



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

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Dear *Anchor* Subscriber,

I write to you today with important information regarding our Diocesan monthly newspaper, *The Anchor*. After careful analysis and consultation, we have decided that *The Anchor* will transition from a printed publication to fully digital formats. The February 6th, 2026, *Anchor* issue will be the final printed one. On Ash Wednesday, February 18, *The Anchor* will launch a new mobile-friendly website and shortly thereafter introduce a new weekly electronic newsletter available by email.

I want to be sure the Diocese is sharing the Good News in the most effective ways available with the aim of reaching as many people as possible. This decision regarding *The Anchor* comes in response to changing times and new opportunities. More and more people get their news and information online, and digital platforms allow us to share stories more quickly, reach more people, and use our limited resources more effectively.

In these new ways, *The Anchor* will continue to provide all the diocesan news and happenings and local commentary you're used to reading plus much more! I am pleased to announce that *The Anchor* will partner with OSV News to connect you with a wealth of additional content. OSV is a national Catholic news and information service and evangelization resource. With OSV, *The Anchor* will offer national and international Church news and Vatican updates along with in depth analysis, more images, inspirational stories, and special features designed to support your spiritual journey.

All of this will be available to everyone, free of charge, through these new platforms and an enhanced use of *The Anchor* social media channels.

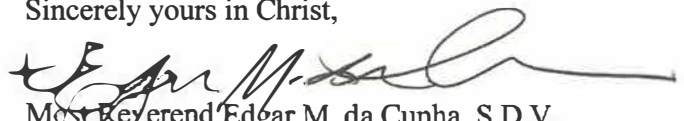
Some of you may remember a letter I sent a few years ago explaining that *The Anchor* would likely become a digital-only news source at some point in the future. That time has come. *The Anchor* has not been immune to the overall decline in newspaper readership in general. In recent years, the number of paid subscriptions to the paper has dramatically fallen as printing and distribution costs have significantly increased.

I am deeply grateful to all who have supported *The Anchor* over the years: our staff, present and past; contributors, and especially our faithful readers. I ask for your continued support and prayers during this time of change. I am certain that through its new website and weekly e-newsletter, *The Anchor* will continue to be a vital instrument of evangelization and communication within our Diocese.

Information on signing up to receive the new *Anchor* newsletter will be provided in upcoming issues and on the diocesan website, fallriverdiocese.org.

Thank you for your faith, your love for the Church, and your interest in and support of the Diocese of Fall River. I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Advent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
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