

St. Bridget Catholic Church

Fair Trade Program

St. Bridget's Fair Trade Program:

- The Fair Trade Program is a sub-working group to the Social Justice Committee of St. Bridget Catholic Church in River Falls WI
- The Fair Trade Program was begun by the CCW. In 2005 the Social Justice Committee was asked to assume responsibility for the Fair Trade program.
- The Fair Trade program is entirely self-sustaining with an expressed desire not to generate a profit and is operated entirely by volunteers of St. Bridget Catholic Church
- The primary goal of the Fair Trade working group is to provide information on Fair Trade practice to the parishioners and guests of St. Bridget Catholic Church.
- The Fair Trade program endorses fair wages for the growers and processors while pursuing environmental stewardship, both representative of Catholic social justice values.

What is Fair Trade:

- Fair Trade is not a Brand Name. Fair Trade represents the efforts of people all over the world to create a better trade system. It includes:
 - Democracy- Fair Trade coffee comes from democratically controlled grower cooperatives, not single owner estates.
 - Transparency- Contract information including price paid to growers is available to anyone
 - Sustainability- Growers commit to sustainable agricultural practices.
 - Commitment- Growers and roasters commit to long term relationships
 - Fairness- Growers have a voice in determining price per pound and this price never drops below a certain level.

Products available at St Bridget's:

- Only 100 % Fair Trade products
- Primary products include: coffee, tea and chocolate
- Additional products, such as hot cocoa mix may be available occasionally

Product pricing policy at St. Bridget's:

- All products are sold to cover our direct costs only

Sales dates at St. Bridget's:

- Fair Trade products are sold after masses during the second full weekend of every month from September – June.

Product supplier:

- Just Coffee Coop, 1129 East Wilson St. Madison, WI 53703
- <http://www.justcoffee.coop/>
- Mission Statement: Just Coffee Cooperative is a worker-owned coffee roaster dedicated to creating and expanding a model of trade, based on transparency, equality, and human dignity. We strive to build long-term relationships with small-scale coffee growers to bring you a truly incredible cup of coffee.
- Just Coffee is a 100% Fair Trade roaster. Why is that important? We believe that you either get it or you don't. Some companies do 5%, 25%, or 50% of their coffee using Fair Trade criteria. While any fair

trade is great, we don't know how you can commit to doing the right thing by some growers and not others. It winds up being charity as opposed to economic justice.

- We encourage the cooperatives that we work with to follow organic practices and to seek out certification, when it is a viable option for them. It is good for our customers, good for growers and their communities, and good for the land, water, and animals around them.
- Standard pricing per pound of coffee:
 - \$1.91- \$3.00 to purchase coffee from Grower Coop
 - .60-.85 for import fees, storage & freight to Just Coffee
 - .89 for labor to roast and bag
 - .45 for bags & labels
 - \$3.03 overhead for Just Coffee
 - Cost per pound \$6.88 - \$8.22

- The Just Coffee product supply chain:

Just Coffee	Conventional Coffee Product
Farmer	Farm Worker
Farmer Cooperative	Coffee Estate
Importing Cooperative	Coffee Buyer
Just Coffee Roasting Cooperative	Exporter
St. Bridget Catholic Church	US Broker
You	Coffee Company
	Wholesaler
	Retail Store
	Purchaser

The Fair Trade Volunteers include the following individuals:

- Anne Parks
- Connie & John Holck
- Donna & Jim Miller
- Corrine Drost
- Jackie Brux
- Marylin Plansky
- Jerry Waller

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