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His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York
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Your Eminence:

As directors of the Padre Felix Varela Foundation in Miami, we are very disappointed that the Cuban regime has obtained the approval to celebrate an event in honor of the Venerable Father Felix Varela, none other than in Transfiguration Church, the church Father Varela founded!

The Cuban regime, in the person of its dictator Miguel Diaz-Canel and his companions, represents the antithesis of all that Father Varela preached. That regime is to our times what the colonial government was at the time of Father Varela, including executions by firing squads, physical and psychological torture of prisoners, forced exile, family separation, misery …and more.

Their presence at a Catholic church is a derision, a mockery. They are not religious, they are hypocrites, they are atheists and they will boast among themselves about the mockery they made of our Church in New York. Don't believe the seriousness of their faces or their words, they have mastered the act of simulation, they are wolves in sheeps' skins.

We, as followers of the Venerable Father Felix Varela, want to –vehemently- express not only our disappointment, but our disgust for the presence in Transfiguration Church, of those who tried very hard to expel Christ from Cuba. They expelled hundreds of priests and religious, but could not expel Him.

May the Lord guide you and be with you always.

Yours in Christ,

Francisco J. Muller   *German J. Miret*   *Pedro L. Guerra*
President   Secretary   Treasurer

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Liberty fears nothing when virtue is assured.

Padre Felix Varela