



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Central Pacific Province

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO FAIR TRADE

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We, the SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME, Good Counsel Campus, Mankato, Minnesota, choose to commit to Fair Trade. This choice is consistent with our belief in the dignity of all persons. We “call ourselves and others to embody gospel values and to live the social teaching the church. Working toward the enablement of persons and the promotion of human dignity, we contribute to positive systemic change in society...The gift of our internationality sharpens our consciousness of universal needs and calls us to foster within ourselves and others a responsible concern for the people of the world.” You Are Sent, Constitution and Directory of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

“Every economic...action must set about providing each inhabitant of the planet with the minimum wherewithal to live in dignity and freedom, with the possibility of supporting a family, educating children, praising God and developing one's own human potential.” Pope Francis

“It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral and, not simply economic, act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise.” (Pope Benedict XVI in *Caritas in Veritate*)

We School Sisters of Notre Dame support and believe in Fair Trade. School Sisters serve in countries where Fair Trade practices would enhance the living conditions of people who struggle to make a living harvesting cocoa, palm oil and bananas.

Therefore:

- ✚ We commit to continue to educate ourselves, colleagues, employees and others regarding Fair Trade.
- ✚ We will use, and continue to add, Fair Trade products in our food service and for meetings held on our campus.

