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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) with Blessed Trinity (Weyburn)

Whereas:

1. The Second Vatican Council, in its decree on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops, *Christus Dominus*, 32, affirmed the perennial teaching of a Bishop's responsibility for the care of souls of those living in his diocese/eparchy. He is to see to the spiritual wellbeing of persons by the establishment, suppression, and/or modification of parishes when it is opportune to do so. (CCEO c. 280)
2. Ukrainian settlers first arrived in the district of Bienfait, Saskatchewan in 1905. They organized themselves into a community in 1921 and built a hall within which liturgical services were held. In 1958, the Ukrainian Catholics purchased the community hall and modified it for use as a Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Ss. Peter & Paul at Bienfait, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait)"] was canonically erected June 16, 1959. The last liturgical services at Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) were celebrated in the 1980's and the parish was closed in 1992 when the church building and lot were sold. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) has no assets of any kind and no known liabilities are associated with it.
3. The closest or most convenient parish to serve the faithful living in the parish territory is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Blessed Trinity at Weyburn, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Blessed Trinity (Weyburn)"]. Fr. Warren Dungen, the pastoral Administrator of Blessed Trinity (Weyburn) has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) merged with that of Blessed Trinity (Weyburn) such that the care of any souls within that territory would fall under his mandate.

4. At a duly constituted meeting of the Presbyteral Council of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon held June 20, 2024, the Presbyteral Council was consulted regarding the suppression of Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) and the union of that parish territory with Blessed Trinity (Weyburn). The Presbyteral Council granted unanimous consent for the proposed action.

Now therefore, I, the Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, make the following Decree:

1. Pursuant to CCEO c. 280, the parish of Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of Blessed Trinity (Weyburn).
2. All the Christian Faithful ascribed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church who have domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory of the former parish, Ss. Peter & Paul (Bienfait), now belong to Blessed Trinity (Weyburn).
3. Fr. Warren Dungen will continue as pastoral administrator of Blessed Trinity (Weyburn).
4. This Decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Eparchial website.
5. This Decree shall take effect on June 20, 2024.

May Christ our Lord, through the powerful prayers and intercession of the Mother of God, continue to provide rich blessings to the parishioners of Blessed Trinity (Weyburn).

Given at the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, under my signature and Eparchial seal and bearing the countersignature of the Chancellor of the Eparchy.

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