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## **Decree Amending the Boundaries of Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County**

Whereas, since 1970, nine parishes in the Terre Haute Deanery have been extinguished and their parishioners incorporated into other parishes in the process of extinctive unification, and

Whereas the last four of these extinctive unifications took place in the calendar years 2011 and 2012, and

Whereas these extinctive unions and demographic shifts in the Terre Haute Deanery have rendered the existing parish boundaries obsolete insofar as the boundaries no longer meet the pastoral needs of the Catholic people of the deanery, and

Whereas the aforementioned extinctive unions have accordingly made it necessary to amend the boundaries of the existing parishes of the deanery, including Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County, in order to more effectively meet the pastoral needs of the parishes and of the deanery as a whole, and

Whereas I have determined that it is to the advantage of the parishioners of Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County that the borders of the parish be amended in order to ensure that the pastoral needs of the parishioners can be more effectively addressed, and

Whereas I have convened and consulted with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council concerning the question of the boundaries of Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County pursuant to the requirements of canon law,

Therefore I now decree, upon the advice of the Presbyteral Council, that the parish boundaries of Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County shall, from the effective date of this decree, be amended to include all of Clay County and that part of Lost Creek Township of Vigo County which is north of US Highway 40 and east of Main Street/Jones Road.

This decree shall become effective thirty days after its publication to the pastor of Annunciation Parish of Brazil, Clay County and to the dean, pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators of the parishes of the Terre Haute Deanery.

The decree shall be published to the pastor of Annunciation Parish and to the dean and to the pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators of the parishes of the Terre Haute Deanery. The pastor of Annunciation Parish shall notify the parishioners of the existence and the content of this decree immediately upon its receipt. Notice of this decree shall also be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*, while the text of this decree shall be published on the Archdiocesan web site.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

+ Joseph W. Tobin C.S.R.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Attest:

Annette "Mickey" Lentz

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