



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church gathers to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday. At the same time our thoughts turn to the Holy Land where Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead.

Every year, the Holy Father asks all Catholic parishes around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, your help is needed more than ever. The Christian population has dropped to less than 2% over the past century, and now, due to the war, more families are leaving Bethlehem. Meanwhile, those who remain are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and churches.

In these times of crisis, your support is essential. The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope; let us instill hope in our brothers and sisters who strive to remain in the land where the Son of God dwelt among us. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

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
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