

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pope Francis has asked our parish 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 essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and extend humanitarian aid and resources during the Israeli-Gaza conflict. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work and to make a living. The Israel-Gaza war has made their situation even more pressing. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land, to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born, and at present respond with humanitarian aid.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS! THANK YOU!**