

Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Our Lady of Guadalupe Star of the New Evangelization

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 if 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 an area south of and adjacent to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish which is as yet not part of any parish which consists of: to the West – The middle of High Street; to the South – The middle of 11th Avenue between High Street and the CSX RR tracks; to the East – The middle of CSX RR tracks; to the North – The middle of 14th Avenue between High Street and CSX RR tracks:

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to incorporate this area into the territory of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Star of the New Evangelization Parish;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastors whose territory is adjacent to the current property (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 parish boundaries:

WHEREAS, having determined that the good of souls will suffer no harm and will benefit from a more certain definition of parish boundaries;

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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Star of the New Evangelization Parish is the following:

Northern boundary:

From the intersection of the Olentangy River and West Dodridge Street; east on the center of West Dodridge Street, crossing north High Street becoming East Dodridge Street, and on east to Findley Avenue; north on the center of Findley Avenue to East Arcadia Avenue; east on the center of East Arcadia Avenue to the Conrail railroad tracks.

Eastern boundary:

The Conrail railroad tracks from East Arcadia Avenue on the north; south to East 11th Avenue.

Southern boundary:

The center of East 11th Avenue from the Conrail railroad tracks west to North High Street; north on the center of North High St. to the intersection of North High Street and West 11th Avenue; the center of West 11th Avenue from North High Street to the intersection of West 11th Avenue and Neil Avenue; then an airline from the intersection of West 11th Avenue and Neil Avenue straight west to the center of the Olentangy River.

Western boundary:

The center of the Olentangy River from the intersection of the straight westward airline from the West 11th Avenue and Neil Avenue intersection north to the center of the intersection of the Olentangy River and West Dodridge Street.

- 2) That this alteration shall take effect upon the promulgation of this decree.
- 3) 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

Deacon Tom Berg, Jr.

Chancellor