

October is Fair Trade month.

Three Key Ways to Celebrate Fair Trade in October

The folks at TransFair USA , who organize [Fair Trade month](#) each October, have taken as their theme this year: 31 days, 31 ways! We agree there are many ways any ways to celebrate and promote the power of Fair Trade to bring about economic justice.

1) [Work of Human Hands](#) sales are fun holiday events that involve your whole parish community and help artisans around the world. October is the time to organize Your Work of Human Hands Christmas sale. Our [free consignment planning kit](#) gives you step-by-step help. Your community will enjoy solidarity shopping for the Christmas season! 2) Commit to [Raising Money Right](#) with Fair Trade chocolate at your church and within your youth or campus ministry. Yummy treats help your group fundraise for important projects and support farmers in Africa and Latin America . 3) Serve [coffee](#) that serves others! With temperatures dropping, October is the perfect time to convert your parish or school to Fair Trade coffee. Think globally and act locally by [supporting these coffee companies](#). When you do, our partners make a contribution to the [Fair Trade Fund](#) to help CRS build a fair and sustainable global marketplace. Of course, Fair Traders are creative folks, so come up with your own ideas too.

Fair Trade coffee and chocolate can be purchased from Catholic Relief Services to sell <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/>. Really good!