



*Letter to be read and/or published on Good Friday, April 29, 2024  
Second Collection Letter – Good Friday Second Collection*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 29, 2024, our Archdiocese will take up the national collection for the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has asked parishes throughout the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is critical in helping the Church minister through parishes, education, catechetical formation, and religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, especially in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem.

Most Christians in the Holy Land depend on pilgrimages for work. Conflicts in the middle east and remnants of the pandemic have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is needed more than ever to meet the basic human needs of our Sisters and Brothers living in the Holy Land and maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

Please be generous in your support of this collection. Holy Land Christians, along with the clergy and religious working there, greatly depend on our generosity.

Asking the Lord to continue to bless you and your families this Holy Week, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
Archbishop of Las Vegas