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Dear Father,

As we approach the Easter Triduum, I come to you, with this packet of information, to ask your parish's cooperation in helping our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

I have included a Good Friday poster as a visual reminder of what Christ has done for us and of what the Holy See asks of us. It shows the picture of a jeweled cross and contains the caption "So that in me you may have peace" (Jn 16:33).

Between the cross and the return of Christ, in this time of longing for peace and justice, Christ provides, by the working of His and the Father's Spirit, his special gift – a peace that strengthens us in the face of all worldly trials. His message is for everyone but, during this time of Christ's passion, we are particularly sensitive to the situation of the Church and Christians of the Holy Land who are living in an increasingly precarious situation.

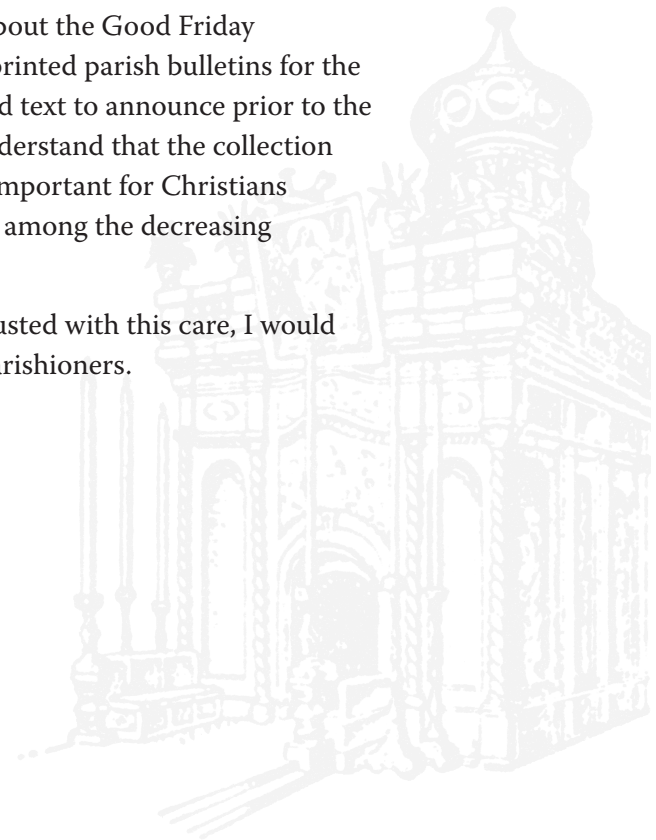
I have also included in this pamphlet a suggested announcement about the Good Friday collection which, I humbly ask to be included in your on-line and printed parish bulletins for the two Sundays prior to Good Friday. Additionally, there is a suggested text to announce prior to the collection on Good Friday. It is important that our parishioners understand that the collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the decreasing Christian population.

Father, on behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, entrusted with this care, I would like to thank you for your support and for the generosity of your parishioners.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bob Mokry, OFM

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Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 18, 2025



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(please find this text at www.commissariat.ca)*

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

An announcement to be read at the time of the collection, April 18, 2025

Today's Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters.

Please give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.