



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Sts. Simon and Jude West Jefferson

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, it was recommended after review of a 1950 boundary description, investigation, and consultation that sections of the Western boundary would be included in the definition of the parish boundaries of St. Joseph Plain City and St. Patrick London and the Eastern boundary of the parish would be extended into an otherwise unaccounted for portion of Franklin County;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Sts. Simon and Jude 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 alteration 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 Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, the parish church of which is located at: 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson, OH 43162-9704 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 42 and M.V. High Road, east on the center of M.V. High Road to NE Plain City-Georgesville Road; an air-line straight east from the intersection of M.V. High Road to NE Plain City-Georgesville Road to Big Darby Creek; north on the center of Big Darby Creek to Scioto Darby Creek Road, east on the center of Scioto Darby Creek Road to the intersection of Scioto Darby Creek and Alton Darby Creek roads. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of Scioto Darby Creek and Alton Darby Creek roads, south on the center of Alton Darby Creek Road to U.S. I-70; west on the center of U.S. I-70 to Amity Road; south on the center of Amity Road to U.S. Route 40 (West Broad Street); west on the center of U.S. Route 40 (West Broad Street) to Darby Creek Drive; south on the center of Darby Creek Drive to Alkire Road; west on the center of Alkire Road to 39.88768, -83.24946; an air-line south from 39.88768, -83.24946 to London-Lockbourne Road (State Route 665) at 39.86078, -83.24730. Southern: Starting on London-Lockbourne Road (State Route 665) at 39.86078, -83.24730, west on the center London-Lockbourne Road (State Route 665) to Glade Run Road. Western: Starting at the intersection of Glade Run Road and London-Lockbourne Road (State Route 665), north on the center

of Glade Run Road to State Route 142; northeast on the center of State Route 142 to the resumption of Glade Run Road; north on the center of Glade Run Road to U.S. Route 40; north on an air-line from the intersection of Glade Run Road and U.S. Route 40 to the intersection of U.S. Route 42 and State Route 29; northeast on the center of U.S. Route 42 to M.V. High Road.

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

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Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

