



*Letter to be read and/or published on Good Friday, April 18, 2025  
Second Collection Letter – Good Friday Second Collection*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 18, 2025, our Archdiocese will take up the national collection for the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges - many of which we hear about in the daily news. The war is leaving deep wounds that will take time to heal. Many Christians (for example, 90% in Bethlehem) depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic, and the war has stopped the flow of pilgrims into the Holy Land. Once pilgrims return, it will take time before our Christians can recover from years of loss. Supporting the Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.

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