

Fair & Ethical Trade

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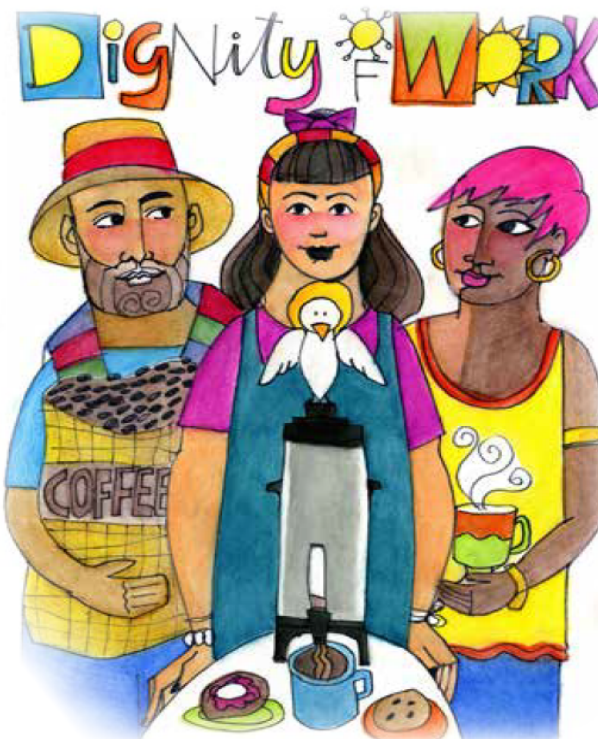


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Caring for our Brothers & Sisters through Ethical Purchasing

As Catholics, we want to adopt ways to live and consume more consciously
in order to help reduce forced labor,
slavery-like conditions and other crimes like child trafficking.

Get involved by joining or starting a Parish Social Justice Ministry
or take part in immigrant outreach projects
that work with vulnerable populations.
Our brothers and sisters depend on us.

Learn more about how we can all help in the following pages...

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Who may suffer behind your purchase?

Think about the hands that created your clothes or harvested your food. Were they children? Did they suffer? How much pollution and waste was produced in the manufacturing process? In order to produce goods cheaply and quickly, companies may be giving up ethical and environmental measures to meet the demand for cheaper products.

Ethical or fair trade represents employment based on the better treatment of workers, artisans and farmers, providing fair wages, safer working conditions and consideration to the community and environment. **This impacts all of us.**

Commit to thoughtful purchasing with the purchasing of your food, products and gifts. Look for labels that indicate ethical policies are in place and care is taken for the workers, their community, and the environment.

This video illustrates the principle of the Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.

To share, go to <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-dignity-work-and-rights-workers>.

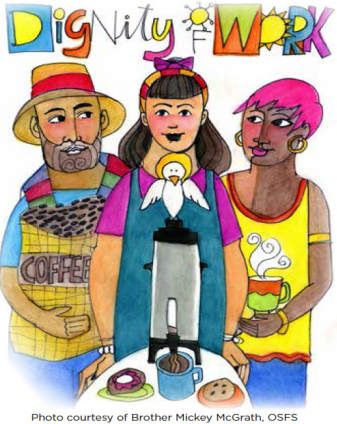


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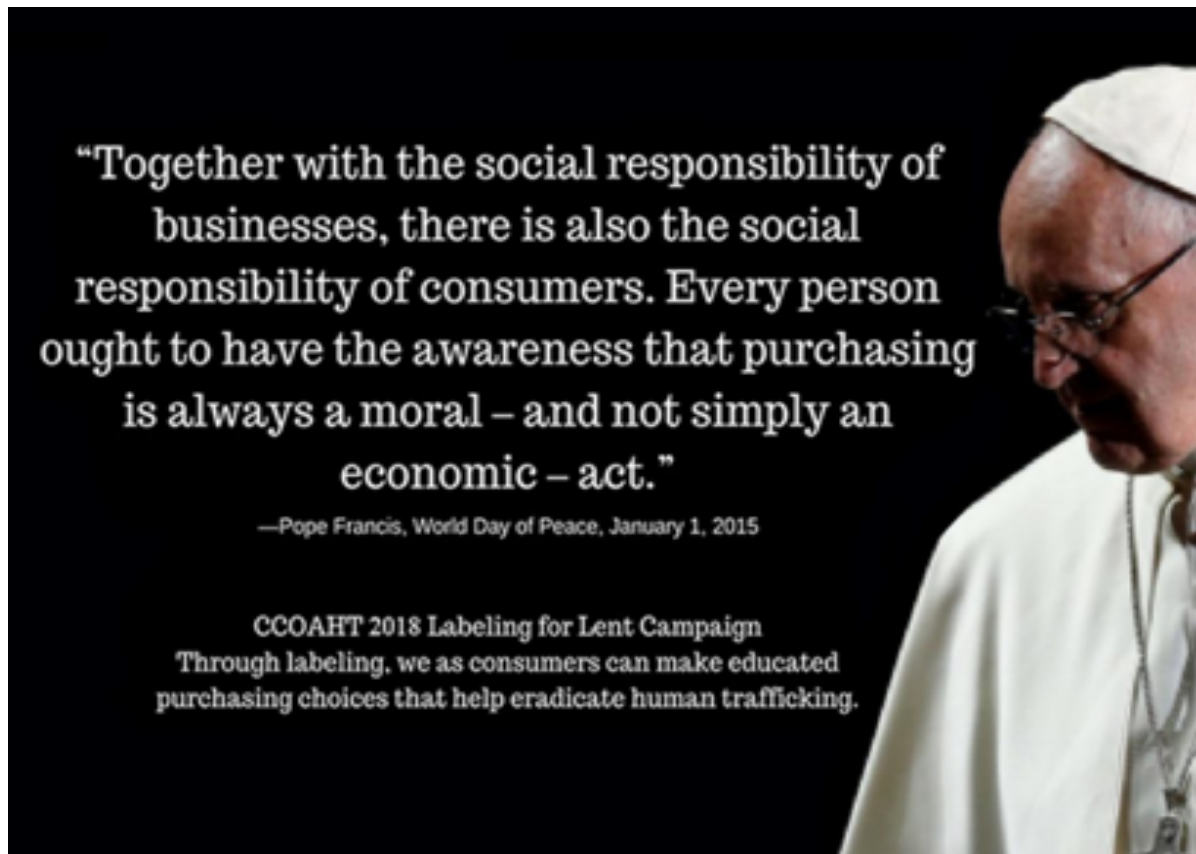


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Please reach out to the contacts below for specific documents and literature
to share and edit for your own use.

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