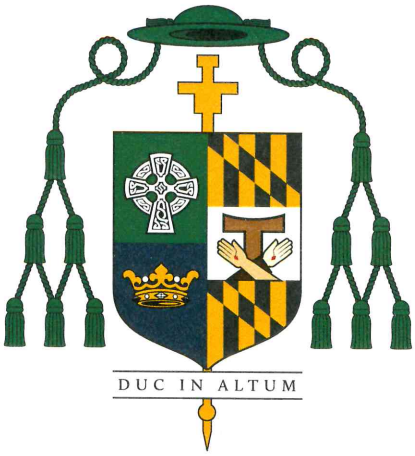


HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL T. MARTIN, OFM CONV.

By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF CHARLOTTE

DECREE REDEFINING VICARIATES IN THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Canon 374 §2: To foster pastoral care through common action, several neighboring parishes can be joined into special groups, such as vicariates forane.

After due consultation with the Presbyteral Council, and to foster pastoral care through common action, I, the undersigned Bishop of Charlotte, do hereby redefine the following Vicariates:

1. **The Albemarle Vicariate.**

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Albemarle Vicariate, namely:

Parishes:

Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church (Albemarle)
Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church (Biscoe)
St. Matthew Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. James Catholic Church (Hamlet)
St. Luke Catholic Church (Mint Hill)
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Monroe)
Medhanie Alem Quasi-Parish (Charlotte)

Missions:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Wadesboro)

Other Ministry Sites:

The Catholic Community of Waxhaw
Novant Health Matthews Medical Center
Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center
Novant Health Ballantyne Medical Center
Atrium Health Union

2. **The Asheville Vicariate.**

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Asheville Vicariate, namely:

Parishes

Basilica of St. Lawrence (Asheville)
St. Eugene Catholic Church (Asheville)
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Forest City)
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church (Mars Hill)
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church (Swannanoa)

Missions

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Burnsville)
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic (Marion)

Other Ministries

Mission Hospital (Asheville)

3. **The Boone Vicariate.**

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Boone Vicariate, namely:

Parishes

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church (Boone)
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Jefferson)
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Lenoir)
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (Morganton)
St. Lucien Catholic Church (Spruce Pine)

Missions

Catholic Church of the Epiphany (Blowing Rock)
St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church (Sparta)
St. Bernadette Catholic Church (Linville)
Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Taylorsville)

Other Ministries

Appalachian State University Catholic Campus Ministry (Boone)

4. The Charlotte Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Charlotte Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. Ann Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. Gabriel Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. John Lee Korean Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. John Neumann Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. Patrick Cathedral (Charlotte)
St. Peter Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Charlotte)

Other Ministries

Little Flower Chapel (Mooresville)
Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center
Atrium Health Mercy
Atrium Health Presbyterian Medical Center
Charlotte Catholic High School
Holy Trinity Academy
SEARCH Ministry (OFM)

5. The Gastonia Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Gastonia Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

St. Mary, Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church (Belmont)
St. Michael Catholic Church (Gastonia)
St. Dorothy Catholic Church (Lincolnton)
St. Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church (Shelby)
Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church (Charlotte)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Charlotte)

Missions

St. Helen Catholic Church (Gastonia)
Christ the King Catholic Church (Kings Mtn.)

Other Ministries

St. Joseph College Seminary
Belmont Abbey

6. The Greensboro Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Greensboro Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

St. Joseph of the Hills Catholic Church (Eden)
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church (Greensboro)
St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church (Greensboro)
St. Benedict Catholic Church (Greensboro)
St. Mary Catholic Church (Greensboro)
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (Greensboro)
Holy Infant Catholic Church (Reidsville)

Other Ministries

Franciscan Center
NC A&T State University/Bennett College CCM (Greensboro)
High Point University CCM (High Point)
St. Francis Springs Prayer Center

7. The Hendersonville Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Hendersonville Vicariate, namely:

Parishes

St. Barnabas Catholic Church (Arden)
Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Brevard)
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (Candler)
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Hendersonville)
St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church (Maggie Valley)
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (Tryon)
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Waynesville)

Missions

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Canton)

8. The Lake Norman Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Lake Norman Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Charlotte)
St. James the Greater Catholic Church (Concord)
St. Mark Catholic Church (Huntersville)
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Kannapolis)
St. Therese Catholic Church (Mooresville)
St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church (Statesville)
Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Denver)
St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Hickory)
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Newton)

Other Ministries

Christ the King Catholic High School (Huntersville)
UNC Charlotte Catholic Campus Ministry (Charlotte)
Catholic Conference Center (Hickory)

9. The Salisbury Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Salisbury Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Asheboro)
Christ the King Catholic Church (High Point)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (High Point)
Holy Cross Catholic Church (Kernersville)
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church (Lexington)
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Mocksville)
Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Salisbury)
Our Lady of the Highways Catholic Church (Thomasville)

Other Ministries

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School (Kernersville)
Korean Catholic Community of the Triad
Pennybyrn

10. The Smoky Mountains Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Smoky Mountains Vicariate, namely:

Parishes

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (Andrews)
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Bryson City)
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Franklin)
St. William Catholic Church (Murphy)
St. Jude Catholic Church (Sapphire)
St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church (Sylva)
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church (Highlands)

Missions

Prince of Peace Catholic Church (Robbinsville)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (Cherokee)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (Hayesville)

Other Ministries

Western Carolina University Catholic Campus Ministry (Cullowhee)

XI. The Winston-Salem Vicariate

The parishes, missions, and other ministry sites, and all the presbyters responsible for the care of souls assigned to any of the parishes, missions and other ministry sites listed below comprise the Winston-Salem Vicariate, namely:

Parish Name

Divine Redeemer Catholic Church (Boonville)
Holy Angels Catholic Church (Mt. Airy)
St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic Church (N. Wilkesboro)
Holy Family Catholic Church (Clemmons)
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church (Winston-Salem)
St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church (Winston-Salem)
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (Winston-Salem)

Missions

St. Stephen Catholic Church (Elkin)
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Winston-Salem)
Good Shepherd Catholic Church (King)

Other Ministries

Wake Forest University Catholic Campus Ministry (Winston-Salem)

The territorial boundaries of each Vicariate are constituted by the combined territorial boundaries of the parishes assigned thereto. Any subsequent alteration of parish boundaries or reassignment of a parish shall, *ipso facto*, effect a corresponding alteration of the boundaries of the affected Vicariate or Vicariates.

Any parish, quasi-parish, mission, oratory, institution, ministry site, chaplaincy, or other ecclesiastical entity hereafter erected, established, designated, recognized, or otherwise constituted within the Diocese of Charlotte shall belong to the Vicariate within whose territory it is located or principally exercises its ministry, unless otherwise expressly determined by the Diocesan Bishop. Priests entrusted with responsibility for the care of souls therein shall likewise belong to that Vicariate.

The presbyters of these Vicariates are expected and strongly exhorted to meet regularly, undertake those tasks assigned to them, and join efforts together in those matters affecting their Vicariate. They are also to cooperate and collaborate with the diocesan bishop in the governance of the diocese according to the norm of law.

This Decree takes effect on October 28, 2026. All previous assignments of parishes, missions, institutions, and other ecclesiastical entities to vicariates within the Diocese of Charlotte are hereby revoked and replaced by the assignments contained in this decree. Any provision to the contrary is expressly abrogated.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Charlotte in Charlotte, on the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, October 28, 2026.

The Most Reverend Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv.
Bishop of Charlotte

The Reverend Monsignor John T. Putnam, J.C.L.
Vicar General and Chancellor

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE