



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Joseph Plain City

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. Joseph are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of St. Joseph 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:

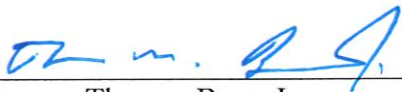
- 1) That the new boundaries of St. Joseph Parish, the parish church of which is located at: 140 West Ave., Plain City, OH 43064 are the following:

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 U.S. Route 36 to the Union-Champaign counties boundary, northeast on the center of U.S. Route 36 to Sabine-Bigelow Road; east on the center of Sabine-Bigelow Road to Streng Road; northeast on the center of Streng Road to State Route 38; southeast on the center of State Route 38 to Big Darby Creek; east on the center of Big Darby Creek to 40.14707, -83.34833; from 40.14707, -83.34833 northeast on an air-line to the intersection of Hawn and Robinson roads; northeast on the center of Hawn Road to State Route 736; northwest on the center of State Route 736 to Fladt Road; northeast on the center of Fladt Road to Industrial Parkway; southeast on the center of Industrial Parkway to Beecher Gamble Road; east on the center of Beecher Gamble Road to Derio Road; east on the center of Derio Road to the intersection of Derio and Watkins-California roads. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of Derio and Watkins-California roads, south on the center of Watkins-California Road to U.S. Route 42; southwest on the center of U.S. Route 42 to U.S. Route 33; southeast on the center of U.S. Route 33 to

Mitchell-Dewitt Road; southwest and southeast on the center of Mitchell-Dewitt Road to Warner Road; southwest on the center of Warner Road to Kile Road; southeast on the center of Kile/Kile Warner Road to State Route 161; east on the center of State Route 161 to the Madison-Franklin counties boundary line; south on the Madison-Franklin counties boundary line to Rings Road; east on the center line of Rings Road to Cosgray Road; south on the center of Cosgray Road to Scioto Darby Creek Road. Southern: Starting at the intersection of Cosgray and Scioto Darby Creek roads, west on the center of Scioto Darby Creek Road to Big Darby Creek; south on the center of Big Darby Creek to a point due west of the intersection of M.V. High Road and NE Plain City-Georgesville Road; an air-line west to the intersection of intersection of M.V. High Road and NE Plain City-Georgesville Road; west on the center of M.V. High Road to U.S. Route 42; southwest on the center of U.S. Route 42 to 39.99422, -83.33032; an air-line west to 40.00615, -83.41591; an air-line west to 40.01000, -83.51215; then an air-line west to 40.01019, -83.51616 (the Madison/Champaign counties boundary). Western: Starting at 40.01019, -83.51616 (the Madison/Champaign counties boundary), north on the Madison and Union County boundary lines to the intersection of U.S. Route 36 and the Union-Champaign counties boundary.

- 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