

How to become a Fairtrade Diocese



Fairtrade Diocese

A Fairtrade diocese is a community that has made a commitment to supporting Fairtrade. Making your diocese a Fairtrade community is a very effective way of spreading the word about Fairtrade and through it supporting disadvantaged farmers and workers in developing countries. The more people who buy Fairtrade Mark products in Ireland, the more people in Africa, Latin America and Asia can trade their way out of poverty.

Six Goals for a Fairtrade Diocese

1. A local steering group is convened to ensure continued commitment to its Fairtrade Diocese status.
Once the group is established please complete and send in the **registration form found below.*
2. The diocese passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade and supports events during Fairtrade Fortnight.
3. A range of FAIRTRADE Mark products are served at diocesan meetings & events.
4. At least 60% of the parishes within the diocese have been awarded Fairtrade Status.
5. The steering group attract media coverage and popular support for the campaign.
6. Schools in the diocese are encouraged to become Fairtrade Schools by encouraging teachers to use the Fairtrade educational resources.

Tips for getting started

- Get together a small group of motivated people who are able to give some time to helping the diocese go for Fairtrade status.
- Get the bishop on your side. Seek his support and, if appropriate, ask his permission to put a proposal to the council of priests or clergy. Every diocese has slightly different structures, so ask his advice on this.
- Put the proposal to the council of priests or clergy and seek their support for the setting up of a steering group.
- Now the steering group can steam ahead. First set your targets. Then write to every parish asking them their current level of Fairtrade activity and their plans for the future.

Getting your Fairtrade Certificate

Once you've got things rolling and think you meet the criteria outlined above, fill in the attached application form and send to:

**Fairtrade Mark Ireland,
Carmichael House,
North Brunswick Street,
Dublin 7.**

You will be sent a certificate for you to display prominently where people will see it. Now's the time to get some more media coverage – hold an unveiling or invite a local dignitary or celebrity to present the certificate.

Help is at hand

Lots more ideas and resources are available from Fairtrade Mark Ireland, see our website for details: **www.fairtrade.ie**.

For help or queries please contact us at **info@fairtrade.ie**

Fairtrade Diocese Registration Form



Name of diocese: _____

Name of Bishop: _____

Date of First meeting Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Main Contact: <i>Chairperson of Steering Group</i>	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone:
	Email:

Secondary Contact: <i>Member of Steering Group</i>	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone:
	Email:

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Application Form for Fairtrade Diocese status



Name of diocese: _____

Name of Bishop: _____

Chairperson of Steering
Group

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- **Please attach** letter from diocese council declaring support for a Fairtrade Diocese.
- **Please attach details on the following:** Promotion of Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight – and at other times throughout the year.
- **Please attach details on the following:** Use of Fairtrade tea & coffee, and of other Fairtrade products, such as sugar, biscuits, fruit at diocesan meetings & events.
- **Please attach details on the following:** The names of all the Fairtrade Parishes within the diocese.
- **Please attach details on the following:** Efforts made to attract media coverage.
- **Please attach details on the following:** Efforts made to encourage schools to get involved in Fairtrade.

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