

Fair Trade Coffee returns to St. Mary's

In September the Building Bridges Committee will once again be selling coffee after all masses once a month. We will be promoting Family Coffee- Coffee with a cause. This whole bean coffee is Arabica coffee of specialty grade that is grown just across the Guatemalan border in Honduras at the altitude of 4593 feet, an excellent altitude for producing high quality coffee.

Purchasing this coffee will provide you with a concrete method of helping the children of Guatemala City and the farmers who work tirelessly to provide this product.

All proceeds from the sale of Family Coffee are used exclusively to support the projects of *Misioneros Caminando Por La Paz Guatemala*. Father Thomas Goekler, MM started this project to provide a safe haven for children in Guatemala City, it has been run by committed young men who worked with Father Goekler since his death in 2010.

La Caminando Por La Paz focuses on education as the ticket out of poverty and violence. Although Guatemala does provide public education, students must pay for books, supplies, and uniforms. This is a hardship for the poor, thus many children go without an education. This program tutors approximately 50 children, some who are currently attending school and others who have not had the opportunity. The program also offers nutritious food prior to the sessions, knowing that students who have not eaten are unable to learn. In addition, a weekly holy hour has been added where hymns are sung and the scriptures are discussed. The members of this volunteer community step in to help as needed, as this is the Guatemalan version of a Catholic Worker Community.

In addition to benefiting the education project, the sale of this coffee provides funding to the coffee growers of *Productores de Café La Familia*. These farmers work to constantly improve the quality of their coffee and enhance their production methods to earn the distinction of Specialty Grade.

Our Building Bridges committee will be selling this delicious coffee both in whole bean and ground for \$12/pound after all the masses the second Sunday of the month starting in October.

Be on the lookout for more information on our coffee tasting, before and after all the Sunday masses on September 20, 2015!