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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Supporting the Church in the Holy Land is a historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked and from where their faith originated.

Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The war has left deep wounds that will take a long time to heal. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to make a living and to support their day-to-day needs. That industry has suffered much as a result of the pandemic and now the war.

On **Good Friday, April 18, 2025**, parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the annual **Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**. Your generosity will enable the Church in the Holy Land to continue to minister in the areas of Catholic education and religious formation, housing for those displaced, food for the hungry, and continued maintenance/restoration of the holy sites.

Thank you for your support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. As we join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, we are directly making a difference in the lives of those caught up in the war, violence and instability of this region. We become instruments of peace.

I encourage you to be as generous as you can in this year of hope.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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