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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Holy Ghost (Hyas) with Sacred Heart (Norquay)

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 Hyas, Saskatchewan in 1904. Services were held in private homes and later in the neighbouring parishes at Norquay, Antoniówka, and Ormside. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Ghost at Hyas, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Holy Ghost (Hyas)"] was organized in the late 1940's. The church building was constructed in 1954. The church property was sold in 2001. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Holy Ghost (Hyas) 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 Holy Ghost (Hyas) is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart at Norquay, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Sacred Heart (Norquay)"]. Fr. Ivan Simko, the Pastoral Administrator of Sacred Heart (Norquay), has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Holy Ghost (Hyas) merged with that of Sacred Heart (Norquay) 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 Holy Ghost (Hyas) and the union of that parish territory with Sacred Heart (Norquay). 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 Holy Ghost (Hyas) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of Sacred Heart (Norquay).
2. All the Christian Faithful ascribed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church who have domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory of the former parish, Holy Ghost (Hyas), now belong to Sacred Heart (Norquay).
3. Fr. Ivan Simko will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of Sacred Heart (Norquay).
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 Sacred Heart (Norquay).

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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