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Христос Воскрес!

Dear Fr. Ivan,

APPOINTMENT : Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky as Vice-Chancellor

I am very pleased with what has been accomplished by the Religious Education Centre in terms of ongoing catechesis in the Eparchy. Stewardship has brought great 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 to continue the relatively smooth development of the Eparchy. We have been in a position to weather these challenges because of the hard work of many people over the past 10 years, but the added responsibilities I have in the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada have left me reflecting on how to keep up my presence and attentiveness in the Eparchy of Saskatoon uninterrupted as much as possible.

Deanery boundaries have shifted. The deaneries of Regina and Yorkton have been amalgamated into the Deanery of Yorkton and I have appointed Fr. Joakim Rac as the Dean. The deaneries of Saskatoon and Prince Albert have been amalgamated into the Deanery of Saskatoon and I have appointed Fr. Janko Kolosnjaji as the Dean. This took effect January 1, 2021.

Further to Fr. Janko's responsibilities as Vicar General, Chancellor, Dean of Saskatoon, Rector of the Cathedral, he recently has taken on the Administration of the Cudworth, North Battleford and Hafford Districts. For better distribution of responsibilities and looking into future transitions, I am appointing you, Fr. Ivan, as **Vice Chancellor for the Eparchy of Saskatoon effective May 1, 2021**. In order to assist you adapting to this new responsibility, Fr. Janko, in light of his other offices and increased responsibilities, remains as Chancellor until my revocation.

I make this appointment after much consultation, prayer and thought. Fr. Ivan, in addition to being the Vicar of Property, and now as the Vice Chancellor of the Eparchy, you will take on the responsibilities similar to being the Chancellor or "chief of staff" for those who work and volunteer at the Chancery Office. (CEO c252). Fr. Ivan, it is good that you are currently taking canon law classes to assist in these duties. You have worked closely with Fr. Janko in reorganizing the Eparchial archives and updating clergy files. You have worked closely with our Eparchial Solicitor, Marusia Kobrynsky & Nestor Halaitso of AGEMI regarding Stewardship of titles, properties,

cemeteries & religious artifacts of the Eparchy. You have worked closely and have been available to all of the Chancery Staff and Ministry leads, in particular celebrating the Divine Liturgy for them most week days. You sit on the Board of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan for our Eparchy. You are thoroughly involved in the writing of the new Human Resources policy for the Eparchy staff. Likewise, you are part of the Data Management Committee and have excellent training, through your experience as a Reserve Force Military Chaplain, in the management of people.

Further, Fr. Ivan, you have covered the Province with the Stewardship Program, truly a program of calling people to be good stewards of each other and the gifts God has given our Eparchy. The parishes that choose to decommission as a result of this reflection by clergy and their parishioners, enter into a process of dialogue which calls for evaluating many emotions including grieving the loss of a church they have been a part of for decades. It is a challenge that is not merely practical but abundantly pastoral and touches the very core some have identified with all their lives.

The necessity of negotiating with parishes, Real Estate agents and companies requires signatures more often than some might expect. I don't think we can name another priest who has met with parishioners across the Eparchy in the last 4 years more than you.

In my growing attention to matters in the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, it gives me peace of mind that the Eparchy of Saskatoon has very qualified and talented clergy, staff and volunteers which bodes well for us into the future.

In Christ,

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR
Eparch of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

Cc Fr. Janko Vicar-General, Chancellor of the Eparchy of Saskatoon