



## DECREE

### *Clarifying the boundaries of Saint Patrick Parish, Franklin*

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 Patrick Parish in Franklin as follows:

In Venango County, beginning on the Venango/Mercer County border at the Mineral/Irwin township line; north on the Venango/Mercer County border to the line between Plum and Jackson Townships; southeast on the Plum/Jackson township line to Oakland Township; south on the Jackson/Oakland township line to Sugarcreek Borough; east on the Sugarcreek/Oakland Township border to the eastern edge of Two Mile Run Reservoir; then a straight line south to the confluence of the Allegheny River and East Sandy Creek (an imaginary line halfway between Franklin and Oil City); east and south on the Allegheny River to the Victory/Clinton township line; west on the Victory/Clinton township line and continuing west on the Mineral/Irwin township line to the Venango/Mercer 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*

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