



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Sacred Heart New Philadelphia

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 139 Third St. N.E., New Philadelphia, OH 44663-3900 are the following:

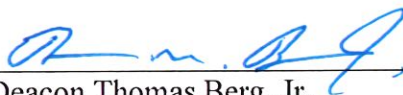
The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at the northeast corner of Goshen Township at 40.50641, -81.34367; west on the township boundary to Pleasant Valley Road NE at 40.50855, -81.41789; north on the township boundary on Pleasant Valley Road NE to 40.52189, -81.41719; north on the township boundary to 40.54467, -81.41597; west on the township boundary to the Tuscarawas River; south-southwest on the center of the Tuscarawas River to West High Avenue (Business Route 250); west on the center of West High Avenue (Business Route 250) to U.S. I-77; southwest on the center of U.S. I-77 to 40.47838, -81.48373; west on an air-line to 40.47684, -81.52069; west on the York Township boundary to 40.47797, -81.56341; south on the township boundary to 40.42629, -81.56615; west on the Jefferson Township boundary to 40.42657, -81.57481; north on the township boundary to 40.42747, -81.57474; west on the township boundary to 40.42841, -81.60351; south on the township boundary

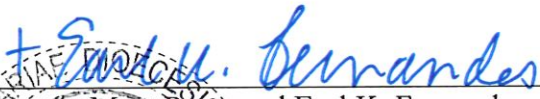
to 40.42408, -81.60384; west on the township boundary to 40.42394, -81.61351; north on the Bucks Township boundary to 40.42593, -81.61357; west on the township boundary to 40.42779, -81.67055; north on the township boundary to the Tuscarawas-Holmes counties boundary at 40.44386, -81.66965; west on the county boundary to 40.44477, -81.70913. Eastern boundary: Starting at the northeast corner of Goshen Township at 40.50641, -81.34367, south on the township boundary to the southeastern corner of Goshen Township at 40.43383, -81.34650.

Southern boundary: Starting at the southeastern corner of Goshen Township at 40.43383, -81.34650.; west on the township boundary to State Route 416 at 40.43568, -81.40642; south-southwest on the center of State Route 416 to U.S. Route 36; southwest on U.S. Route 36 to the Clay-Salem townships boundary; north on the Clay Township boundary to 40.36577, -81.49014; west on the township boundary to the Clay-Jefferson townships boundary at 40.36617, -81.50871; west on the Jefferson Township boundary to 40.36633, -81.52051; south on the township boundary to 40.36582, -81.52054; west on the township boundary to Little Buckhorn Road at 40.36780, -81.59918; southwest on the center of Little Buckhorn Road to 40.36669, -81.59953; northwest on the township boundary to 40.36773, -81.60075; west on the township boundary to 40.36811, -81.61603 at the Tuscarawas-Coshocton counties boundary; west on the county boundary to 40.37080, -81.71228. Western boundary: Starting at 40.37080, -81.71228 on the Tuscarawas-Coshocton counties boundary, north on the county boundary to 40.44477, -81.70913.

- 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
