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Second Collection for the annual Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land  
on Good Friday, April 3, 2026*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Good Friday, our Archdiocese will take up the annual Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings remind us of our deep connection to the land where Jesus lived, died, and rose. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians around the world have recognized the responsibility to support the Church in the Holy Land and the faithful who live there.

Today, Christians in the Holy Land face many hardships due to ongoing conflict and economic instability. In places like Bethlehem, where many families depend on pilgrimages for their livelihood, years of war and uncertainty have made daily life increasingly difficult. Christians now make up less than two percent of the population, and many struggle simply to remain in the land where our faith began.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, the Church supports parishes, schools, and charitable works throughout the Holy Land, while also helping preserve the sacred shrines connected to the life of Jesus.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Your generosity offers hope to our Christian brothers and sisters and helps ensure a living Christian presence in the Holy Land.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

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