

More pain in Detroit as archdiocese cuts back personnel, services

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The Archdiocese of Detroit earlier this month [announced](#) [1] a major financial restructuring of its Central Services. In response to a critical cash-flow situation, the Archdiocese of Detroit has announced a major financial restructuring of its central operations that involves its programs, properties and positions. In the words of Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, "The financial realities of our current circumstances are sobering; the resulting changes for the administrative structure of the archdiocese are significant."

The plan includes the reduction of archdiocesan staff positions from 264 to 187 this fall, the sale of buildings and relocation of administrative support offices, and a shift to regional delivery of programs, services and ministries to the parishes.

Vigneron explained some of the actions he is taking in a [letter](#) [2] he sent to his priests.

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