



By making a covenant with the poor, we are making God's concern for the poor our own.

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We continue to prepare for the Church's Lenten mission on extreme poverty. Below, we discuss making a covenant with the poor. Different covenants can be made, depending on situation and need. Below are ideas for a social justice covenant related to poverty:

**Ideas for a Social Justice
Covenant on Poverty**
We promise to:

- encourage parishioners, schools, and our community to buy and use fairly traded goods.
- become involved and support the work of diocesan and parish social justice groups.
- actively seek information on social justice issues from the U.S. Catholic Conference and the diocesan peace and justice office.
- support ecumenical initiatives aimed at tackling poverty issues.
- (offer or) attend speaking engagements that focus on poverty and increase understanding of poverty-related issues.
- start a monthly study group to read and discuss articles related to world poverty, trade, and international debt.
- write to local and national leaders to support policies, legislation and programs aimed at lessening poverty and related suffering.
- write to the federal government to re-allocate tax dollars to provide basic services (locally and globally) for those people living in poverty.
- engage in policy advocacy on a range of social justice issues.