



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John Church, Columbus, Ohio and the Changing of the Parish of St. Dominic 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 Administrator of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John and St. Dominic parishes recommending the suppression of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of St. Dominic Church; and

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus at a meeting held on January 17, 2024, reviewed the plan in detail and unanimously approved the proposal to suppress the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John and to make changes to St. Dominic Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John to that of St. Dominic 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 Community of Holy Rosary/St. John, Columbus, Ohio, is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of this parish will be joined to those of St. Dominic Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Dominic Parish. The boundaries of the new parish are as follows:
 - a. Far Northern Boundary: Cleveland Avenue from Interstate 71 to 17th Street; from 17th Street from Cleveland Avenue to Brentnell Avenue. Thence to Holt Avenue; Holt Avenue east to Alum Creek.
 - b. Northern Boundary: From Alum Creek at a point where it meets East Broad St., west to Franklin Park Avenue; continuing south from Franklin Park Avenue to Bryden Road; then west on Bryden Road to Carpenter Street.
 - c. Far West Boundary: The east side of Saint Clair Avenue from Long Street on the south to Spring Street on the north; the east side of Interstate 71 from Spring Street on the south to 17th Avenue on the north.
 - d. Near Western Boundary: From the northeast corner of Bryden Rd. and Carpenter St., south to Fulton St., then west on Fulton St. on an airline to Parsons Ave.; continuing south on Parsons Ave. to Whittier St.

- e. Northern Southern Boundary: The north side of Long Street from Saint Clair Avenue on the west to Taylor Avenue on the east; Long Street (exclusive) from Taylor Avenue on the west to the Norfolk and Western Railroad on the east.
 - f. Far South Boundary: Whittier St. from Parsons Ave. to Champion Ave.; then north on Champion Ave. to Kossuth St. to Kelton Ave.; north on Kelton Ave. to Columbus St.; continuing east on Columbus St. to Berkeley Rd., then north on Berkeley Rd. to Forest St., continuing to Fairwood Ave.; south on Fairwood Ave. to Columbus St. and continuing east on Columbus St. on a direct airline to Alum Creek.
 - g. Eastern Boundary: The west side of Brentnell Avenue from Holt Avenue on the north to Leonard Avenue on the south; Leonard Avenue (inclusive) from Brentnell Avenue to the Norfolk and Western Railroad; Norfolk and Western Railroad from Leonard Avenue on the north to Long Street on the south.
 - h. Far Eastern Boundary: Alum Creek from East Broad St. on the north going south to a point connecting Alum Creek on a direct airline with Columbus St.
3. The care of the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John and the other properties of the former Community of Holy Rosary/St. John, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Dominic 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 17th day of January 2024.

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

Stephen M. Henry
Notary

