

# *Diaz-Canel wishes Pope Francis a speedy recovery*

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**Pope Francis**

Havana, July 5 (RHC)--The First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel, wished a good and speedy recovery to Pope Francis, who underwent surgery in recent hours.

In a message on Twitter, the Cuban leader welcomed the news about the favorable evolution of the Pontiff and ratified the respect and admiration that his figure elicits in Cuba.

This Sunday, the leader of the Catholic Church was admitted to Genelli hospital to undergo a scheduled surgery for the diverticular stenosis of the sigma that afflicted him, which concluded in the evening hours, according to a Vatican News report.

Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office, stated that Francis reacted well to the intervention performed under general anesthesia and carried out by renowned medical professionals.

On September 20, 2015, Pope Francis arrived in Cuba to begin a two-day pastoral visit, which included among its main activities official masses in Santiago de Cuba, Holguin, Havana's Revolution Square, and a meeting with historic leader Fidel Castro.

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