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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION

St. John the Baptist (Swift Current) with Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw)

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 Catholic settlers first came to the district of Swift Current, Saskatchewan in 1907. Services were held in the Roman Catholic Church until a Ukrainian Catholic Church was constructed between 1955 and 1968. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. John the Baptist at Swift Current, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "St. John the Baptist (Swift Current)"] was canonically erected by Decree dated March 9, 1955. As a result of demographic changes, the parish decided to cease operations in 2012. The rectory and church property were sold in 2014. This parish did not have its own cemetery. The charity registration of the parish was revoked by Canada Revenue Agency for failure to file and the repercussions resulting from such inaction have been finalized. St. John the Baptist (Swift Current) 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 that area is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw)"]. Fr. Vasyl Tymishak, the Pastoral Administrator of Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw), has been consulted and has agreed to

have the territory of St. John the Baptist (Swift Current) merged with that of Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw) 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 St. John the Baptist (Swift Current) and the union of that parish territory with Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw). 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 St. John the Baptist (Swift Current) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw).
2. All the Christian Faithful ascribed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church who have domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory of the former parish, St. John the Baptist (Swift Current), now belong to Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw).
3. Fr. Vasyl Tymishak will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw).
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 Assumption of the BVM (Moose Jaw).

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

+ Most Rev. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

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Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon

Fr. Vasyl Tymishak

Very Rev. Vasyl Tymishak
Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon

