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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land traditionally takes place on Good Friday every year. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to take up this important collection, which supports Christians living in the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has approved that the collection for the Holy Land for 2020 to take place on **Sunday, September 13th**, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life of the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love.

Your support of this collection helps to ensure continued care of the Holy places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher, to the Basilica of the Nativity, as well as lesser-known sanctuaries in the Holy Land. It also enables the Franciscan friars to provide critical support to Christians in the Holy Land for parishes and schools, care for the elderly, outreach to the poor, and assistance to refugees and pilgrims. Through this collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith around the globe to help keep Christianity alive in the Holy Land.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee