

## Commissariat of the Holy Land

October 26, 2010

Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, D.D.  
Bishop of Belleville  
Diocese of Belleville  
222 South Third St.  
Belleville, IL 62220-1985

Dear Bishop Braxton,

God give you peace!


I am in receipt of your **check #32643** in the amount of **\$61,829.23** representing the gifts of the people of the Diocese of Belleville to the Jerusalem Mother Church for the 2010 **Good Friday collection**. This gift will not only assist in the preservation of the Holy Places but will also help the people to whom the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land Custody minister.

In the name of the Friars and those to whom they minister, I express our deepest gratitude to you, Bishop Braxton, and to our Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Belleville, who continue to give most generously to help those who are in need! May God bless and reward all of you.

The Good Friday Collection is a Pontifical Collection and is absolutely vital. This collection helps support the Holy Land Shrines and also the educational, pastoral and charitable programs for the people there. The Custody cares for the poorest social classes. I'm sure you are well aware that it is not easy to be a Christian today in the Holy Land.

With deep appreciation, much gratitude and a promise of prayer for you and the People of God in the Diocese of Belleville, I am yours,

Sincerely and gratefully,

  
Bro. Joe Rogenski, O.F.M.  
Commissary of the Holy Land  
St. Louis Region

*Copy to: Mr. William Knapp, Chief Fiscal Officer*