm)

Meeting

- Archbishop Rozanski led the Opening Prayer @ 1:33pm
- Old Business
 - ArchHR (aka "The Gift that Keeps on Giving!")- Michael Jacezko, Dcn. Selsor, and Helen Burke
 - How did we get here?
 - ArchHR was not constructed in a way that matched the reality of parish/ Archdiocesan functioning

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- Resolution: working now with parish leaders to make ArchHR work with the common structures/functions of parish life
- Data Issues
 - There have been multiple systems (ArchHR, Lawson, etc) with different sets of data without a common data source
 - This requires all errors to be corrected manually within each system separately
- Resolution: Contracting with a new consultant to build interfaces between systems
- Hiring• Should be streamlined now...
- If there are still hiring issues, contact ArchHR (askhr@archstl.org)
- I-9 processes should be turned back over to the parishes come May
- Timeline
 - It will take several months (possibly into next calendar year) to fully resolve all of the issues with ArchHR, but there will be some notable, positive changes along the way

Michael Jacezko, Dcn. Selsor, and Helen Burke departed the meeting

- New Business
 - Holy Family (Arnold)- Fr. Lydon
 - The parish church (former Immaculate Conception- Arnold) sustained significant damage during the recent storms
 - Parish is discerning what is the best option for moving forward
 - If the church is deemed unsafe/unusable, then it would need to be demolished and a new structure built
 - Mileage Reimbursement- Fr. Scheble
 - Last Spring, we reviewed the Accountable Plan (AP) (see “Presbyteral Council Meeting Minutes” from Jan-May 2024)
 - Some priests- particularly those in rural areas with multiple parishes- are doing a substantial amount of driving to the extent that they are exceeding the AP by a significant margin
 - Proposal:

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- With the approval of a parish's finance council, priests in rural parishes can receive unlimited mileage reimbursement
 - A concern was voiced by one of the four canonists in the room that such a proposal gives the parish finance council determinative authority when Canon Law only gives them consultative power
- Resolution:
 - Fr. Scheble will draft a proposal and bring it back to the PC for review
- Archdiocesan School Update- Fr. Brockland
 - The Archdiocesan School Advisory Board is continuing to meet
 - Created four subcommittees in March
- Governance & Leadership; Operations; Academics; Catholic Identity
 - Additionally, bringing together focus groups of pastors to gather/discuss info on what is being seen & experienced "on the ground"
 - Main question: "If not our current school structure, then what?"
 - Julie Soffner has done a fair amount of research into various, alternative models of Catholic education (investigated 15-20 Dioceses)
 - Conclusion: the parochial model is not the best option...but we really don't know what is the better/best option
- Risk Management Requirements
 - A few elected members of the PC asked for clarification on the recent requirements issued by Risk Management (see "Best Practices Insurance Deductibles" memo from Brandon Rothkopf and Dave Mattox dated 6 March 2025)
 - Issues:
 - What authority do these have?
 - They are vague insofar as general "Best Practices" are referenced without clear, specific guidelines that must be followed
 - In the ensuing discussion, it became clear that no one in the room besides the pastors knew that this memo had been sent out or that these guidelines existed
 - Big Picture Question: Who in Archdiocesan leadership "clears" or "okays" these types of communications?
- Jubilee of Hope Indulgence Requirements

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[Open Letter of Bob Baker to Archbishop Rozanski, Bishop Rivituso & all AD-STL priests]

Dear Archbishop Rozanski, Bishop Rivituso, and the Priests of the Archdiocese,

In a March 27 column in *Catholic St. Louis Magazine*, Archbishop Rozanski grudgingly admitted that his efforts to increase evangelization efforts in the St. Louis Archdiocese were a failure. Bewilderingly, he argues that it took 20 years to build the Arch, to develop the iPhone, and for Netflix to achieve success, so how is that any different from *All Things New* (ATN)? The archbishop naively believes that such words will comfort those parishioners who have lost their parish churches and console parents who have lost the opportunity to provide their children with a solid religious education in a Catholic school. They merely need to wait another twenty years.

