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San Diego bishop recovering in hospital after suffering stroke

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The vicar general of the diocese of San Diego said Bishop Cirilo Flores was "alert and in good spirits" after suffering a stroke the afternoon of April 16.

In an April 17 statement, Msgr. Steven Callahan said the bishop would receive treatment for "a few days" before his release from the hospital.

As of late Monday, no update on his condition had been issued.

Callahan said Flores, 65, suffered the stroke in his office at the diocesan pastoral center and was taken by paramedics to the hospital.

Named San Diego coadjutor in January 2012, Flores automatically succeeded Bishop Robert Brom when he retired last September at age 75. When he was appointed coadjutor, Flores had been an auxiliary of the diocese of Orange since 2009.

On the national level, Flores has been a member of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs and currently serves on the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America. For the California Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops, he is chairman of the Committee on Religious Liberty and episcopal liaison for the Region 11 Council of Priest Senates.

Born June 20, 1948, in Corona, he graduate from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and went on to earn a law degree from Stanford University Law School.

He practiced law for 10 years, specializing in business litigation, before entering St. John Seminary in Camarillo, to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest of the diocese of Orange on June 8, 1991.

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