



# CLEAN CLOTHES CAMPAIGN



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**WEEK TWO of seven weeks:**

## **BECOMING A CLEAN CLOTHES COMMUNITY**

In his 2003 message to the Catholic School community, then Superintendent Dave Prothero asked for support in implementing the Clean Clothes Campaign:

***... the Clean Clothes Campaign will go a long way toward inspiring Catholics in creatively living the gospel message in their lives.***

This week we invite parents, educators and students to:

- Look with appreciation at the list from last week

***PLACES WHERE OUR FAMILY'S CLOTHING WAS MADE.***

- Locate on a map/atlas/web site one country where your clothing was made.
- Pray for the people of that country.

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In his Labor Day message in September of 2004, Archbishop Dolan recalled for us the history of the labor movement in this country. He quoted from a 1907 conversation when Cardinal Gibbons, speaking with Pope Leo XIII said, "The church has been and is on the side of the worker. And that is where we must be."

As our world becomes more connected through globalization, we are called to be on the side of our sisters and brothers around the world whose work surrounds us. During this week we invite educators, parents and students to:

- Discover at least one thing about the people in one of the countries where your clothing is made, for example: their music, food, sports, climate etc.
- Talk about how we and the people who make our clothing are both alike and different
- Pray in thanksgiving for them and how they contribute to our lives.

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**WEEK FOUR of seven weeks:**

## **BECOMING A CLEAN CLOTHES COMMUNITY**

During this week we invite educators, parents and students to read the following:

**An excerpt from *Sweatshops 101* prepared by Tim Dewane.**

The entire presentation can be viewed at:

<http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowNews.asp?ID=1798>

- A sweatshop is a workplace where workers are subject to extreme exploitation, including the absence of a living wage & benefits, poor working conditions, denial of worker rights, and arbitrary discipline.
- Workers typically work long hours for sub-poverty paychecks.
- Worker abuses can include unsafe or life-threatening working conditions, physical punishment, emotional humiliation and the use of child labor.

**From a pamphlet *Nice Shirt!! But do you know HOW it was made?***

**Clothing labels rarely give us the full story, the story of sweatshop workers:**

- Teen-age girls and children work long hours under harsh conditions for poverty wages;
- Workers breath toxic fumes, handle carcinogenic materials, and operate machines with no safety mechanisms;
- Women are fired if they become pregnant;
- Workers who try to organize to improve conditions are fired and listed to keep them from other employment;
- Workers' health and safety, voice and dignity are discounted.

**What if the people you learned about last week worked in these conditions?**

**Pray the *Our Father* and when you come to *thy kingdom come* and *give us this day our daily bread*, think about the people who work in those conditions and who might have made an article of your clothing.**

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**WEEK FIVE of seven weeks:**

## **BECOMING A CLEAN CLOTHES COMMUNITY**

The Catholic Church views global economic justice issues through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. This week we ask educators, parents and students to

- **Consider the following principles from Catholic Teachings on Economic Life.**

The global economy has moral dimensions and human consequences.

A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.

All people have the right to economic initiative, productive work, just wages and benefits, decent working conditions, as well as right to organize or join union or other associations.

Workers, owners, managers, stockholders and consumers are moral agents in economic life. By our choices, initiative, creativity, and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life and social justice.

- **Excerpts from our United States Catholic Bishops' 1987 document on the economy.**

*Employers are obligated to treat their employees as persons, paying them fair wages in exchange for the work done and establishing conditions and patterns of work that are truly human.* (Section 69)

*...justice, not charity, demands certain minimum guarantees. The provision of wages and other benefits sufficient to support a family in dignity is a basic necessity to prevent this exploitation of workers.* (Section 103)

- **In the Gospel of Matthew (25, 37 – 40) we read about the “upright” asking God,**

*When did we see you hungry and give you food; thirsty and give you drink, or a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to see you? God will answer: Truly I say to you: whenever you did this to one of the least of these my sisters and brothers, you did it to me.*

- **What does all of this have to do with the people who make our clothes and how does it relate to our faith?**
- **Pray for them.**

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**WEEK SIX** of seven weeks:

## **BECOMING A CLEAN CLOTHES COMMUNITY!**

Sometimes there is good news for those who work in sweatshops. Please read the following story about a company in Honduras that makes the "signature clothing" of Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. Previously the company mistreated their workers. Thanks to the publicity Sean and the National Labor Committee drew to the situation and participation of people like you, workers there have an opportunity for new life.

### **SEAN P. DIDDY COMBS AND THE SETISA FACTORY IN HONDURAS**

Major Turn-around at the Factory Significant Improvements being implemented.

**Sean Combs is doing the right thing.**

The most abusive supervisors have been fired. Workers are now treated with respect: Workers report that their treatment in the factory is much improved:

**Overtime is now voluntary and paid correctly:** All overtime work is now voluntary. Overtime hours are paid correctly and on time.

**Locks taken off the bathrooms:** Workers are no longer required to get a "toilet pass." Guards are no longer posted at the bathroom doors. The bathrooms are clean and supplied with toilet paper.

**Clean drinking water:** Purification filter systems have been installed, and the workers now have clean, safe drinking water to drink.

The factory is now kept air-conditioned.

**Social Security health care is on the way:** SETISA's owner has pledged to the workers that he will soon inscribe all the workers in the national Social Security health care system, which provides free health care and medicines for workers and their children.

The workers believe that the mandatory pregnancy tests will also be terminated.

On December 8, SETISA workers organized and won recognition for their union!

**THIS IS HOW A CLEAN CLOTHES CAMPAIGN WORKS!**

**YOU TOO CAN JOIN THE CLEAN CLOTHES COMMUNITY!**

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**Week seven!**

**To parents, educators and students:**

**What can we do?** This may be your question after participating in the previous weeks' program about working conditions in factories that produce many of our clothes. In the sixth week you saw that seemingly small activities on our part can make a difference in the lives of people around the globe.

**Here is something you can do:**

Below you will find two detachable coupons. The next time you shop for clothing, take one of these with you, sign it, and hand it to the cashier asking her/him to give it to the manager. Imagine the impact if people all over southeastern Wisconsin were to do this! Store managers would have to report to their corporate headquarters that they are receiving requests for sweat-free/clean clothes. They will know that the Catholic community considers loving our neighbor to include people all around the world, and they will feel obligated to look into the labor conditions of those who provide their clothing stock.

**We are Becoming a Clean Clothes Community!!!**



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**DEAR STORE MANAGER:**

As a regular customer of your store, I would like to invite you to become a member of the Clean Clothes Campaign of the Milwaukee Catholic Schools. As a partner in the Campaign, I request that you offer your customers a choice of clothing which is made under non-sweatshop conditions.

Many consumers like me and my family are choosing sweat free clothing over conventional products because we want a guarantee that our brothers and sisters around the world receive a living wage and that their rights are respected.  
 Sincerely,



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