



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

March 26, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 2, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** on **April 2, 2010**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Justin Card. Rigali*

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of **March 27 and 28, 2010**; the collection is taken up on **April 2, 2010 (Good Friday)**. Collection remittal is to be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to the Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)