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## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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### **DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. John Neumann Sunbury and Church of the Resurrection New Albany**

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 as yet unaccounted for area of land on the southeastern edge of Delaware County between the boundaries of St. John Neumann and Church of the Resurrection;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastors of St. Paul Westerville, Church of the Resurrection New Albany, and St. John Neumann Sunbury whose boundaries border the area of land in question (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 plan to divide the area of land between the parishes of St. John Neumann and Church of the Resurrection;

WHEREAS, having determined that the good of souls will suffer no harm and will benefit from a more certain definition of 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 St. John Neumann is:

Northern boundary: The Delaware-Morrow county boundary from Alum Creek on the west to the intersection of Delaware-Morrow-Knox county boundaries (40.3496, -82.7449); Eastern boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Delaware-Morrow-Knox county boundaries (40.3496, -82.7449), south on the Delaware-Knox county boundary to the intersection of U.S. Route 36 and North County Line Road; continuing south on North County Line Road to St. Route 37, at which point the road becomes South County Line Road; continuing south on South County Line Road to Needles Road; Southern boundary: Beginning at the intersection of South County Line and Needles roads, west on Needles

Road to Green Cook Road; north on Green Cook Road to Woodtown Road; west on Woodtown Road to Harlem Road; west on Harlem Road to Sunbury Road; due west from the intersection of Harlem and Sunbury roads to the center of Hoover Reservoir (40.1893, -82.8828); north from that point to a point due east of the eastern terminus of Lewis Center Road (40.1954, -82.8828); west from that point to Lewis Center Road, then west on the center of Lewis Center Road to U.S. I-71; south on the center of U.S. I-71 to Big Walnut Road; west on the center of Big Walnut Road to the intersection of Africa, Big Walnut, and Lewis Center roads; west on the center of Lewis Center Road to Alum Creek; Western boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Lewis Center Road and Alum Creek, north on the center of Alum Creek to Alum Creek Lake; north on a straight line to the northern intersection of Alum Creek Lake and Alum Creek; north on the center of Alum Creek to the Delaware-Morrow County boundary.

- 2) That the new territory of Church of the Resurrection is:

Northern boundary: Beginning at the center of Hoover Reservoir on Smothers Road (40.1309, -82.8786), east on the center of Smothers Road to Harlem Road; north on the center of Harlem Road to Gorsuch Road; east on the center of Gorsuch Road to State Route 605; north on the center of State Route 605 to Woodtown Road; east on the center of Woodtown Road to Green Cook Road; south on the center of Green Cook Road to Needles Road; east on the center of Needles Road to South County Line Road; south on the center of South County Line Road to U.S. Route 62, east on the center of U.S. Route 62 to Beech Road NW; Eastern boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Beech Road NW and U.S. Route 62, south on the center of Beech Road NW to Jug Street; east on the center of Jug Street to Mink Street; south on the center of Mink Street/Mink Street SW to Morse Road; Southern boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Mink Street SW and Morse Road, west on the center of Morse Road to the center of Big Walnut Creek; Western boundary: Beginning at the center of Big Walnut Creek and Morse Road, north on the center of Big Walnut Creek to Hoover Reservoir; north on the center of Hoover reservoir to Smothers Road (40.1309, -82.8786).

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.



*+ Earl K. Fernandes*

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