



February, 2020

Greetings,

Would you like to purchase **Easter candy** that was made in a manner that promotes human dignity, education, and a care for the environment? Here is your opportunity! The St. Xavier Fair Trade Club was founded to spread awareness of injustice and to prevent modern human slavery by promoting and purchasing fairly traded goods, such as chocolate.

Fair Trade International™ is an organization that examines whether or not the people who make our goods are being paid a fair wage, or even being paid at all. Sadly, many of the products we buy have been tainted by slave labor and other such abuses. Fairly traded products seek to remedy this injustice by lending a voice to the voiceless. We can play a part simply by purchasing products that are fairly traded. By using our free market purchasing power in this manner, and instead of buying what is cheap and inexpensive, we send an economic signal that we stand with those who are abused.

Even though it is difficult to ensure that our purchases are produced fairly, we can make a **huge** difference **this Easter** simply by purchasing a different label of chocolate. This purchase is not charity. Rather, it provides sustainable income to some of the world's poorest people. This website provides a good description of the process: <https://bit.ly/2H8vUHK>

Major chocolate companies make millions of dollars each Easter by selling chocolates containing cocoa that was cultivated by child slaves. By purchasing fairly traded chocolate, which only costs slightly more than slave-made chocolate, you can be sure that no one was mistreated, bound in slavery, or paid unfairly in the production process. For more information, watch the powerful documentary titled *The Dark Side of Chocolate*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Vfbv6hNeng>

At only \$10 for a bag of 40-45 pieces of individually wrapped chocolate, **you** can improve the quality of life of those who suffer to farm our chocolate. By buying Fair Trade, we are promoting the dignity of human life and taking an action step against slavery that still exists in our world.

If you are interested in making a difference this Easter, join the cause by filling out the attached order form for Fair Trade Chocolate. Or, you can simply e-mail your order (no form necessary) to the student leader of The Fair Trade Club, Joey Brenner: BrennerJ11022@stxavier.org, or to St. Xavier High School Religion Teacher Mr. Matt Kemper mkemper@stxavier.org. You can also return a hard copy of the form to the box in the Principal's Office at St. X. Please return your order form by **March 26**.

Thank you and God bless you,

Joey Brenner (2020) & The Fair Trade Club

Fairly traded **Easter Candy** Order Form

Name	
Phone Number	
E-mail address	

One order: 1 bag of about 45 pieces of fairly traded chocolate=\$10

Quantity	Cost
I would like to order _____ of bags of sea salt & almonds dark chocolate at \$10/bag = \$ _____	
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Note: these varieties of chocolate tend to taste a little sweeter than most dark chocolates. If paying with check, make payable to “St. Xavier Fair Trade Club.” If you e-mail your order you need only to indicate the number of bags you wish to order—you can leave payment when you pick-up the chocolate, which will be available by **Monday, April 6**



You can e-mail this order form to Mr. Matt Kemper (mkemper@stxavier.org), or to the student leader of the Fair Trade Club, Joey Brenner (brennerJ11022@stxavier.org), or you can return a hard copy of the form to the Principal’s Office at St. X. Please submit your order form by **March 23**.

Thank you for choosing fairly traded products. You have helped the poor.