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Parishioners from Saint-Charles-Borromée gather inside their 19th-century church in Quebec in 2016. A third of Canada's Christian architecture, some 9,000 churches, will close in the next 10 years, according to the National Trust for Canada. (CNS/Reuters/Philippe Vaillancourt)



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A third of Canada's churches, many of them Catholic, are [expected to close](#) over the next 10 years.

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