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**Historical Train of Ukrainian Pioneers Retraces Journey of
Ukrainian Pioneers across Canada**

Delegation to Visit Southeastern Manitoba

The Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Dr. Ihor Ostash, will be leading a delegation retracing the steps of early Ukrainian settlers to southeastern Manitoba, as part of a national historic trek that commemorates the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada. The delegation will depart Pier 21 in Halifax, NS on June 24th traveling across the Canadian landscape to Edmonton, AB.

The Historical Train will arrive in Winnipeg on Saturday, July 2nd. That afternoon the public is invited to meet His Excellency Dr. Ostash, along with the train participants at a community event on Saturday July 2nd from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, at the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden in Assiniboine Park.

The Office of the Consistory encourages our local Winnipeg and surrounding area clergy and faithful to be part of the tour of significant landmarks of Ukrainian settlement throughout southeastern Manitoba at the following events on Sunday July 3rd. The Ambassador, accompanied by politicians, visitors from Ukraine and other dignitaries and guests will be in attendance:

1. An 11:00 a.m. site visit and short service at the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in western Canada, the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Stuartburn. The church is located 3 km east of Stuartburn on provincial road 201.
2. A 12:30 p.m. lunch and tour of the Gardenton Ukrainian Museum, which houses an extensive collection of artifacts from the era of the first immigrants.
3. A 2:00 p.m. Panakhyda (Memorial) Service for the deceased pioneers and site tour at the historically recognized first Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, St. Michael's, Gardenton. The service will be officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy and clergy. Following the service refreshments will be served. The church is located south of Winnipeg on Hwy 59 to Tolstoi. Turn east on Hwy 209 and travel 3 miles.

With prayers,

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