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Retired Seattle Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett suffered a stroke on Thursday, Sept. 12. He was admitted to Overlake Hospital in Bellevue and underwent successful surgery Thursday evening.

Archbishop Brunett is in critical but stable condition in the hospital's intensive care unit, and responded to voice commands following surgery. Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who succeeded Archbishop Brunett as the spiritual leader of nearly 1 million Catholics in Western Washington, was on hand prior to the surgery and administered the anointing of the sick.

The retired archbishop, a Detroit native who served as Archbishop of Seattle from 1997 to 2010, is expected to remain in intensive care for several days. Archbishop Brunett is not able to receive visitors at this time.

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