



February 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishes in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is the most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be hit especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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