

"When you drink our coffee, you support small coffee producers in El Salvador who are involved in fair trade. You support the education and better living conditions for the children of the producers. You support good housing. "

**PEDRO ASCENCIO,** Farmer and Community Leader, Las Colinas

**Fair trade** is a trading partnership that includes fair, stable prices for farmers, and solidarity with trading partners they can trust.

At Las Colinas, a cooperative in El Salvador that has been selling to Equal Exchange since 1996, CRS worked with farmers to improve the way their coffee was processed. Thanks to new training and equipment, the farmers were able to reduce wastewater by 90% and are now better able to care for God's creation.

ABOVE: José Roberto, a member of Las Colinas cooperative, harvests ripe coffee cherries.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES is proud to partner with EQUAL EXCHANGE, a worker-owned cooperative that offers 100% fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and other foods.



Learn more about the CRS Ethical Trade program by visiting **ethicaltrade.crs.org**.



Bring Equal Exchange to your parish, school or office by visiting **equalexchange.coop/catholic** or by calling **774-776-7366**.

BELOW: Parishioner Karen Hinchen, selling coffee to Father Carlos Flor at St. Mary of the Angels parish in Roxbury, Massachusetts.



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A Partnership Between Catholic Relief Services and Equal Exchange





ETHICAL TRADE

## When you purchase fairly traded products

from Equal Exchange, you ensure that farmers are able to live and work with dignity, that their children are able to go to school and that their communities are made stronger through trade.



For every purchase made by a Catholic, Equal Exchange gives a generous donation to the **Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Fund.** The fund is used to invest in projects overseas that strengthen cooperatives, improve access to markets and support education initiatives in the United States. "Fair trade is one of the best, if not the best means to embrace the concept of global solidarity in our lives."

MARY O'BRIEN, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, New Britain, Connecticut.

"There is no worse material poverty...than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work."

POPE FRANCIS



## Join

Catholic churches and schools throughout the United States

HERE'S HOW



**EDUCATE** your parish with free videos, print materials and programs from Catholic Relief Services and Equal Exchange.



**SERVE** Equal Exchange in the rectory, at meetings and at fellowship after Mass.

LEFT: Sarrah Nakayeze, sorting coffee beans on the raised drying beds at the Sisi Washing station in Buginyanya, Uganda



**SELL** Equal Exchange's products through a buying club or regular sales.



**RAISE MONEY** with the Equal Exchange fundraising program.