

I am sure that you have seen or heard the news regarding Archbishop Gregory's health. We will be involving students on all three campuses with the preparation of messages for the Archbishop. We will also be having an all-night adoration in the Upper School Chapel on the night on November 4th running through to lunch on November 5th. Staff, students and families are all invited to participate and more details will follow. Please keep our Archbishop in your prayers.

St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty", "The Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles which you obtained from God for those who have turned to you in their need. For so many years, you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being. You turned to God when the power of human beings could do no more, and you were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His cross to heal your affliction. We now ask God to heal Archbishop Wilton Gregory whom we entrust to you. Aided by your powerful intercession, we shall sing with Mary a hymn of gratitude to God for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

Saturday 27 October, 2007

To: The Priests and Staff of the Archdiocese of Atlanta

On Monday morning November 5th I will undergo prostate surgery at Emory University Hospital. During my annual physical this past spring, my doctor noticed that my PSA score was at the upper limits of the normal range and that it had been progressively increasing. He recommended a biopsy which took place at the end of August. It revealed the presence of cancer in the prostate. I have since sought additional medical advice and my doctors all believe that they have located the cancer at an early stage and they are very hopeful for a successful surgery and a full recovery.

Obviously this will impact my calendar during the time of my recuperation. I ask your forgiveness for cancelling all events that have been placed on my calendar at least to the end of November, but I am confident that you will appreciate my situation. I strongly encourage any scheduled events or meetings to take place that do not demand my presence. I invite you to contact Archbishop Donoghue for celebrations that he can accept on my behalf or Monsignors Corbett or Zarama. I ask that you keep me in your prayers and be assured that I shall keep you in mine.

I will try to recuperate as quickly as I can so that I can resume my fulltime service to this wonderful Archdiocese that I love with all my heart.

*‡ Wilton D. Gregory,
Archbishop of Atlanta*