The archbishop insists that if “we look around, two years after parish restructuring, and we haven’t yet become an evangelizing Church, that’s OK!” He insists that “I don’t think we should be impatient with the seeds of change that we’re planting, which will take something like 20 years to come to fruition.”

This raises the question: Was ATN ever an attempt to evangelize, or merely an excuse to close parishes and Catholic schools, enrich archdiocesan coffers, and line the pockets of shady consultants?

How could we ever consider a new evangelization while the archdiocese remains silent about bad and even heretical teachings and has failed to aggressively affirm the true teachings of the Catholic Church?

Where was the effort in the ATN plan to ensure that all our parish priests, Catholic religious, and lay teachers are teaching the Faith, handed down to us by Jesus Christ?

We currently have priests in the archdiocese who are publicly teaching that abortion and sodomy are acceptable with the full knowledge and consent of the archbishop and archdiocesan leaders. We have priests proclaim from the altar that Jesus did not work miracles and that the multiplication of loaves and fish was simply people sharing their food with others. A few years ago, it was learned that the director of religious education at one of our private Catholic high schools in the archdiocese is an avowed atheist, yet the school defends her by claiming that she is not teaching her opinions in the classroom. **How many of our priests advised their parishioners last year that voting to legalize abortion is a grave mortal sin, endangering their souls for all eternity.**

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Archbishop Rozanski led a filibuster against a perceived directive from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that he feared would ban politicians who publicly supported abortion from receiving Holy Communion. We recently had a priest testify before the state legislature that God created more than two sexes. We could cite countless other examples, but they all point to the same conclusion.

We must have core beliefs, respect dogma, and uphold the teachings of the Church that have been handed down to us for centuries if we wish to keep faithful Catholics in the fold and to evangelize those outside the Church.

This was driven home this week when the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported on the increase in new converts to the Orthodox Christian Church in St. Louis as other churches decline. The article explains that Orthodox Churches are experiencing growth due to their steadfastness and commitment to the traditional teachings of the Church.

Perhaps this article should serve as a wake-up call to the St. Louis Archdiocese, reminding us that we need to return to the basics and start evangelizing by preaching the truths handed down to us by Christ, His Apostles, and the Fathers of the Church. New converts: Orthodox Christian churches grow in St. Louis as other churches decline

The Post-Dispatch reports that “A surge of people converting to Orthodox Christianity is helping local parishes here buck the national trend of declining church attendance and membership at other Christian denominations.” Sadly, it reports that “Some are converting from Catholicism.” And noted that the reason is that people wanted “something really substantive.” The paper emphasized that “The St. Louis Archdiocese is midway through a multi-year effort known as *All Things New*, **which has resulted in the shuttering of parochial schools and merging Catholic parishes.**” While orthodox churches are “opening new parishes to accommodate the growth.”

It was explained that **“The Orthodox Church does not change with the social trends of the world.”**

CREDO of the Catholic Laity correctly warned in its Winter 2022 newsletter that ATN can be expected to fail because it does not address the core problem – a faith problem. “We cower from the challenge of being distinctly and unapologetically Catholic, which, for centuries, had attracted more and more souls into pews while producing countless awe-inspiring saints.” *CREDO* at the time cautioned, “Let us secure the pillars of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition inside our church before we invite others to enter under His roof.”

I, along with other Faithful Catholics, urge Archbishop Rozanski and all the priests of the archdiocese to be **true shepherds** and proclaim with vigor the beliefs and teachings handed

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down to us by Jesus Christ. Follow our Lord's command to "teach them to observe all the commands I gave you."

Our Lord never instructed the Apostles and His followers to limit access to worshipping God and make it more difficult for your children to learn about Him, and then wait twenty years before spreading the Gospel. Neither should our shepherds today tolerate the model of the ATN. I urge you all to start evangelizing the true faith Now!

Prayerfully,
Bob Baker
A faithful Catholic of the St. Louis Archdiocese

[And here is the link to the Post-Dispatch / STL Today article about the Orthodox increase in STL]

https://www.stltoday.com/life-entertainment/local/faith-values/article_623da92c-b1c7-4d7c-8607-a30e8e71b08b.html

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