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Eparchy of St. George in Canton

HOLY LAND COLLECTION



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you with deep gratitude for your support of last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your generosity allowed the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land to continue their work of maintaining the sacred shrines and providing hope to the Christians there. The pandemic that is affecting the whole world struck particularly hard on the Catholic population of the Holy Land, usually strongly supported by the pilgrims visiting the Holy Sites.

Each year, the Holy Father asks each Catholic parish around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection to help keep Christians in the Holy Land. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult season, your support is essential to their ministry.

Once again, we ask for your prayers, generosity, and encouragement for the Holy Father's Good Friday Collection. We hope that, soon, travel to the Holy Land may resume safely and pilgrims once again will be able to experience walking in the footsteps of Christ and Our Blessed Mother. In the meantime, our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you for help.

With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

Sincerely in Christ-God,

**(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
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