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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Patronage of the BVM (Major) 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. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Major, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Patronage of the BVM (Major)"] was canonically erected by Decree dated July 17, 1958 although it appears the parish was organized a few years earlier. The church and the site were purchased from the Roman Catholic Parish in 1958 and modified to meet the requirements of the Ukrainian Catholic Rite. As a result of demographic changes, the parish was closed and the church property sold to the Village of Major in 1974. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Patronage of the BVM (Major) 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 Patronage of the BVM (Major) is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. 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 Patronage of the BVM (Major) 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 Patronage of the BVM (Major) 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 Patronage of the BVM (Major) 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, Patronage of the BVM (Major), now belong to St. George's (Saskatoon).
3. Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky will continue as the Pastoral Administrator 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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Very Rev. Vasyl Tymishak
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