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Hello, Friend in Christ

We are sending you this message because you subscribe to the print edition of the Western Catholic Reporter.

The upcoming issue of the WCR, dated September 26, will be the LAST issue. We know that this is disappointing news to so many readers who have come to rely on the WCR for Catholic news, feature stories, commentary, and insight.

As you will read in the next issue, the decision to close the WCR is a result of a reorganization of archdiocesan communications announced by our Publisher, Archbishop Richard Smith, on September 12. (for more details of the announcement, click this link from the archdiocesan website: <http://caedm.ca/PastoralScene/entryvid/434>.)

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You will receive a letter outlining the status of your subscription in the coming weeks, and we will be requesting your response by return post.

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Thank you for being a faithful reader of the WCR. It has been our honour and privilege to serve you in our mission of serving Jesus Christ and his Church. Please be assured that your support and prayers are truly appreciated.

May God bless you,

On behalf of the WCR staff,

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