



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION of the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Mount Vernon, Ohio and St. Luke, Danville, Ohio and aggregation and erection of the new parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Whereas, a plan has been carefully developed by the clergy and faithful of the Knox County Catholic Parishes of St. Vincent de Paul, Mount Vernon and St. Luke, Danville the suppression of these parishes and the aggregation of the suppressed parishes to form a new parish with a new title; and

Whereas, the need to consolidate resources and to better utilize the limited numbers of available priests, and taking into consideration the Mass attendance data, community demographics, the financial conditions and the conditions of the physical plant serving all communities; and

Whereas, having heard the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus on March 21, 2024 in accordance with C. 515.2, and receiving unanimous approval of this plans;

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

1. The parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Mount Vernon is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
2. The parish of St. Luke, Danville is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
3. Simultaneously with the suppression of these parishes, the parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of these suppressed parishes of St. Vincent de Paul, Mount Vernon and St. Luke, Danville will be joined by aggregation into a single juridic person, to form a new parish, the boundaries of which are to include all of Knox County, Ohio.
4. This new parish will be given the title "St. John the Baptist Parish."
5. There is no change in status or title of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon or St. Luke Church, Danville foreseen at this time; they continue as dedicated parish churches in the care of which henceforth is the responsibility of St. John the Baptist Parish.
6. This decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Diocesan Website, 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 21st day of March, 2024.



Notary

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus