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## Bishop Richard F. Stika released from hospital

KNOXVILLE--- After spending one night in the hospital following a heart catheterization procedure, Bishop Richard F. Stika was released from Parkwest Medical Center this morning and returned to the Chancery for a brief visit.

“I feel good, and I am grateful for the prayers I received and the great care that was provided to me while I underwent this procedure,” Bishop Stika said. “I am ready for baseball season.”

Dr. Stephen L. Marietta, a Knoxville cardiologist, performed an angioplasty to clear a significant blockage (99 percent) in an area of the heart at the location of a bypass operation 14 years ago, according to Bishop Stika.

Regarding post-operative instructions from his doctor, Bishop Stika displayed his usual sense of humor.

“The doctor told me to not lift anything heavy for a while, but I don’t think that will stop me from carrying my crozier, my pastoral staff,” Bishop Stika joked.

Bishop Stika is immediately resuming his normal schedule which includes two Masses this weekend in Knoxville and a Mass in Chattanooga on Monday.

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