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Dear Brothers,

As you are aware, I have been dealing with an infection in my right foot which has required two surgeries. Three toes and part of my foot have been removed; however, it has become apparent that more needs to be done to allow for appropriate healing.

On August 20, I will have a transmetatarsal amputation, which basically means that the front third of my foot will be removed. An assessment will be done during the surgery to determine if more will need to be amputated.

This will require approximately six weeks of rehabilitation. I hope to do most of this at home with the St. Joseph's Community at SHML.

I have given serious thought about taking a leave of absence from my duties as provincial superior. Service to you, in that role, is essential. However, after consultation and prayer with the council, I have decided to continue with my duties during my treatment and recovery.

Although my activities will be limited, I believe that I can appropriately serve you, the province and the congregation both now and following further treatment.

Today I spent time at the office for the first time since I had my second surgery. I plan to continue to come in as I am able. I will try to respond to your emails more regularly; however, I also welcome you to contact me by text message or by phone. If I am unavailable when you call I will respond to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support, your understanding, and most of all, your prayers. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I do you each day.

Fraternally in the Sacred Heart,

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