



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Sacred Heart Coshocton

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 Sacred Heart are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart Parish, the parish church of which is located at 805 Main St., Coshocton, OH 43812-1694 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 northwest corner of Coshocton County at 40.45628, -82.18460, east on the county boundary to 40.45289, -82.08597; north on the county boundary to 40.45410, -82.08588; east on the county boundary to County Route 53; north on the center of County Route 53 to 40.45128, -81.98869; east on the county boundary to 40.44885, -81.89387; south on the county boundary to 40.44810, -81.89390; east on the county boundary to the northeastern corner of Coshocton County at 40.44477, -81.70913. Eastern boundary: Starting at the northeastern corner of Coshocton County at 40.44477, -81.70913, south to 40.37080, -81.71228; east the county boundary to Coal Road; east on the center of Coal Road to 40.37004, -81.68257; east on the county boundary to Coshocton-Tuscarawas counties boundary at 40.36811, -81.61603; east on the Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, boundary line to 40.36773, -81.60075; south on the township boundary to

Little Buckhorn Road at 40.36669, -81.59953; north on the center of Little Buckhorn Road to 40.36780, -81.59918; east on the township boundary to 40.36582, -81.52054; north on the township boundary to 40.36633, -81.52052; east on the township boundary to the northeast corner of Salem Township at 40.36577, -81.49014; south on the township boundary to a western branch of the Tuscarawas River at 40.34727, -81.49126; south on the center of the branch of the Tuscarawas River until it intersects the main course of the Tuscarawas River at 40.33960, -81.48432; south on the center of the Tuscarawas River to 40.32834, -81.49291; south on the township boundary to 40.29301, -81.49519; west on the township boundary to 40.29329, -81.51923; south on the township boundary to 40.28637, -81.51950; west on the township boundary to the Salem-Oxford townships boundary at 40.28666, -81.52509; south on the township boundary to the Tuscarawas-Guernsey counties boundaries at 40.21902, -81.52802. Southern boundary: Starting at boundary to the Tuscarawas-Guernsey counties boundaries at 40.21902, -81.52802, west on the county boundary to the Tuscarawas-Coshocton counties boundary at 40.22130, -81.62268; west on the Coshocton County boundary to 40.22246, -81.66758; south on the county boundary to 40.15097, -81.67090; west on the county boundary to 40.15216, -81.71627; north on the county boundary to 40.15285, -81.71627; west on the county boundary to Schoolhouse Road at 40.16170, -82.08719; west on the center of Schoolhouse Road to 40.16217, -82.09026; west on the county boundary to Mt. Zion Road at 40.16234, -82.09304; north on the center of Mt. Zion Road to 40.16258, -82.09299; west on the county boundary to the southwestern corner of Coshocton County at Church Road at 40.16688, -82.18713. Western boundary: Starting at the southwestern corner of Coshocton County at Church Road at 40.16688, -82.18713, north on the center of Church Road to 40.18277, -82.18679; north on the county boundary to 40.23862, -82.18282; west on the county boundary to 40.23907, -82.19591; north on the county boundary to Wakatomica Road at 40.32995, -82.19125; north on the center of Wakatomica Road to St. Rt. 229, whereupon the road's name changes to Brush Run Road; north on the center of Brush Run Road to 40.34735, -82.19039; north on the county boundary to the northwestern corner of Coshocton County at 40.45628, -82.18460.

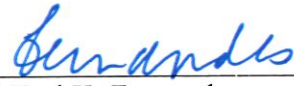
2) That this alteration shall take effect upon the promulgation of this decree.

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