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## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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### DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

**of the Parish of Corpus Christi Church, Columbus, Ohio  
and the Parish of St. Ladislav Church, Columbus, Ohio  
and Changing the Parish of St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus, Ohio**

Whereas, demographic changes in the general population and among the Catholic faithful of the neighborhood, including but not limited to decline in registered parishioners, decline in mass attendance, decline in offertory revenue, and the shortage of priests, have drastically affected the viability of the parishes in that region; and

Whereas, a plan has been carefully developed by the clergy and faithful of St. Mary Church, Corpus Christi Church, and St. Ladislav Church recommending the suppression of Corpus Christi Parish and St. Ladislav Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parishes with the parish of St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus; and

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus at a meeting held on April 4, 2023, reviewed the plan in detail and unanimously approved the proposal to suppress Corpus Christi Parish and St. Ladislav Parish and to make changes to St. Mary Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of Corpus Christi Parish and St. Ladislav Parish to that of St. Mary Parish; and

Whereas, having heard the Presbyteral Council in accordance with Canon 515.2;

Therefore, I, Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, hereby decree the following

1. The Parish of Corpus Christi and the Parish of St. Ladislav, Columbus, Ohio, are suppressed effective July 1, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of Corpus Christi Parish and St. Ladislav Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of these parishes will be joined to those of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish. The boundaries of the new parish are as follows:
  - a. Northern Boundary: From the intersection of Griggs Avenue and Harmon Avenue on an air line to a point in the Scioto River directly east of this intersection; the south side of Mound Street from the Scioto River on the west to Short Street on the East; the south side of Fulton Street from Short Street on the west to Front Street on the east; the south side of Livingston Avenue from Front Street on the west to Parsons Avenue on the east.
  - b. Eastern boundary: Alum Creek from a point directly east of Columbus Street on the north to Williams Road on the south.

- c. Southern boundary: The north side of Lisle Avenue from the Norfolk & Western Railroad extending west and crossing the C & O Railroad where Lisle Avenue becomes Obetz Road; then the north side of Obetz Road to the Scioto River on the west.
  - d. Western boundary: The Scioto River from Mound Street on the north to a point directly east of Griggs Avenue on the south; the east side of Harmon Avenue from Griggs Avenue on the north to Stimmel Road on the south.
3. The care of Corpus Christi Church and St. Ladislav Church and the other properties of the former Corpus Christi Parish and St. Ladislav Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Mary Parish, until further decisions are made and approved through the appropriate canonical processes regarding the disposition of these buildings and properties.
  4. This decree shall be promulgated by publication in the Catholic Times and disseminated in the affected parishes via the parish bulletin and other means of communication as deemed appropriate by Pastor of the affected communities.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus

[Signature]  
Notary

