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FROM: St. Josaphat Eparchy of Parma, Western Deanery

TO: All Parishioners, Friends, and Families of the Ukrainian Catholic Parishes in Cleveland, Ohio area

Beloved Friends in Christ,

For a long time, many of you have been concerned about the condition of our Sts. Peter & Paul – St. Andrew Cemetery on Hoertz Rd. in Parma, Ohio.

In recent weeks, issues were discussed with our Bishop and local Pastors. As a result, we have found no immediate solution to the maintenance issues (cutting grass, weed control). Maintenance of this private cemetery is not an easy task.

We have checked with Holy Cross Cemetery, Riverside Cemetery and Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery in regards to their maintenance structure. These cemeteries are staffed with full-time employees to maintain their own cemeteries. Unfortunately, they are unable to assist us.

In addition, private landscaping companies are currently busy and also unable to assist us.

Therefore, we will continue with our current maintenance team until next spring. Hopefully during the winter, we can contract with a landscaping company to maintain our cemetery grounds in 2022.

Please understand our current situation and be patient in our pursuit to rectify the cemetery lawn maintenance issues.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Canon Andrew G. Hanovsky, Dean of Western Deanery

Rev. Ihor Kasiyan, Pastor of St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church (Parma)

Rev. Volodymyr Hrytsyuk, Rector of St. Josaphat Cathedral (Parma)

Rev. Canon Michael Drozdovsky, Pastor of Pokrova Parish (Parma)

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In absence of Fr. Drozdovsky, signed by substitute priest, Rev. Sviatoslav Ditchuk