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**DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION**  
**Holy Trinity (Cecil) with St. George's (Prince Albert)**

**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 Cecil, Saskatchewan in 1927. A Ukrainian Catholic church was built between 1945 and 1946. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Trinity at Cecil, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Holy Trinity (Cecil)"] was canonically erected by Decree dated January 15, 1955. The church was closed sometime prior to 1977 and the church property was sold in 1980. This parish did not have its own cemetery. Holy Trinity (Cecil) 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 (Cecil) is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. George at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "St. George's (Prince Albert)"]. Fr. Harry Salahub, the Pastoral Administrator of St. George's (Prince Albert), has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Holy Trinity (Cecil) merged with that of St. George's (Prince Albert) 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 October 9, 2024, the Presbyteral Council was consulted regarding the suppression of Holy Trinity (Cecil) and the union of that parish territory with St. George's (Prince Albert). 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 (Cecil) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of St. George's (Prince Albert).
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 (Cecil), now belong to St. George's (Prince Albert).
3. Fr. Harry Salahub will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of St. George's (Prince Albert).
4. This Decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Eparchial website.
5. This Decree shall take effect on October 29, 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 (Prince Albert).

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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