



DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we gather this Holy Week to recall Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, I ask that you please call to mind the land in which these events took place and the Christians who still inhabit it. The increasing instability, violence, and religious challenges in the Middle East have been especially dangerous for Christians. That is why it is so important that we take the opportunity to support their physical and spiritual needs through the **Good Friday Holy Land Collection, March 25, 2016.**

The Holy Land Collection funds critical humanitarian aid for those fleeing extremist violence, the maintenance and staffing of holy sites, the education of more than 10,000 children of all nationalities and religions, pastoral support to parishes throughout the Holy Land, and multimedia projects to facilitate worship and ecumenical cooperation.

This Good Friday, I hope you will join me in offering support to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land through prayer and by contributing to the Holy Land Collection. Let us pray that God our Heavenly Father will protect the people of the Holy Land and all persecuted Christians around the world and that peace can become a reality.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
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