



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For 800 years the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout the years, wars, unrest, military and religious challenges along with instability, have been especially hard on Christians living there and on Christian sites.

Pope Francis encourages us all to support our brothers and sisters in this region through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, helping those Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care and service. Your generosity has helped to support parishes, find homes for orphans, open new schools, prepare men for the priesthood, rebuild homes, provide senior care, and create jobs for the Faithful. Supporting this Collection offers hope to the Christians living in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be taken up on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land, the descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida