



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Blessed Sacrament Newark

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” (Canon 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” (Canon 518);

WHEREAS, the parish boundaries of Blessed Sacrament Parish are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Blessed Sacrament whose parish is affected (Canon 50); having heard the Presbyteral Council which was provided with the necessary information, lawfully convoked according to Canons 127 and 166 on January 8, 2025, and offered genuine consultation according to Canon 515 §2 in the form of unanimous agreement with the proposed definition of the boundaries of the parish;

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;

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

- 1) That the boundaries of Blessed Sacrament Parish, the parish church of which is located at 394 E. Main St., Newark, OH 43055-6596 are the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at the intersection of the Licking-Knox county line and Bell Church and Cooksey roads, east on the center of Bell Church Road to 40.24173, -82.38012; east on the county line to 40.23925, -82.28094; north on the county line to 40.24017, -82.28089; east on the county line to 40.23862, -82.18282. Eastern boundary: Starting at the northeast corner of Licking County at 40.23862, -82.18282, south on the county line to Church Road at 40.18277, -82.18679; south on the center of Church Road (which is on the county line) to 40.16656, -82.18716; south on the county line to the southeast corner of Licking County at 39.95023, -82.198772. Southern: Starting at the southeast corner of Licking County at 39.95023, -82.198772, west along the county line to 39.95107, -82.23169; south along the county line to 39.91326, -82.23397; west along the county line to Boundaries Road on the county line at 39.91778, -82.33379; west on the center of Boundaries Road to State Route 13. Western: Starting at the intersection of the Licking-Knox county boundary and Bell Church and Cooksey roads, southeast on the center of Cooksey Road to Blacksnake

Road; east on the center of Blacksnake Road to Peatmoss Road; south on the center of Peatmoss Road to Dog Hollow Road; south on the center of Dog Hollow Road to Horns Hill Road; south on the center of Horns Hill Road to the point where it becomes Horns Hill Rd. NE, continuing south on the center of Horns Hill Road NE to the intersection of Horns Hill Road NE, Cedar Run Road NE, and Waterworks Road; west on the center of Waterworks Road to the center of the North Fork Licking River; south on the center of the North Fork Licking River to the confluence of the North Fork Licking and South Fork Licking rivers. which forms the Licking River at 40.05307, -82.39153; east on the Licking River to 40.05235, -82.38054, which is the intersection of the Licking River and the northeast corner of the Heath City limits; south on the Heath City boundary to 40.04042, -82.38174; east on the city boundary to 40.04033, -82.38010; south on the city boundary to Watson Road SE; east on the center of Watson Road SE to 40.03893, -82.37285; southwest on the city boundary to Blue Jay at 40.03042, -82.37498; east on the center of Blue Jay Road to 40.03005, -82.37045; south on the city boundary to 40.02288, -82.37124; west on the city boundary to 40.02325, -82.37710; south on the city boundary to 40.019669, -82.37761; west on the city boundary to 40.01997, -82.38393; south on an air-line to the intersection of Linville Road SE and Fairmount Road; south on the center of Fairmount Road to Dorsey Mill Road SE; west on the center of Dorsey Mill Road SE to State Route 13; south on the center of State Route 13 to the intersection of State Route 13 and the Licking-Perry counties boundary.

- 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 10th day of January 2025.



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus



Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.
Chancellor