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**DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION**  
**Holy Spirit (MacDowall) 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 moved into the district of MacDowall, Saskatchewan between 1928-1930 from other locations in Saskatchewan. The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Descent of the Holy Spirit at MacDowall, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Holy Spirit (MacDowall)"] was organized in 1946 when the church was built. Many of the members of the parish resettled in Prince Albert and the church property, which included a cemetery site, was transferred to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. George at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "St. George's (Prince Albert)"] in February, 1980. Holy Spirit (MacDowall) 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 Spirit (MacDowall) is 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 Spirit (MacDowall) 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 ~~June~~ <sup>✓ Oct.</sup> 9, 2024, the Presbyteral Council was consulted regarding the suppression of Holy Spirit (MacDowall) 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 Spirit (MacDowall) 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 Spirit (MacDowall), 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.

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

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Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon



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