



## DECREE

### *Clarifying the boundaries of Saint Joseph Parish, Oil City*

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 Oil City as follows:

In Venango County, beginning at the Venango/Forest County border at the Allegheny/President township line; south on the Venango/Forest County border to Little East Sandy Creek; west on East Sandy Creek to the Allegheny River; then a straight line north to the eastern edge of Two Mile Run Reservoir at the northern boundary of Sugarcreek Borough (an imaginary line halfway between Franklin and Oil City); west on the Sugarcreek/Oakland Township line to Jackson Township, north on the Oakland/Jackson Township line to Plum Township; east on the northern borders of Oakland, Cornplanter, and President Townships to the Venango/Forest County border.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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

*Christopher J. Singer*

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor