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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Sacred Heart (Biggar) with St. George's (Saskatoon)

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 arrived in the district of Biggar, Saskatchewan in 1912. At first, services were held in the local Roman Catholic church. In 1946, the Ukrainian Catholic faithful met to commence the organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart at ^{Biggar} Biggar, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Sacred Heart (Biggar)"]. The church lot was purchased in 1951 and the cornerstone of the church building was blessed October 3, 1954. By 1986, the church had been vacated. The church building was sold and then the vacant lots were sold in 1996. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Sacred Heart (Biggar) has no remaining assets of any kind nor are there any known liabilities associated with the parish.
3. The closest or most convenient parish to serve the faithful living in the territory of Sacred Heart (Biggar) is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Saint George at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "St. George's (Saskatoon)"]. Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky, the Rector of St. George's (Saskatoon), has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Sacred Heart (Biggar) merged with that of St. George's (Saskatoon) 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 Sacred Heart (Biggar) and the union of that parish territory with St. George's (Saskatoon). 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 Sacred Heart (Biggar) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of St. George's (Saskatoon).
2. All the Christian Faithful ascribed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church who have domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory of the former parish, Sacred Heart (Biggar), now belong to St. George's (Saskatoon).
3. Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky will continue as the Rector of St. George's (Saskatoon).
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 St. George's (Saskatoon).

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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