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Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ and King!

As you know, each year, the Holy Father asks all Catholic parishes around the world to take up the Good Friday Collection to keep Christians in the Holy Land. This collection supports the Franciscan ministry work offered to the sacred Shrines and parishes in the Holy Land. It also provides for the formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people.

Today, I write to ask you to inspire awareness and charitable generosity among your parishioners for this year's Good Friday Collection on April 7, 2023. Your participation allows the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land to continue their work of maintaining sacred Shrines and providing the light of hope to Christians living in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps enable pilgrims to remain walking in the footsteps of Christ and Our Blessed Mother.

Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on our inspiration and pastoral encouragement to increase the donations received during this Good Friday Collection. To support the efforts for a successful collection, the Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have developed resources to assist in this initiative. You can find them here:

<https://www.eohsjnorthcentral.org/GoodFriday>.

In this year's Lenten season, I humbly ask for your prayers for the Holy Father's Collection. I am especially grateful for your efforts on behalf of Christ and His Church, and I thank you for your hard work and your awesome ministries you offer to the people of your parish communities; God is good!

With humble gratitude and hope-filled blessings for you and your ministry, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD JCL KC*HS
Bishop of Green Bay