



DECREE

Clarifying the boundaries of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer

Whereas the Diocese of Erie has been engaged in ongoing pastoral planning for over a decade; and whereas this pastoral planning has resulted in numerous parish and deanery reconfigurations; and whereas I am taking this opportunity to ensure that the geographic territory of the Diocese of Erie is entirely distributed into territorial parishes without gap or overlap;

Therefore, I hereby define the boundaries of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Mercer as follows:

In Mercer County, beginning where Interstate 79 crosses the Mercer/Lawrence County line; west on the Mercer/Lawrence County line to Little Neshannock Creek in Wilmington Township; north along Little Neshannock Creek to Jefferson Township; west on the Jefferson/Lackawannock township line to Hermitage; north on the western border of Jefferson Township and continuing north on the Delaware township border to state road 3022; southeast on state road 3022 to the Delaware/Jefferson township line; east on the Jefferson/Delaware township line and continuing east on the Coolspring/Fairview township line to their eastern border; south on the Coolspring/Jackson township line to Findley township; east on the Findley/Jackson township line to Interstate 79; south on Interstate 79 to the Mercer/Lawrence County line.

This decree is effective the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 11th day of October, 2024.

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Christopher J. Singer

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Chancellor