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## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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### **DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Francis de Sales Newark**

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. Francis de Sales Parish are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish 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:

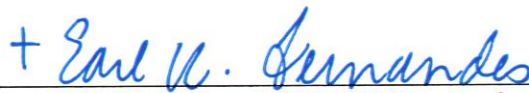
- 1) That the boundaries of St. Francis de Sales Parish, the parish church of which is located at 40 Granville St., Newark, OH 43055-4998 are the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at 40.24581, -82.48069 on Justin Road, an air-line east 40.24581, -82.47727; then east on the county boundary to the intersection of the Licking-Knox county line and Bell Church and Cooksey roads. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of the Licking-Knox county boundary and Bell Church and Cooksey roads, southeast on the center of Cooksey Road to Blacksnake Road; east on the center of Blacksnake Road to Peatmoss Road; south on the center of Peatmoss Road to Dog Hollow Road; south on the center of Dog Hollow Road to Horns Hill Road; south on the center of Horns Hill Road to the point where it becomes Horns Hill Rd. NE, continuing south on the center of Horns Hill Road NE to the intersection of Horns Hill Road NE, Cedar Run Road NE, and Waterworks Road; west on the center of Waterworks Road to the center of the North Fork Licking River; south on the center of the North Fork Licking River to the confluence of the North Fork Licking and South Fork Licking rivers. Southern: Starting at the confluence of the North Fork Licking and South Fork Licking rivers, west on the center of the South Fork Licking River to

40.04181, -82.41313; west on the Newark-Heath city boundary from 40.04181, -82.41313 to Union Street; north on the center of Union Street to the Conrail tracks; southwest on the railroad tracks to Thornwood Drive SW. Western: Starting at the intersection of Thornwood Drive SW and the Conrail tracks, Heath, north on the center of Thornwood Drive SW to Thornwood Crossing; north on the center of Thornwood Crossing to State Route 16; northeast on the center of State Route 16 to Granville Road; northeast on the center of Granville Road to Country Club Drive; north on the center of Country Club Drive to Sharon Valley Road NE; northwest on center of Sharon Valley Road NE to Welsh Hills Road NE; north on the center of Welsh Hills Road NE to Dry Creek Road NE; northwest on the center of Dry Creek Road NE to Sunnyside Road; north on the center of Sunnyside Road Chestnut Hill Road; an airline north from the intersection of Sunnyside and Chestnut Hill roads to the intersection of Marion Road NE and Dutch Lane NE; north on the center of Marion Road NE to Reynolds Road NE; north on the center of Reynolds Road NE to Centennial Road NE; north on the center of Centennial Road NE to Smoketown Road; north on the center of Smoketown Road to Homer Road NE; southeast on the center of Homer Road NE to Justin Road; north on the center of Justin Road to 40.24581, -82.48069.

- 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus



Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.  
Chancellor