



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Immaculate Conception Dennison

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 Immaculate Conception are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Immaculate Conception 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 8 January 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:

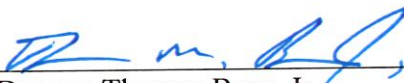
- 1) That the boundaries of Immaculate Conception Parish, the parish church of which is located at 206 N. First St., Dennison, OH 44621-1296 are the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at the Tuscarawas-Carroll counties boundary at 40.47681, -81.26843, west on Union Township’s northern boundary to 40.47796, -81.32583; north on the township boundary to 40.48410, -81.32544; west on the township boundary to Union Township’s northwestern corner at 40.48450, -81.34441. Eastern boundary: Starting at the Tuscarawas-Carroll counties boundary at 40.47681, -81.26843, south on the county boundary to 40.30343, -81.27531; west on the county boundary to 40.30431, -81.33460; south on the county boundary to the southeastern corner of Tuscarawas County at 40.21425, -81.33805. Southern boundary: Starting at the southeastern corner of Tuscarawas County at 40.21425, -81.33805, west on the county boundary to the Washington-Oxford townships boundary at 40.21902, -81.52802. Western boundary: Starting at the Washington-Oxford townships boundary on Tuscarawas County’s southern boundary at 40.21902, -81.52802,

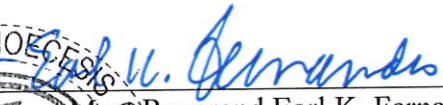
north on the township boundary to 40.28666, -81.52509; east on the township boundary to 40.28637, -81.51950; north on the township boundary to 40.29329, -81.51922; east on the township boundary to the intersection of the Washington-Oxford-Clay townships boundaries at 40.29300, -81.49520; north on the Clay Township boundary to the Tuscarawas River; north on the Tuscarawas River to the intersection of the Tuscarawas River and a western branch of the Tuscarawas River at 40.33959, -81.48432; northwest-north on the western branch of the Tuscarawas River to 40.34727, -81.49126; north on the township boundary to U.S. Route 36; northeast on the center of U.S. Route 36 to State Route 416; northeast-north on the center of State Route 416 to the Warwick-Goshen townships boundary at 40.43568, -81.40643; east on the township boundary to the Warwick-Goshen-Mill townships intersection at 40.43450, -81.37445; east on Mill Township's northern boundary to the Mill-Goshen-Union townships intersection at 40.43383, -81.34650; north on Union Township's western boundary to Union Township's northwestern corner at 40.48450, -81.34441.

- 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 17th day of January 2025.


Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.
Chancellor




Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus