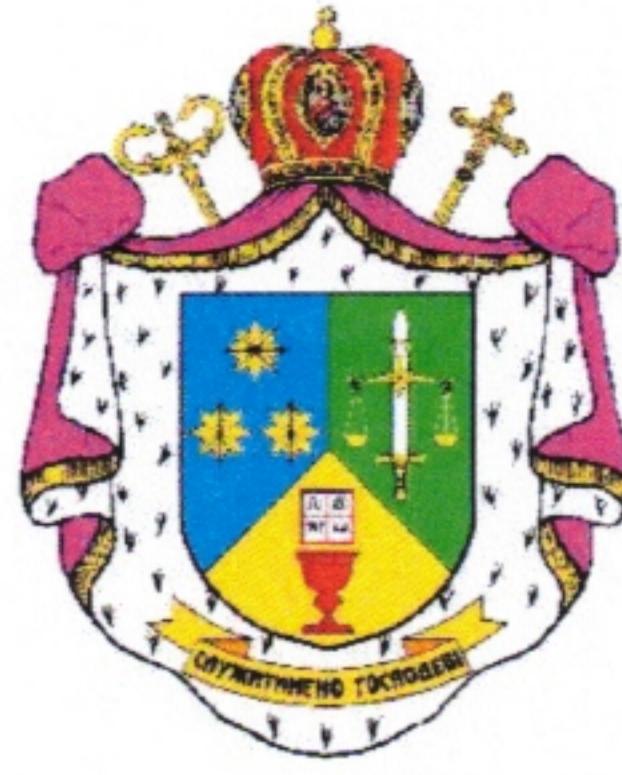


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DECREE

On the Placement and Veneration of the Relics of Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and Twelve Companion Martyrs of Pratulin

On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the **Blessed Martyrs of Pratulin** (1874–2024), our Eparchy has been deeply blessed to receive sacred relics of Blessed Wincenty Lewoniuk and his Twelve Companion Martyrs of Pratulin. Through the kind efforts of Dr. **Anna E. Bodnar** these relics were graciously entrusted to us by His Excellency **Kazimierz Gurda**, Bishop of Siedlce (Poland).

In gratitude for this precious gift and in order to foster greater devotion and knowledge of these heroic witnesses of faith and unity with the Catholic Church, I, Most Reverend **Michael Kwiatkowski**, by the grace of God, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, hereby decree and assign the distribution of the holy relics as follows:

1. Holy Eucharist Cathedral, **New Westminster**, BC
Rector: Very Rev. Mykhailo Ozorovych [Registry Number of Relics: **240**]
2. St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, **Prince George**, BC
Pastor: Very Rev. Andrii Chornenkyi [Registry Number of Relics: **241**]
3. St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, **Nanaimo**, BC
Pastor: Rev. Stepan Vytvytskyi [Registry Number of Relics: **242**]
4. Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, **Kelowna**, BC
Pastor: Rev. Pavlo Myts [Registry Number of Relics: **243**]

These sacred relics are to be received with reverence and placed in a worthy and secure reliquary for public veneration according to the liturgical norms and traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Pastoral Directives:

1. Each parish entrusted with a relic of the Pratulin Martyrs is to celebrate a **Moleben to the Blessed Martyrs of Pratulin** at least **once** a month – on the **23** day - praying for the steadfastness of faith among our people and for unity in the Church.

2. The faithful are encouraged to foster both **public and private veneration** of these holy Martyrs.

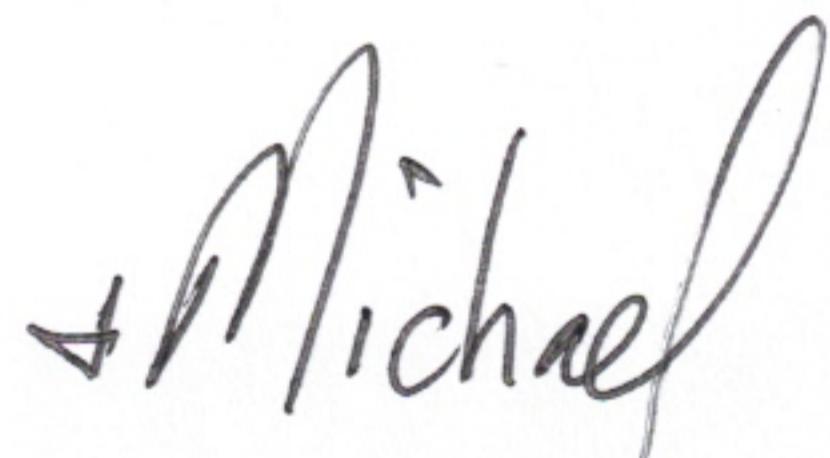
3. Each parish is encouraged, in due time, to **commission an icon** of the Blessed Martyrs of Pratulin, to which the relic may be affixed or placed nearby in an appropriate and dignified manner.

4. Pastors and catechists are to teach the **history and significance** of the Pratulin Martyrs, so that through their example of courage and fidelity, we may all grow in our love for Christ and the Church.

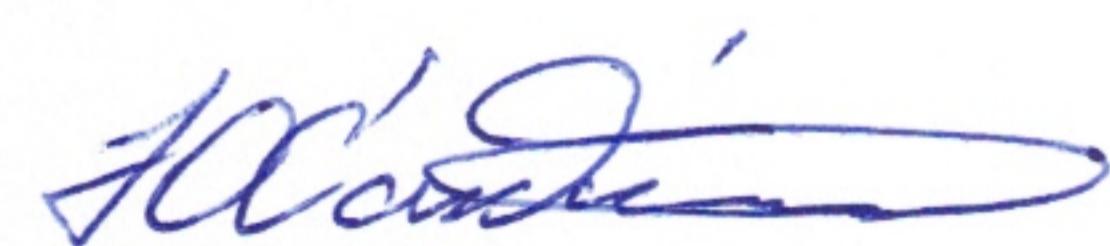
Pastoral Exhortation:

The Martyrs of Pratulin stand as radiant witnesses of steadfast faith, courage, and loyalty to the Catholic Church in the face of persecution. From them, we learn to remain firm in our convictions, faithful to our national and religious identity, and proud of our heritage as Ukrainian Eastern Catholics. Their sacrifice reminds us that even amidst the challenges and threats we encounter today - whether in Ukraine or here in Canada - the vitality of our Church continues to shine brightly through our fidelity, prayer, and witness.

May the Blessed Martyrs of Pratulin intercede for our clergy and faithful, strengthening us to live our faith with courage and joy, and to always stand united in the love of Christ.



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Bishop of the Eparchy of New Westminster



Very Rev. Yuriy Sakvuk
Chancellor

Issued at Holy Eucharist Cathedral
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