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ARCHBISHOP GEORGE NIEDERAUER - SURGERY AUGUST 29

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(August 29, 2011) SAN FRANCISCO -After experiencing some chest discomfort over the weekend, Archbishop George Niederauer was taken to the emergency room at Long Beach Memorial Hospital last night by Cardinal William Levada. They had been in the final days of their vacation in Southern California. The Archbishop was given an angiogram and his doctors recommended he stay overnight at the hospital for observation.

This morning, at the recommendation of his cardiologists, the Archbishop underwent successful cardiac double by-pass surgery. Cardinal Levada has relayed the doctors' report that Archbishop Niederauer is doing well and is in good condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Long Beach Memorial. We are encouraged by this initial report. However, the doctors have informed us that the next 24 hours are critical. Prayers are requested from the priests, deacons, religious and laity of the Archdiocese.

Please be assured that we will keep you informed regarding the Archbishop's progress in the days ahead.

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