



DECREE

Clarifying the boundaries of Saint Joseph Parish, Force

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 Saint Joseph Parish in Force as follows:

In Elk County, the townships of Jay and Benezette;

In Clearfield County, Huston Township.

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.

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

Christopher J. Singer

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Chancellor