

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
Friday, March 29, 2024

Each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a Collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. The **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in the communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. It also assists the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to sustain the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches present in the region. During such a difficult season, your advancement of this important collection is essential to our ministry.



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is applied to these programs:

- **Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places**
Holy Land Franciscans and staff maintain the holy places and shrines enabling those who live and visit the Holy Land to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.
- **Social & Charitable Activities**
The bulding of residential units, senior care facilities and provide medical assistance.
- **Educational & Scientific Activities**
The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for young men to answer the call to become Franciscan priests and brothers. Additionally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places.
- **Pastoral Activities**
The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, and necessary youth and family programs, especially in regions affected by war.
- **Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs**
The Christian Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.

In addition to the collection during Good Friday services on March 29, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your generous stewardship to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	March 29, 2024
Date Funds Due to Diocese	May 1, 2024
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28014
Give Online	https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections

Promotional Information

Resources for parishes are available for download at <https://myfranciscan.org/pgfc-2020/> ← updated for 2024 or use the following suggested promotional copy:

Bulletin Announcements

Sunday Before the Collection (March 23-24)

In the Holy Land, Christians are now less than 2% of the population. Your support through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. Pilgrimages and tourism are impacted by war and unrest in the area.

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. On Good Friday, please give generously to the Holy Land collection through our parish online giving or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Sunday After the Collection (April 6-7)

Thank you for your generous support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your support helps with ministry in parishes, Catholic education and faith formation, humanitarian aid and preservation of the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Simply note "Holy Land" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by April 30 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Pulpit Announcement

English

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If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Rachel Martinez, CFRE,
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