



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION **of the Parish of Holy Cross, Columbus, Ohio** **and Changing the Parish of St. Joseph Cathedral, 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 Holy Cross and St. Joseph recommending the suppression of Holy Cross Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of St. Joseph Cathedral, 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 Holy Cross Parish and to make changes to St. Joseph Cathedral Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of Holy Cross Parish to that of St. Joseph Cathedral 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 Holy Cross, Columbus, Ohio, is suppressed effective July 1, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of Holy Cross Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of these parishes will be joined to those of St. Joseph Cathedral Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral Parish (i.e. Rector). The boundaries of the new parish are as follows:
 - a. Northern boundary: The south side of Spring Street from Neil Avenue on the west to St. Clair Avenue on the east; the south side of Long Street from St. Clair Avenue on the west to Taylor Avenue on the east; Long Street (including both sides of the street) from Taylor Avenue on the west to Alum Creek on the east.
 - b. Eastern boundary: The west side of St. Clair Avenue from Spring Street on the north to Long Street on the south; Alum Creek from Long Street on the north to Broad Street on the south; Franklin Park West from Broad Street on the north to Fair Avenue on the south; the west side of Miller Avenue from Fair Avenue on the north to Bryden Road on the south. The west side of Carpenter Street from Bryden Road on the south.

- c. Southern boundary: The north side of Mound Street from the Scioto River on the west to Short Street on the east; the north side of Fulton Street from Short Street on the west to Front Street on the east; the north side of Livingston Avenue from Front Street on the west to Parsons Avenue, on the east; the north side of Fulton Street from Parsons Avenue on the west to 18th Street on the east.
 - d. Western boundary: The east side of Neil Avenue from Spring Street on the north to the Scioto River on the south; the Scioto River from Dennison Avenue on the north to Mound Street on the south.
3. The care of Holy Cross Church and the other properties of the former Holy Cross Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Joseph Cathedral 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 5th day of April, 2023.

+ *Earl K. Fernandes*

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary

