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Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic faithful around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. The collection supports the work of a Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in the communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. It also assists the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to sustain the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches present in the region.

Once again, we are asked to pray for and send encouragement with the Holy Father's Good Friday Collection. Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you and all the faithful for help.

Pilgrims are finally, slowly returning to the holy places after two difficult years that really put to the test the small and fragile Christian presence in the Holy Land. The challenges are not yet over. Pilgrimages are still far from pre-pandemic numbers and the actual political situation, bringing new threats to the Christian community, make your support more needed than ever.

If you would like additional materials or for more information, please email GoodFriday@myfranciscan.com. Resources can be found on our website at www.myfranciscan.org/Good-Friday.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George

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