



*PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION*

*Friday, April 7, 2023*

*8:00 PM Good Friday*

*Liturgy of our Lord's Passion*

*At St. Mary*

*Serving those in the Holy Land*

What has been accomplished since last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection:

- Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
- Provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence
- Offered more than 500 scholarships for university education
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood
- Restored and maintained 640 houses/apartments for Christian families
- Provided assistance to more than 9000 families through weekly food baskets
- Employed more than 1,000 workers in the Holy Land
- Preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus, the Apostles and the prophets
- Construction of a Catholic School in Cana of Galilee, to give a Christian education to the youth of the city
- Began the work of restoration of the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on Earth and completed the restoration of the Basilica of the Nativity, done for the 1st time in centuries.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. 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.

*Help us to continue to serve!*

Please make checks payable to any of our three churches and indicate "Good Friday Collection" in the memo line. *Thank you for your generosity!*