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Christmas Appeal 2023

Dear <<Salutation>>,



"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

LUKE 2:14

My solemn prayer for you this Advent season is to remember the sacrifices of our Lord and Savior and what He endured for our salvation. Please pray that the Prince of Peace brings His mercy and comfort to those who are suffering in the Holy Land.

In reverence of His humble birth, may we also remember the sacrifices our Christian brothers and sisters endure for their faith. Founded on the principles of compassion and solidarity, the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL) has been a steadfast presence in the Holy Land for three decades. Our mission is to preserve the Christian presence in the region by offering humanitarian aid, educational support and housing assistance programs designed to help Christian families not just survive in their homeland but thrive and flourish.

To remain in the land of our Savior, they need our help more than ever. Through your generous Christmas gift to FFHL, you can provide a stable future for Holy Land Christians through our programs that only exist thanks to your faithful prayers and support.

One of FFHL's core initiatives is to deliver essential humanitarian aid to the communities affected by conflict. This aid encompasses basic supplies like food, clean water, medical assistance and shelter. During periods of heightened tension and violence, FFHL acts quickly to ensure that those in crisis receive the immediate support they need.

I humbly ask that you consider giving a special gift to FFHL this Christmas season. Your meaningful contribution will be life-changing for many Christians and help them persevere. A gift of any amount will be met with much gratitude.



Site of the birthplace of Jesus Christ in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.



Classroom of young children celebrating Christmas and receiving gifts donated by FFHL.



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:

\$500 \$250 \$125 \$75 \$35 Other: _____

Payment Method:

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**Franciscan Foundation
for the Holy Land**

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STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE HOLY LAND

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

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"She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21

And let us all give thanks for the greatest gift of all — the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As always, I carry you with me in my prayers. Please share your intentions with me in the attached card so I may lift them up to the Lord during a Holy Land mass.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Advent and a blessed Christmas.

Yours in the Spirit of St. Francis,

Father Peter F. Vasko, OFM
President of FFHL



Christmas tree in Jerusalem.



Christian children in need at the parish center in Bethlehem during Christmas time.



Advent wreath burning in the Holy Land.

P.S. – Please find the enclosed card for sending your prayers. I will carry them with me to the Holy Land and offer them up to the Lord.

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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:

