



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grove City and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Canal Winchester

WHEREAS, a parish is defined as “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a 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 an unaccounted-for area of land to the east of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and to the west of Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastors of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose territories are affected (c. 50); having heard the Presbyteral Council which was provided with the necessary information, lawfully convoked according to cc. 127 and 166 on 20 November 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 a more certain definition of the parish boundaries in question;

THERERFORE, 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 Perpetual Help is:

Northern boundary: From the intersection of Alkire Road and the Franklin-Madison county boundary east on the center of Alkire Road to Norton Road; south on the center of Norton Road to Johnson Road; east on the center of Johnson Road to Big Run South Road; northeast on the center of Big Run South Road to Alkire Road; east on the center of Alkire Road to Harrisburg Pike (U.S. Rte. 62); northeast on the center of Harrisburg Pike (U.S. Rte. 62) to Frank Road; east on Frank Road to the Scioto River; Eastern boundary: The middle of the Scioto River between Frank Road on the north and a point in the middle of the Scioto River straight west of the intersection Parsons Avenue and Obetz Road; straight east on an air line from the aforementioned point in the middle of the Scioto River to U.S.

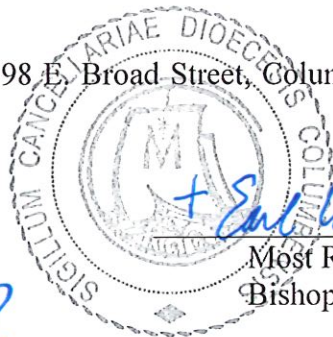
Rte. 23 (South High St.); south on the middle of U.S. Rt. 23 (South High St.) to the Franklin-Pickaway county boundary; Southern boundary: The Franklin-Pickaway county boundary between U.S. Rte. 23 (South High St.) on the east and the juncture of the Franklin-Pickaway-Madison county boundaries on the west; Western boundary: The Franklin-Madison county boundary between the juncture of the Franklin-Pickaway-Madison county boundaries on the south and the intersection of Alkire Road and the Franklin-Madison county boundary on the north.

- 2) That the new territory of Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is:

Northern boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Williams Road and Lockbourne Road, east on the center of Williams Road to Alum Creek Drive; north on the center of Alum Creek Drive to Refugee Road (St. Rte. 104); east on the center of Refugee Road (St. Rte. 104) to Noe-Bixby Road; Eastern boundary: South on the center of Noe-Bixby Road to Winchester Pike; east on the center of Winchester Pike to Ebright Road; south on the center of Ebright Road to U.S. Rte. 33; East on the center of U.S. Rte. 33 to Winchester Road; west on the center of Winchester Road to Pickerington Road; south on the center of Pickerington Road to Alspach Road; Southern: West on the center of Alspach Road to Winchester Southern Road; south on the center of Winchester Southern Road to Duvall Road; west on the center of Duvall Rd. to Goodman Road; north on the center of Goodman Road to London Lancaster Road; west on the center of London Lancaster Road to the boundaries of Rickenbacker International Airport (formerly Lockbourne Air Force Base); west around the perimeter of Rickenbacker International Airport to the Franklin-Madison county boundary; west on the Franklin-Madison county boundary to U.S. Route 23 (South High Street); Western: North on the center of U.S. Route 23 (South High Street) to a point straight west of the intersection of Parsons Avenue and Obetz Road; from that point straight east to Obetz Road; east on the center of Obetz Road to Lockbourne Road; north on the center of Lockbourne Road to Williams Road.

- 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 2nd day of Decemebr, 2024.



+ Earl K. Fernandes
Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus


Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.
Chancellor