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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year on Good Friday, it is time again to join with Catholics around the world in support of the Shrines in the Holy Land, our Mother Church. Since the 13th Century, Franciscan men and women have devoted their lives to Christ's homeland and its people, promoting a love for the Land of the Lord. As part of the Universal Church, your prayers and financial support uphold the perpetual mission for peace and religious freedom in this place of suffering and persecution.

The imperative to support the Christian minority in the land which has been the cradle of Christianity with resources for their future is before us. I invite your generous financial support for the annual Good Friday Collection to assist our Christian brothers and sisters who dwell in the Holy Land. They depend upon your generosity which will help to maintain the holy shrines and be a source of blessing for the development of charitable, educational, pastoral and social activities within the Holy Land.

With gratitude for your dedication and generosity, and with assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Note to Pastors:

Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of April 4/5