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DECREE OF SUPPRESSION AND UNION
Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) with Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern)

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 Rosthern, Saskatchewan in the early 1900's. The first church was built in 1904. Bishop Nicetas Budka made the first episcopal visitation to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Rosthern, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern)"] in 1916. A larger church was built between 1925 and 1928 on the same site. In 1963, the church was struck by lightning and was completely destroyed by fire. It was never rebuilt. The church site and the adjacent cemetery property were transferred to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Ss. Peter & Paul at Rosthern, Saskatchewan of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon [herein "Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern)"]. Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) 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 Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) is Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern). Fr. Harry Salahub, the Pastoral Administrator of Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern), has been consulted and has agreed to have the territory of Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) merged with that of Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern) 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 Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) and the union of that parish territory with Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern). 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 Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern) is suppressed and the territory of that former parish is merged with the territory of Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern).
2. All the Christian Faithful ascribed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church who have domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory of the former parish, Nativity of the BVM (Rosthern), now belong to Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern).
3. Fr. Harry Salahub will continue as the Pastoral Administrator of Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern).
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 Ss. Peter & Paul (Rosthern).

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.
Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon





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