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Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Michigan and beyond,

I write to share with you some disappointing news. The Cathedral Bookshop, as it is currently organized, will cease operation as of December 31 of this year. It has been determined that the financial position of the Bookshop, particularly its debt position, requires this action. To a person, the leadership of the Cathedral is heavy-hearted about this difficult but necessary decision.

The Vestry and I recognize the significant impact of this decision for the Cathedral Community, the congregations and people of the diocese, and customers beyond, and also for the manager and volunteers for whom the bookshop is a significant expression of their baptismal ministry.

Many questions abound, but most center on a version of, "Is the Bookshop closing forever or will it reopen in some different way?" The truthful answer is that it is too early to tell. "Forever" is a long time, and we know the bookshop has been through several transformations over its history. We also know the extreme challenge faced by any independent bookseller in current economic and industry conditions.

We ask for your prayers and understanding, and we ask for God's wisdom, guidance and grace as we make our way forward.

Yours in Christ,

The Very Reverend S. Scott Hunter

