



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Buckeye Lake

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, it is expedient to alter the Northern boundary of the parish as well as define the Southern, Eastern and Western boundaries;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 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:

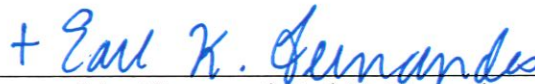
- 1) That the boundaries of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, the parish church of which is located at 5133 Walnut Rd. S.E., Buckeye Lake, OH 43008-9998 are the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at the Conrail tracks and South Main Street in Pataskala, east on the railroad tracks to Gale Road SW; south on the center of Gale Road SW to Blacks Road SW; east on the center of Blacks Road SW to Lancaster Road, where the name of the road changes to Blacks Road SE; east on the center of Blacks Road SE to Beaver Run Road SE; east on the center of Beaver Run Road SE to Thornwood Drive; north on the center of Thornwood Drive to Ridgley Tract Road SE; southeast east on the center of Ridgley Tract Road SE to Lake Drive Road; north on the center of Lake Drive Road to Davis Drive; east on the center of Davis Drive to State Route 13. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of Davis Drive and State Route 13, south on the center of State Route 13 to Fairfield-Perry counties boundary; west from the intersection of State Route 13 and the county line to 39.9224, -82.4186; north on the county line to 39.9224, -82.4186; west on the county line to 39.9303, -82.4628; south to Custers Point Road NE at 39.92363, -82.46355; south on the center

of Custers Point Road NE to State Route 204; at State Route 204, the road's name changes to New Salem Road NE; south on the center of New Salem Road NE to Walnut Creek. Southern: Starting at the intersection of Walnut Creek and New Salem Road NE, west on the center of Walnut Creek west until it intersects Lake Road NE (State Route 62), north on the center of Lake Road NE to Bickel Church Road NE; west on the center of Bickel Church Road NE to Cherry Lane; south on the center of Cherry Lane to Bickel Church Road NW; west on the center of Bickel Church Road NW to Heimberger Road NW; an air-line from the intersection of Bickel Church Road NW and Heimberger Road NW to the resumption of Bickel Church Road NW at 39.87550, -82.66687; west on the center of Bickel Church Road NW to Stoudertown Road NW. Western: Starting at the intersection of center of Stoudertown Road NW and Bickel Church Road NW, north on the center of Stoudertown Road NW to Refugee Road, east on the center of Refugee Road to Mauger Road NW; north on the center of Mauger Rd. NW to Blacklick-Eastern Road NW; north on the center of Blacklick-Eastern Rd. NW to Blacklick Rd. NW; west on the center of Blacklick Rd. NW to State Route 310, north on the center of State Route 310 to the Conrail tracks and South Main Street in Pataskala.

- 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