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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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 Estevan, Saskatchewan in 1910. Before a parish was established in Estevan, they attended services at Bienfait, Weyburn, and Tribune. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Estevan, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Assumption of the BVM (Estevan)"] was canonically erected in 1960. The church building was purchased from a mining firm in 1960 and relocated to a site in Estevan. The church property, including some of the contents, was sold in 2003 at which time all sacred items were removed. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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 Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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 Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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 Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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 Assumption of the BVM (Estevan) 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, Assumption of the BVM (Estevan), now belong to Blessed Trinity (Weyburn).
3. Fr. Warren Dungen will continue as the 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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