



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

DECREE OF SUPPRESSION Office of the Bishop of the Parish of St. Peter & Paul Church, Glenmont, Ohio 614 • 224 • 2251 and Changing the Parish of St Peter Church, Millersburg, 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. Peter & Paul and St. Peter parishes recommending the suppression of St. Peter & Paul Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of St. Peter Church; 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. Peter & Paul Parish and to make changes to St. Peter Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of St. Peter & Paul Parish to that of St. Peter 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. Peter & Paul, Glenmont, Ohio, is suppressed effective November 5, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of St. Peter & Paul Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of this parish will be joined to those of St. Peter Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Peter Parish. The territorial jurisdiction of the parish will encompass the entirety of Holmes County.
3. The care of St. Peter & Paul Church and the other properties of the former St. Peter & Paul Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Peter 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.


Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus


Notary

