



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

DECREE OF SUPPRESSION Office of the Bishop
of the Parish of St. Philip Church, Columbus, Ohio 614 • 224 • 2251
and Changing the Parish of Holy Spirit 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 pastor of St. Philip and Holy Spirit parishes recommending the suppression of St. Philip Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of Holy Spirit Church, Columbus; and

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus at a meeting held on September 28, 2023, reviewed the plan in detail and unanimously approved the proposal to suppress St. Philip Parish and to make changes to Holy Spirit Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of St. Philip Parish to that of Holy Spirit 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 St. Philip, Columbus, Ohio, is suppressed effective November 30, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of St. Philip Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of this parish will be joined to those of Holy Spirit Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. The boundaries of the new parish are as follows:
 - a. Northern boundary: Conrail tracks from the junction of two lines just west of James Rd, east to Taylor Station Rd
 - b. Eastern boundary: Taylor Station Rd from Conrail tracks south to Broad St; then Broad St east to McNaughten Rd; McNaughten Rd south to Main St, Main St west to Big Walnut Creek; Big Walnut Creek south to Refugee Rd.
 - c. Southern boundary: Refugee Rd from Courtright Rd to Big Walnut Creek
 - d. Western boundary: Courtright Rd from Refugee Rd north to Livingston, east to Conrail tracks; northwest on Conrail tracks to the junction of two lines just west of James Rd.
3. The care of St. Philip Church and the other properties of the former St. Philip Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of Holy Spirit 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 28th day of September, 2023.

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus



Stephen Moloney
Notary