



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Bernadette Lancaster

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 St. Bernadette are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of St. Bernadette 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 St. Bernadette Parish, the parish church of which is located at 1343 Wheeling Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130 are the following:

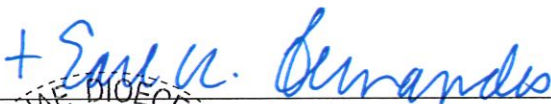
The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at the intersection of Bickel Church Road NE and Millersport Road, east on the center of Bickel Church Road NE to Lake Road NE; south on the center of Lake Road NE (State Route 62) to Walnut Creek; east on the center of Walnut Creek to the intersection of Walnut Creek and New Salem Road NE at the Fairfield-Perry counties boundary. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of Walnut Creek and New Salem Road NE at the Fairfield-Perry counties boundary, south on the center of New Salem Road NE to Baltimore Somerset Road NE; east on the center of Baltimore Somerset Road NE to 39.83303, -82.39617; south on the county boundary to 39.74460, -82.40424; east on the county boundary to Harvey Road-Avlon Road; east on the center of Harvey Road-Avlon Road to 39.74312, -82.37785; east on the county boundary to 39.74252, -82.36605; south on the county boundary to the southeast corner of Fairfield County at 39.65496, -82.37452. Southern boundary:

Starting at the southeast corner of Fairfield County at 39.65496, -82.37452, west on the county boundary to 39.66170, -82.49032; south on the county boundary to 39.60285, -82.49612; west on the county boundary to 39.60860, -82.61754; south on the county boundary to 39.56398, -82.62009; west on the county boundary to Clearport Road SW (at 39.56693, -82.69414). Western boundary: Starting at the intersection of Bickel Church Road NE and Millersport Road, south on the center of Millersport Road-High Street to State Route 256; west on the center of State Route 256 to Old Millersport Road; south on the center of Old Millersport Road to Coonpath Road NE; west on the center of Coonpath Road NE to the resumption of Old Millersport Road; south on the center of Old Millersport Road, which becomes Sheridan Drive at Malibu Road; south on the center of Sheridan Drive to Rainbow Drive NE; west on the center of Rainbow Drive NE to the resumption of Sheridan Drive; south on the center of Sheridan Drive to the intersection of Sheridan Drive, East 6th Avenue, Pleasantville Road, and North Cherry Street; south on the center of North Cherry Street to U.S. Route 22, where the road becomes South Cherry Street; south on the center of South Cherry Street to its terminus; an air-line straight south to Lawrence Street; east on the center of Lawrence Street to Baldwin Run; south on the center of Baldwin Run to the Hocking River; south on the center of the Hocking River to Logan-Lancaster Road; due west from the intersection of the Hocking River and Logan-Lancaster Road an air-line to Hamburg Road SW; southwest on the center of Hamburg Road SW to Hopewell Church Road SW; south on the center of Hopewell Church Road SW to Clear Creek Road SW; south on the center of Clear Creek Road SW to McDonald Road SW; southwest on the center of McDonald Road SW to Clearport Road SW; south on the center of Clearport Road SW to the Fairfield-Hocking counties boundary at 39.56693, -82.69414.

- 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
