



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Joseph Circleville

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 territory of St. Joseph Parish was as of yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of St. Joseph whose territory 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 territory of St. Joseph Parish, the parish church of which is located at 134 W. Mound St., P.O. Box 40, Circleville, OH 43113-0659 is the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: Starting at 39.81250, -83.24370; air-lines east to 39.81002, -83.18602; southeast to 39.80934, -83.18512; east to U.S. Route 23; south on the center of U.S. Route 23 to Weigand Road; east on the center of Weigand Road to Ashville Pike; south on the center of Ashville to St. Paul Road; east on the center of St. Paul Road to Walnut Creek Pike; south on the center of Walnut Creek Pike to State Route 752; and east on the center of State Route 752 to Winchester Southern Road. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of State Route 752 and Winchester Southern Road, south on the center of Winchester Southern Road (which is also the Pickaway/Fairfield boundary) to Tarlton Road SW, east on the center of Tarlton Road SW to 39.55817, -82.78977; and air-lines east to 39.55444, -82.73151; and south to 39.46834, -82.74077. Southern: Beginning at 39.46834, -82.74077; west on air-lines to 39.46891,

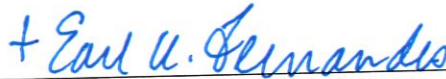
-82.74989; south to 39.46806, -82.74999; west to Kingston Adelphi Road (County Line Road) at 39.46813, -82.75131; west on the center of Kingston Adelphi Road to the Scioto River; north on the center of the Scioto River to 39.50638, -82.99242; and an air-line west to 39.51625, -83.26673. Western: Beginning at 39.51625, -83.26673, north on an air-line to 39.81250, -83.24370.

- 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.



Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.
Chancellor



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

