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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Holy Ghost (Melfort) with All Saints (Nipawin)

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 Holy Ghost at Melfort, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Holy Ghost (Melfort)"] was organized in 1952 and canonically erected by Decree dated June 24, 1954. The church construction began in 1954 and a house that would serve as a rectory was moved onto an adjacent site in 1958. A new rectory was built on the same site in 1985. As a result of demographic changes, the parish sold the rectory in 2011 and subsequently sold the church property in 2020 after removing all of the sacred items. This parish did not have its own cemetery. The process for the voluntary revocation of the parish's status as a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency has been completed. Holy Ghost (Melfort) 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 Ghost (Melfort) is the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of All Saints at Nipawin Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "All Saints (Nipawin)"]. Fr. Harry Salahub, the Pastoral Administrator of All Saints (Nipawin), has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Holy Ghost (Melfort) merged with that of All Saints (Nipawin) 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 Ghost (Melfort) Demetrius and the union of that parish territory with All Saints (Nipawin). 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 Ghost (Melfort) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of All Saints (Nipawin).
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 Ghost (Melfort), now belong to All Saints (Nipawin).
3. Fr. Harry Salahub will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of All Saints (Nipawin).
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 All Saints (Nipawin).

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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