



A Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty



Action Steps for Children

- The CRS Kids site - http://www.crs.org/kids/index_flash.htm has great resources for young children to learn about the developing world, including coloring pages for young children, recipes and more.
- Learn about Fair Trade chocolate on CRS' Fair Trade Web site www.crsfairtrade.org, have a fair trade chocolate sale.
- Listen to a rap song and download lyrics about Fair Trade chocolate written by two 13-year artists from England at http://www.crsfairtrade.org/what_is/dload_resc.htm. The song is located in the "Chocolate" section.
- During religious education classes or Children's Liturgies of the Word, tell or read and discuss stories that promote peace, global awareness, and principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Suggestions include:
 - *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, by Jeff Brumbeau. Scholastic Press, 2000.
 - *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood and Cheng-Khee Chee. Scholastic Press, 1992
 - *A Million Visions Of Peace: Wisdom From The Friends Of Old Turtle* by J. Garrison and A. Tubesing. Pfeifer Hamilton, 1996.
 - *The King's Fountain* by Lloyd Alexander. Dutton Juvenile, 1989.
 - *Peace Tales*. Edited by Margaret MacDonald, August House, 2005
 - *Prayer without Borders, Celebrating Global Wisdom*. Edited by Barbara Ballenger. Catholic Relief Services, 2004.

Additional Ideas for Children Age 12 and Over

- Learn about how the issues of trade, aid and debt affect poor people around the world. Go to www.usccb.org/globalpoverty or www.crs.org/globalpoverty to find background information and "action alerts" describing how you can act. Choose one issue and write an e-mail message to an elected official.
- Find out if your church or school brews coffee that is "Fair Trade certified". This certification means that the producers are part of a poverty alleviation program that guarantees producers a fair wage. Organize a sale of fair trade coffee and chocolate at your church or school and encourage these groups to use fair trade coffee regularly. Go to the Catholic Relief Services web site www.crsfairtrade.org to find out more about fair trade coffee and chocolate.
- Take the "Pledge to Combat Global Poverty." Go to www.usccb.org/globalpoverty or www.crs.org/globalpoverty.
- Go on line and search "sweatshops" or "fair trade certified". Identify one thing you will do to promote fair trade through your choices when you shop.
- Find more activities on the Actions for Youth Groups resource.