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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.

Today, I write to ask you to inspire awareness and charitable generosity among your parishioners for this year's Good Friday Collection on April 3, 2026. 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.

Gifts to the Holy Land Collection funds the building of thousands of homes and senior care facilities, provides pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land, and allows holy places and shrines to be maintained. These endeavors help encourage Christians to remain in the Holy Land, provides them with support through youth and family programs, and enables visitors to deepen their faith.

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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