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Ottawa, August 15, 2021

Dear Father,

I am writing on behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, which, as you know, cares for the Christian peoples and the Church in various regions of the Middle East.

Over the years, our Church has given very generously to the Good Friday Pontifical Collection. But, for the past two years, the Covid pandemic has upset the usual Good Friday collection. This year, dioceses could choose either to promote the Pontifical Collection on Good Friday or, as recommended by the CCCB, to take it up in September.

I know that some parishioners, parishes, and dioceses have already sent money directly to the Commissariat. But unfortunately, it is difficult to know with any certainty all the dioceses that took up the collection or whether the parishioners were able to be present and able to contribute.

Fathers, if your diocese and parish took up the Good Friday collection, I would be grateful if you thanked all parishioners on the Commissariat's behalf. At the same time, I would discretely like to remind the faithful, who were not able to participate in that collection, of the continuing needs of the people and the Church in the Holy Land.

If your diocese and parish will be taking up the Holy Land Collection on Sunday September 12, I would appreciate your thanking those parishioners who have already donated by envelopes; and, at the same time, I ask your support in promoting the Holy Land collection.

In this package, there are suggested inserts that could be used for announcements or in parish bulletins and/or websites to thank parishioners, and to announce the Holy Land collection in those parishes taking it up in September.

Additionally, you will find a poster that resounds of the readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary time, and which simply says, "The Lord God has opened my ear;" and, without giving any date, it adds "Please remember the 2021 Holy Land Collection." My hope is that this poster could be hung in every parish simply as a visual reminder, even if a collection was taken on Good Friday.

I thank you for your concern for the people and Church of the Holy Land, and for your generous support.

In Christ,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

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In those parishes where a collection is to be taken:

Please read during the announcements or publish in the Parish Bulletin and/or parish website, on Sunday 29 August and Sunday 5 September

Holy Land Collection

Sunday 13 September 12, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

At Mass, on Sunday September 12, you will hear proclaimed that “The Lord God has opened my ear,” to hear God’s graciousness. May your faith in our gracious God be expressed by your solidarity with and your care for the needs of the people and the Church in the Holy Land.

Despite the Covid pandemic’s upsetting the usual Good Friday collection, many of you have already used your parish envelopes or donated in other ways. On behalf of the Custos of the Holy Land, Fr. Francesco Patton, o.f.m., I sincerely thank you for your generous support, and I also express my gratitude to those who will support the Holy Land on Sunday September 12.

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An announcement to be read at the time of the collection, September 12, 2021.

The collection taken at today’s Mass is taken for the support of Christian communities, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of priests in the Holy Land. In solidarity with Christians throughout the Holy Land, please give generously to help this Church in its need.

In those parishes where a collection has already been taken:

To be read during the announcements or published in the Parish Bulletin and/or parish website, on Sunday 5 September and Sunday 12 September

Thank you for your support of the Holy Land

Dear friends in Christ,

This year, in the midst of the Covid pandemic, many of you contributed generously in your parish collections or by direct donations to the Custody of the Holy Land.

On behalf of the Custos, Fr. Francesco Patton, o.f.m., I sincerely thank you for your solidarity and support of the pastoral works that benefit our Christian brothers and sisters and for maintaining the Holy Sites of our Church.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
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