

PJIC Office Update – September 2017 Special Edition

“Fair Trade – One Way to Use Our Power as Consumers to End Human Trafficking”

For over 200 years, the Sisters of Charity of New York (SCNY) have met the challenges of the times and ministered to the needs of the poor. They are involved in the ministry of peace, justice and integrity of creation in various ways: raising awareness, prayer, presence, education, advocacy and systemic



change. The current Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation, formed in September 2012, works to address care of creation, poverty, human trafficking and immigration.

In its Anti-Trafficking efforts, the Sisters of Charity of New York, with the assistance of Sister Carol De Angelo, Sister Mary Ellen O’Boyle, Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, and Katerina Pecora, PJIC Office intern, are exploring ways to increase awareness among students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent about Human Trafficking. One focus will be **Fair Trade – one way to use our power as consumers to end this global issue.**



Katerina Pecora is a graduate student in the International Development and Service master program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. She graduated as a social psychologist in her native country, Peru. Katerina started her internship with the Sisters of Charity of New York in September and will assist in anti-human trafficking efforts for one semester. She is developing a human trafficking educational manual with separate modules which will include resources and concrete steps everyone can take to stop human trafficking. The goal is

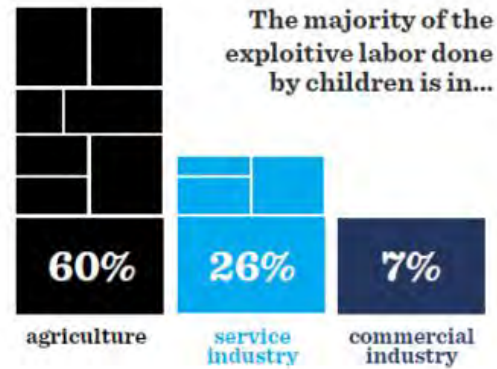
that each module can be adapted and used at CMSV. One module will be on Fair Trade. In addition, Katerina is doing outreach to create partnerships with student clubs and people interested in becoming volunteers to create a sustainable human trafficking awareness program.

According to the **World Fair Trade Organization**, "Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers".

Why is Fair Trade a solution to end human trafficking?

People that live in poverty are more vulnerable to exploitation by traffickers. Fair Trade workers get paid enough to support their families and satisfy their needs, so their children can pursue an education instead of having to work. The income from fair trade is reinvested in the community to address social, environmental and economic challenges.

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Source: www.unicefusa.org

How can Fair Trade influence some of the Sustainable Development Goals?

According to **UNICEF**, “Funds can be reinvested in their business, directed to empowering women, supporting education, protecting the environment, fighting poverty and providing health care. In addition, Fair Trade certification guarantees that no child or forced labor was used in the production of goods.”



There are many things you can do to help end human trafficking: educate yourself about Fair Trade products and human trafficking; buy Fair Trade products, starting with coffee, chocolate, peanut butter, wine, oil, clothing; start a Fair Trade campaign; call your Congressperson to support legislation to end modern slavery; if you own a business, consider having certified Fair Trade products; **dial 888-373-7888 if you suspect trafficking.**

View on YouTube: I Am Human Trafficking <https://youtu.be/W-tLxJA7XNg> ;
Fair Trade Chocolate <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk9b3jbJroM> ;
Fair Trade – The Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhQJrz-aDfI> ;
Why Fairtrade <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drvPrMtXcaE> ;
Fair Trade https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaGp5_Sfbs&list=PLviEC6OE5-CTih_gCEfb2bLym9U0Hd8nr

For more information, visit:

<https://www.fairtradecertified.org/>
<http://university.crs.org/human-trafficking>
<http://fairtradecampaigns.org/organize/#universities>
<https://www.unicefusa.org/sites/default/files/End%20Trafficking%20Toolkit.pdf>
<https://polarisproject.org/action>
<http://www.childsafetourism.org/actions/report-abuse/>
<http://www.scny.org/ministries/peace-justice-and-integrity-of-creation/>
<http://www.sistersagainststrafficking.org/>

Take Actions Now!



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