Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land  
Commissariat of the Holy Land

February 24, 2020

Dear Parish Pastor:

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is mandated by the Holy Father to be taken up in every Catholic parish. The Collection sustains Christianity in the Holy Land. With your support, the Franciscans maintain the sacred shrines throughout the Holy Land so that pilgrims can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. In addition, the Franciscan friars minister in parishes, provide formation and education, build homes, provide jobs, take care of the elderly, and feed the hungry. And in times of war and instability, provide humanitarian aid.

Each year, we call on you for prayers, support and encouragement for the Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection. Because of your leadership, we can support the Christian community in the Holy Land and welcome pilgrims who journey there. This year, we will need your help again.

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The Pontifical Good Friday Collection adds to the “universal” dimension of our faith. Those who contribute stand in solidarity, as instruments of peace, with the Church in the Holy Land.

Enclosed is information to assist you in informing your parishioners about the collection. There is also information about additional materials you may order to promote the collection. To order please call 202-526-6800 x70 or send an email to christopher.d@myfranciscan.com.

Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is a vital mission. Your leadership is a sign of hope. Thank you for encouraging your parishioners to be generous.

Holy Land Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve there, deeply appreciate your help!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Larry C. Dunham, OFM
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P.S. For more information about the works of the Franciscan friars in the Holy Land, visit our website at www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.