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DECREE - New Deaneries of Saskatoon and Yorkton

Dear Reverend Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon,
Glory to Jesus Christ!

I am very pleased with what has been accomplished by the Religious Education Centre in terms of ongoing catechesis in the Eparchy. We have an active Family and Life office as well as a Youth Ministry Office and Communication Office. With the talents of the AGEMI Office Stewardship has brought a great deal of clarity to the State of affairs in the eparchy regarding demographic trends, property titles and assets. The fundraising in the Eparchy has never been more organized in my recent memory than now, thanks to the capable gifts and talents of our Foundation office, namely Morris, Iris, and the Foundation Board.

However, with the challenges of COVID, we face new decisions and to adapt to new realities in the Eparchy the Presbyteral Council held a meeting on September 15, 2020. They recommended to me that the deanery boundaries be changed owing to the lower numbers of clergy and faithful.

The current deaneries of Regina and Yorkton will be amalgamated into one, known as the **Deanery of Yorkton** going forward, and I am appointing Fr. Joakim Rac as the Dean. The deaneries of Saskatoon and Prince Albert will be amalgamated into one, known as the **Deanery of Saskatoon** going forward and I am appointing Fr. Janko Kolosnjaji as the Dean. This will take effect January 1, 2021. The Eparchial Pastoral Council (EPC) will have to adapt its by-laws to ensure there is an adequate representation from across the Eparchy and that this new reality is reflected.

As I have often mentioned to the clergy, parishioners are to discuss with their respective parish priests, what the 5-year plan for your parish and District is going to look like. It can be expected that the amalgamation of Deaneries will be followed by the amalgamation of Districts since some Districts are currently paired (under one Administrator/Pastor). It is of utmost importance that the faithful discuss this first amongst themselves and give recommendations to their Administrator/Pastor and then to the Bishop and Consultors so that when a decision is made, as much as possible it is made with the advice of the faithful.

With my blessings and best wishes, I remain,
Yours in the service of Christ and His Church,

Most Reverend Bryan J. Bayda, CSsR
Eparch of Saskatoon

cc. Fr. Janko Kolosnjaji Vicar General and Chancellor