



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Brendan the Navigator, Hilliard of St. Andrew, Columbus

WHEREAS, a parish is defined as “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor as its proper pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop” (can. 515 §1);

WHEREAS, “as a general rule, a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the faithful of a certain territory” (can. 518);

WHEREAS, there is a portion of St. Brendan Parish that is east of the Scioto River consisting of: the middle of the Scioto River from Bethel Road north to State Route 161 on the west; the middle of State Route 161 from the Scioto River to Sawmill Road. on the north; the middle of Sawmill Road south from the intersection of State Route 161 and Sawmill Road to the intersection of Sawmill and Bethel roads on the east; and the middle of Bethel Road/Hayden Road from the intersection of Sawmill and Bethel roads to the Scioto River on the south.

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to assign the aforementioned area to St. Andrew Parish, and make the eastern boarder of St. Brendan parish the middle of the Scioto River;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastors of both parishes whose territories are impacted by the proposed alteration (c. 50); having heard the Presbyteral Council which was provided with the necessary information and lawfully convoked according to cc. 127 and 166 on 26 September 2024 and offered genuine consultation according to c. 515 §2 in the form of unanimous agreement with the proposed alteration of the boundaries of the two affected parishes;

WHEREAS, having determined that the good of souls will suffer no harm and will benefit from this alteration of the parish boundaries of both parishes;

THEREFORE, having considered the law and the facts, I, Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, decree the following:

- 1) That the new territory of St. Brendan Parish is:

Northern boundary:

The center of Rings Road from the intersection of Rings and Cosgray Roads east to Avery Road; then north on the center of Avery Road to the intersection of Cramers Crossing Drive/Rings Road; then east on the center of Rings Road to the terminus of Rings Road; then east on an airline to the resumption of Rings Road; the east on the center of Rings Road to Dublin Road; then an air-line from the intersection of Rings and Dublin Roads straight east to the center of the Scioto River.

Eastern boundary:

The center of the Scioto River from a point that is directly east on an air-line from the intersection of Rings and Dublin Roads on the north to a point on an air-line directly east of the intersection of Roberts and Dublin Roads on the south.

Southern boundary:

An air-line from the point on the center of the Scioto River directly east of the intersection of Roberts and Dublin Roads west to said intersection; west on the center of Roberts Road to Alton Darby Creek Road.

Western boundary:

North on the center of Alton Darby Creek Road to Scioto Darby Road; then east on the center of Scioto Darby Road to Cosgray Road; then north on the center of Cosgray Road to Rings Road.

- 2) That the new territory of St. Andrew Parish is:

Northern boundary:

The center of State Route 161 (West Dublin Granville Road) from the intersection of the center of the Scioto River and State Route 161 east to Sawmill Road; then south on the center of Sawmill Road to West Case Road; then east on the center of West Case Road to Godown Road; then south on the center of Godown Road to Bethel Road; then east on the center of Bethel Road to Kenny Road.

Eastern boundary:

The center of Kenny Road from the intersection of Kenny and Bethel Roads on the north to Tremont Road on the south; then center of Tremont Road south to Ridgecliff Road.

Southern boundary:

West on the center of Ridgecliff Road from Tremont Road on the east to Mountview Road; then north on the center of Mountview Road to Swansea Road; then west on the center of Swansea Road to Sunset Drive; then an air-line from the intersection of Swansea Road and Sunset Drive straight west to the center of the Scioto River.

Western boundary:

The center of the Scioto River straight west of the intersection of Swansea Road and Sunset Drive on the south to the intersection of State Route 161 and the center of the Scioto River on the north.

- 3) That this alteration shall take effect upon the promulgation of this decree.
- 4) That this decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Diocese of Columbus website and in *The Catholic Times* diocesan newspaper.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio this 3rd day of October, 2024.



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus





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