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### DECREE

**To: Clergy, Religious, Parish Council Presidents, Eparchial Pastoral Council Members,  
Eparchial Ministries and Eparchial staff**

**Христос Родився! Славимо Його! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

**In preparation for the VII session of the Patriarchal Sobor, that is to take place on August 25-29, 2020 in Lviv, Ukraine, and in accordance with cc 235-242 CCEO, as bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, I decree the Eparchy of Saskatoon will be holding a Sobor on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Saskatoon. Some details are provided below while others are forthcoming.**

The main topics of discussion at this Sobor will be:

- 1) Migration, Immigration & Settlement
- 2) Missionary Discipleship and Evangelization
- 3) Unity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
  - a) Prioritize our Eparchy's strengths and weaknesses
  - b) Prioritize the needs of the faithful and how to meet those needs.
  - c) Prioritize our Eparchy's opportunities and challenges in the areas of immigration, migration, settlements and unity at the deanery, district and parish levels.
  - d) Prioritize how to re-engage faithful who seldom participate in our parish communities.

The resolutions from our Sobor will be forwarded to the organizing committee of the VII Patriarchal Sobor in Ukraine.

**It is the responsibility of each dean to ensure each parish priest (assisted by the Eparchial Pastoral Council) addresses these topics in each parish and then summarizes the results according to Districts prior to our Eparchial Sobor date of April 3-4, 2020. It is obligatory for all Clergy, Eparchial Pastoral Council Members, Eparchial Ministries and Eparchial staff to attend this Sobor. Each pastoral district must send at least 2 lay representatives to this Sobor who are prepared to discuss the summarized results of their discussions from their respective district.**

In Christ,

+ *Bryan Bayda, C.S.R.*

Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, C.S.R.  
Eparch of Saskatoon

