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Have a Fair Trade Halloween



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What Can You Do to Support Fair Trade This Halloween?

BUY fair trade certified chocolate and candy to give out to trick or treaters:

- <http://bit.ly/1Lyq0XY>
- <http://bit.ly/1LgWNVF>
- <http://bit.ly/1OwoLO9>
- <http://bit.ly/1UWG2oF>

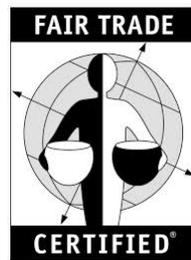
BAKE tasty Halloween and autumn treats using fair trade recipes:

- <http://bit.ly/1LgWoCK>

OFFER alternative giveaways for the ghosts and ghouls visiting your home:

- <http://bit.ly/1UVnwl6>

Look for these fair trade symbols online and in stores as you prepare for your Halloween celebration:



Halloween, Fair Trade, and Catholic Social Thought

In many countries around the world, Halloween is celebrated with jack-o-lanterns, costumes, and candy. During this time when so many are purchasing trick or treat goodies, it is important to think about how these products were made and transported, from the fields to our homes. Here are a few connections between CST, fair trade, and being a mindful consumer during this holiday season:



One of the most important themes of CST is **the life and dignity of the human person**. As Christians, we are called to participate in society and act in ways that promote the innate dignity of every human being. One way you can support this theme of CST is by purchasing fair trade products during this Halloween season.

Another theme of CST is **the common good**. Fair trade products uphold the common good by creating an economy that focuses on improving social conditions so that all people can flourish.

Fair trade allows for an **option for the poor**, an important teaching in CST. By buying fair trade products, we are showing our concern for the most vulnerable members in our global community by supporting their work on local farms and ensuring that each worker is paid fair and just wages.

Finally, fair trade products take into account the natural environment, supporting the CST theme of **care for God's creation**. Not only are fair trade products made in ecologically sustainable ways, but the process of farming ensures that the environment is protected for those in society who rely on it for their livelihoods.

Source: CRS Fair Trade Program (<http://bit.ly/1grmuWy>)
