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**DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION**  
**Holy Trinity (Tuffnell) with Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton)**

**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 arrived in the area of Tuffnell, Saskatchewan in 1905. Services were held in private homes until the first parish church was built in 1924. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Trinity at Tuffnell, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Holy Trinity (Tuffnell)"] was canonically erected by Decree dated May 5, 1919. In 1951, the parish purchased the United Church at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan and moved it to a site in Tuffnell. The original church site was retained for the cemetery. As a result of demographic changes, the members of the parish decided to cease operations in 2018. The church property within Tuffnell was sold in 1919 and the title to the cemetery parcel was transferred to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Yorkton, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton)"]. Holy Trinity (Tuffnell) 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 Trinity (Tuffnell) is Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton). Fr. Basil Malowany, the Pastoral Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton) has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Holy Trinity (Tuffnell)

merged with that of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton) 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 Trinity (Tuffnell) and the union of that parish territory with Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton). 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 Trinity (Tuffnell) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton).
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 Trinity (Tuffnell), now belong to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton).
3. Fr. Basil Malowany will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton).
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 Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Yorkton).

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. V. Tymishak

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

