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St. Francis Appeal 2024

Dear Donor,



"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that have received – only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi is one of the most revered religious figures in history. He is remembered for his kindness for the vulnerable, especially poor people, sick people, and animals. Giving up his wealth, St. Francis chose a life of humble poverty in service to those in need and traveled to small villages to preach the gospel. He founded the Order of Friars Minor, known as the Franciscans, in 1209. In 1342, the Franciscans were declared as the official custodians of the Holy Places in the name of the Catholic Church.

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 that the world was therefore not only good, but imbued with our heavenly father himself.

Today, his ministry is the cornerstone of the mission of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL). Since its founding thirty years ago, FFHL has strived to help our Christian brothers and sisters remain in the land of the Savior. More than ever, Holy Land Christians overwhelmingly struggle to find sustainable employment and affordable housing. Thanks to your generous support, FFHL can provide affordable housing, help Christians gain skills and knowledge necessary to secure jobs and support their families, and provide education to help future generations thrive.

Because of the generosity of our 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.



Affordable housing communities allow struggling Christians to remain in the Holy Land.



The education of young Christians is one of the cornerstones of FFHL's mission, leading to a brighter future in the Holy Land.



Complete, cut and mail today!

(Over, please!)

Your Gifts Make A Difference

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

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Legacy gifts through the Good Shepherd Society create lasting impacts for Holy Land Christians in need. If you are interested in joining GSS and leaving FFHL in your will, estate or trust, visit ffhllegacy.org/ for more information.

I am interested in a planned gift for FFHL.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE HOLY LAND
Submit your email to receive Holy Land updates & FFHL news.

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Donation will go to unrestricted unless otherwise noted. See our website for program information.



“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 generously 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 to those who need it most.

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

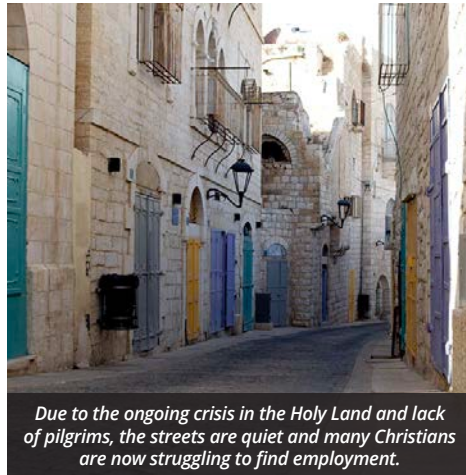
Yours in the Spirit of St. Francis,

Father John Puodziunas, OFM
President of FFHL

Father Peter F. Vasko, OFM
Founding President of FFHL



The young boys staying at Franciscan Boy's Home learn community, education, faith and love in a safe and nurturing environment.



Due to the ongoing crisis in the Holy Land and lack of pilgrims, the streets are quiet and many Christians are now struggling to find employment.



Volunteers delivering food and essential supplies to Christians in need in the Holy Land.

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

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Fr. John Puodziunas, Fr. Peter 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.

My prayer intentions:

