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Dear Parishioners and Acquaintances in the Diocese and Beyond:

Today I write to you from the North Island Hospital in Courtenay. Last Friday I ended up in the emergency and from there, that night to the ICU unit. The doctors suspected that I developed bacterial phenomena. I have been dealing with this, swelling in my feet and legs, water retention, my diabetes, and with all the medication it is also affecting the blood sugar levels.

I am amazed with all the medication including drips, oral, injected that I have received in the hospital. One of the meds is for water retention and my nurse today, who is excellent, said it works like a charm and you'll have to relieve yourself like a horse (using good language here). This is not the first day I have had the water pills.

Two weeks ago on Sunday, I was in the emergency as there is a new compression in the mid back that has been so painful and causing muscle spasms. So as you can see, the last couple of weeks has been challenging days. I have been told today I will be in the hospital until most likely Friday. My Dad's 91st birthday is tomorrow March 4th and it looks like I will miss it. My sister Patricia said they will save a piece of the carrot cake for me. She has been an angel bringing care packages to the hospital; as that is allowed to bring something to the patients.

In closing, I thank you with appreciation for all the prayers that you are saying, the beautiful cards, the emails and your love and support you are sending to the family and myself. Good news, I just saw the doctor who I have been seeing for the last few days and he said I would be discharged today, with medication to take home with me while I continue my recovery. I should be at home for my Dad's birthday tomorrow.

Yours in Christ,

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