What is the Pontifical Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims that visit.

At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

Serving those in need in the Holy Land

- 250 friars 11 countries
- 65 sanctuaries and 23 parishes
- 6 guest houses for pilgrims
- 30 youth served by Bethlehem Boys’ Home
- 63 apartments restored for families in need
- 1,020 employees in Israel and Palestine
- 17 schools with more than 10,000 students
- 509 university scholarships
- 56 Friars preparing for the priesthood
- 700 refugees aided on the island of Rhodes
- 8,000+ Syrian families aided
- 650+ families in Lebanon assisted
- Construction of a Catholic school in Cana

Help us continue to serve!

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