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St. Francis Appeal 2023

Dear <<Salutation>>,

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“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

In many ways, Saint Francis of Assisi lived a life that mirrored Jesus Christ. He chose a life of abject poverty in service to those in need and traveled to small villages to preach the gospel. He founded the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans, in 1209. The Franciscans were known for their kindness and care for the poor and sick.

St. Francis preached that all people are equal in the eyes of God and that we should live simple lives. He also believed that we should care for nature and all of God’s creatures. In 1224, Francis was proclaimed the patron saint of animals and nature by Pope Gregory IX. He viewed the world as a gift from God, and was therefore not only good, but imbued with God himself. As one of the most celebrated religious figures in history, St. Francis is remembered for his kindness for the vulnerable.

Today, his ministry is the underpinning of the mission of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL). FFHL exists to help our Christian brothers and sisters remain in the land of the Savior. Holy Land Christians overwhelmingly struggle to find sustainable employment and affordable housing and need our help. Thanks to generous support, FFHL provides affordable housing and supports community infrastructure projects to help Christians stay in their homes and communities. And to help Christians gain skills and knowledge necessary to secure jobs and support their families, FFHL supports schools and educational programs.

Because of the generosity of supporters like you, FFHL can provide these essential educational and humanitarian resources to families in need to help stem the exodus from the Holy Land.



Volunteers providing food and basic supplies to struggling Christians in Bethlehem.



Christian children of need being cared for at the parish center in Bethlehem.



Complete, cut and mail today!

(Over, please!)

YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Yes! Please accept this gift to support the Christians in the Holy Land:

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HOLY LAND**

Submit your email to register for FFHL.org Holy Land e-mails.

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“For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

By supporting our Christian brothers and sisters through an offering of financial support, you will be living out the values that St. Francis emulated 1,900 years ago. Your donation “brings hope and a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage” to those who need it most.

Thank you for your faithful gifts that bring light to the darkness in the land of our Lord and Savior. Please know that I carry you and your loved ones in my heart and lift you up in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Father Peter F. Vasko, OFM
President of FFHL

P.S. – Please use the enclosed card to send your prayer intentions. I will carry your intentions with me; and, as I pray in Gethsemane, I will not pray alone. As I walk the Via Dolorosa, I will not walk alone. As I kneel at Calvary, I will not kneel alone. We will pray, walk, and kneel together. I will also be honored to offer a Mass for your intentions during the Easter season.



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Fr. Peter F. Vasko and the members of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land will be praying for you and your family. Please list below any special prayer intentions you may have during this season.
My prayer intentions:
