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Letter to the people
of the Archdiocese of Southwark

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My dear people,

I am writing to you today to inform you personally, that Pope Benedict has accepted my resignation as Archbishop of Southwark. As many of you will readily realise, the reason for this decision is my state of health. In communicating this to you, I wish, first of all, to express my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and your understanding over the last two years when my health problems have been particularly severe. Needless to say, this was a very difficult decision to make and it is with great sadness that I write this letter.

Visiting our parishes, like visiting our Schools, has been one of the greatest joys of being Archbishop and something that I have missed very much over the last two years when I have been less mobile. I know that there are some parishes that I have been unable to visit and this is a matter of real regret. It has nonetheless been wonderful to share in parish life and to experience the real devotion and sense of community that we have in our parishes.

Please do continue to pray for me as I await further surgery, I can assure you that you will all be very much in my thoughts and prayers both now and in the future.

With my warmest greetings, I am
yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Kevin

Archbishop of Southwark