



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Canal Winchester

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 it was recommended after investigation and consultation that the Northwest Corner of Pickaway County should be included in the parish boundaries of IHBVM Parish;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of IHBVM 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;

THERERFORE, 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 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, the parish church of which is located at: 5170 Winchester Southern Road NW, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110 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 39.87934, -83.00195, an air-line from that point east to the intersection of Parsons Avenue and Obetz Road; east on the center of Obetz Road to Lockbourne Road; north on the center of Lockbourne Road to Williams Road; east on the center of Williams Road to Alum Creek Drive; north on the center of Alum Creek Drive to Refugee Road (State Route 104); east on the center of Refugee Road (State Route 104) to Noe-Bixby Road, south on the center of Noe-Bixby Road to Winchester Pike; east on the center of Winchester Pike to its terminus at Cemetery Road in Fairfield County; south on an airline to U.S Route 33; east on the center of U.S. Route 33 to Pickerington Road NW. Eastern boundary: Starting at the intersection of U.S. Route 33 and Pickerington Road NW, south on the center of Pickerington Road NW to Winchester Road, at

which point it becomes Pickerington Road; south on the center of Pickerington Road to Alspach Road NW; south on an air-line from the intersection of Alspach Road NW and Pickerington Road to the intersection of Betz Road NW and Marcy Road NW; south on the center of Betz Road NW to Royalton Road SW. Southern: Starting at the intersection of Royalton Road SW and Betz Road SW, west on the center of Royalton Road SW to the intersection of State Route 752 and Winchester Southern Road at the Fairfield/Pickaway counties boundary; from the intersection of State Route 752 and Winchester Southern Road, west on the center of State Route 752 to Walnut Creek Pike; north on the center of Walnut Creek Pike to Saint Paul Road; west on the center of Saint Paul Road to Ashville Pike; north on the center of Ashville Pike to Weigand Road; west on the center of Weigand Road to U.S. Route 23. Western: Starting at the intersection of U.S. Route 23 and Weigand Road, north on the center of U.S. Route 23 (South High Street) to 39.87934, -83.00195.

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

