



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of St. Nicholas Zanesville

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. Nicholas are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of St. Nicholas 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. Nicholas Parish, the parish church of which is located at 925 E. Main St., Zanesville, OH 43701-4499 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 40.00550, -81.72422 on the eastern boundary of Muskingum County, west on the township boundaries to 40.01244, -81.91261; north on the township boundaries to 40.04898, -81.91037; west on the township boundaries to the center of the Muskingum River at 40.05024, -81.97232. Eastern boundary: Starting at 40.00550, -81.72422 on the eastern boundary of Muskingum, south on the county boundary to 39.93172, -81.72861; east on the county boundary to 39.93075, -81.69110; south on the county boundary to the southeastern corner of Muskingum County at 39.75557, -81.69744. Southern boundary: Starting on the southeastern corner of Muskingum County at 39.75557, -81.69744, east on the county boundary to the center of the Muskingum River at 39.76385, -81.89509. Western boundary: Starting at the center of the Muskingum River at 39.76385, -81.89509, north on the center of the Muskingum River to a point due south of 7th Street in

Zanesville at 39.93390, -82.00438; north from that point to 7th Street, continuing north on the center of 7th Street U.S. I-70; west on the center of U.S. I-70 to the center of the Muskingum River; north on the center of the Muskingum River to 40.05024, -81.97232.

- 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.

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

Thomas Berg, Jr.

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Chancellor

