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Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ and King!

Each year, the Holy Father asks all Catholic parishes to take up the Good Friday Collection to keep a Christian presence 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 basic needs of the people.

During the difficult times following the tragic events on October 7, 2023, hope is much needed by the Christians of the Holy Land. The Christian community in the Holy Land has relied greatly on the pilgrimage industry, which has struggled due to the pandemic, and now war. Our Christian brothers and sisters are now needing support for medical needs, food, and school tuition.

Today, I write to ask you to inspire awareness and charitable generosity among your parishioners for this year's Good Friday Collection on March 29, 2024. Your participation allows for basic needs to be met for the people in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps enable Christians and the Church to stay in the Holy Land, where the Church was founded.

In this year's Lenten Season, I humbly ask for your prayers for the Holy Father's Collection. 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. Parish resources can be found at <https://myfranciscan.org/pgfc-2020/> and <https://www.eohsjnorthcentral.org/GoodFriday>.

With gratitude and hope-filled Lenten blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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