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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I was informed in the early evening yesterday that I will undergo open heart surgery to replace my aortic valve on Tuesday, June 15th. The surgery will be performed at Christiana Care by Dr. Franjo Siric. He anticipates that the surgery will take 7-8 hours and that I will be in the hospital from 7 -10 days after which I will recuperate at home in the rectory. His estimate is that I will pretty much be "out" for 8 - 10 weeks and be restricted in what I am able and allowed to do. Guest priests will help to cover daily and weekend masses during this duration.

I welcome your prayers and I want you to be informed as much as possible. I've been told that since this is my second aortic valve replacement surgery (the 1st one was in Feb of 2007) that it makes this surgery a bit more tedious and recovery a little bit longer. The surgeon does not expect to do any bypasses, but he has me prepped for it just as a precaution.

Please keep me in your prayers. I promise to keep you updated.

Father Kirk

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