



Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land
September 12-13, 2020
(Moved from Good Friday due to Pandemic)

Preserving the Past. Shaping the Future.
Support Christians in the Holy Land

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns in many countries during Holy Week, Pope Francis approved a proposal to move the Collection for the Holy Land for the year 2020 from Good Friday to take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Each year we have an opportunity to stand in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**. This collection provides many types of support in the region such as humanitarian, pastoral, liturgical, charitable and archaeological.

In 2019 the Diocese of Fort Worth collected more than \$131,000 for the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**. These vital funds were joined with others from around the world to support parishes, homes for orphans and academic institutions. It aided the formation of more than 120 men preparing to be priests, created 1,500 jobs for Christians and preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets. Your support this year will continue the good work of preserving the past and shaping the future in the Holy Land.

General Information for Parishes:

Collection Date	September 12-13, 2020
Date Funds Due to Diocese	October 5, 2020
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28014
Text to Give	HOLYLAND to 91999
Online Donation Link	https://bit.ly/HolyLandCollection

COVID-19 Information

Even though we no longer pass collection baskets, your parishioners may still support this special collection in the following ways:

1. Provide two drop off baskets or collection boxes in your Narthex: one clearly marked for parish offertory and one clearly marked for special collections.
2. Donations mailed to parish.
3. Using envelopes clearly marked for the special collection.
4. If your parish has online giving, such as Faith Direct, OSV, Vanco, ParishSoft, etc., you can set up all special collections as fund options for your parishioners to choose from.
5. Text to donate: text HOLYLAND to 91999

6. Online donation link: <https://bit.ly/HolyLandCollection>

Resources:

Resources for parishes are available for download at <https://myfranciscan.org/pgfc-2020/>

Suggested promotional copy is as follows:

Social Media/Bulletin Announcement

English

The Church in the Holy Land – the site of Jesus’ life, ministry, death and Resurrection – suffers immensely from persecution and instability brought on by war and terrorism.

Our special collection on September 12-13 assists Catholics in the Holy Land. Your support helps with ministry in parishes, Catholic education and faith formation, humanitarian aid to refugees and preservation of the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your donation to the **Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land** by mailing your check to the parish, through our online bill pay, by texting HOLYLAND to 91999 or visiting <https://bit.ly/HolyLandCollection>.

Spanish

La Iglesia en la Tierra Santa, el sitio de la vida, el ministerio, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús, sufre inmensamente la persecución y la inestabilidad provocada por la guerra y el terrorismo.

Nuestra colecta especial del 12 al 13 de septiembre para socorrer a los católicos en la Tierra Santa. Su apoyo ayuda con el ministerio en las parroquias, la educación católica y la formación en la fe, la ayuda humanitaria a los refugiados y la preservación de los santuarios sagrados en la Tierra Santa. Por favor, sea generoso con su donación a la Colecta Pontificia de Viernes Santo, enviando su cheque a la parroquia, a través de nuestro pago de facturas en línea, enviando un mensaje de texto a HOLYLAND al 91999 o visitando <https://bit.ly/HolyLandCollection>.

Pulpit Announcement

English

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

Spanish

Nuestra parroquia ayudará a los cristianos de Tierra Santa mediante la colecta de hoy. Por favor apoye a esos hermanos y hermanas con su donativo. La recaudación pontificia hace posible el cuidado de los lugares más sagrados del cristianismo y del pueblo de Dios en Tierra Santa.
¡Por favor ayude con generosidad!

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Renée Underwood, CFRE, Chief Operating Officer of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-945-9441 or runderwood@advancementfoundation.org