

## Be Aware of Products Made with Sweatshop Labor when Shopping for Christmas

Many organizations and individuals are working to promote labor rights for people throughout the world. The following is a list of organizations that have targeted information and campaigns against specific companies and their labor abuses. These organizations hope to raise public awareness around the labor practices of these companies and to hold these companies accountable.

### National Labor Committee for Human Rights

<http://www.nlcnet.org>

*(Learn about the labor abuses of Hanes, Puma, J.C. Penney and Wal-Mart, as well as toy companies.)*

### Sweatshop Watch

<http://www.sweatshopwatch.org>

*(Learn about the labor abuses of garment industry. Also download the "Shop with a Conscience" buying guide.)*

### United Food and Commercial Workers

[http://www.ufcw.org/take\\_action/walmart\\_workers\\_campaign\\_info/index.cfm](http://www.ufcw.org/take_action/walmart_workers_campaign_info/index.cfm)

*(Learn about the labor abuses of Wal-Mart and J.C. Penney.)*

### Educating for Justice

<http://www.educatingforjustice.org>

*(Learn about the labor abuses of Nike.)*

### United Students Against Sweatshops

<http://www.unionvoice.org/studentsagainstsweat/home.html>

*(Learn about the labor abuses of Victoria's Secret and others.)*

### Behind the Label

<http://www.BehindtheLabel.org>

*(Learn about the labor abuses of Wal-Mart, Lord & Taylor, The Gap, and others.)*

For a list of fair trade websites where you can purchase gifts in which sweatshop labor was not used, see EfJ's resource on "10 Ways to Simplify Christmas, and Ideas for Alternative and Just Giving," at <http://www.educatingforjustice.org/bin/view.fpl/1200/article/10563.html>.

### CST Calls Companies to Value Workers Over Profit

We must first of all recall a principle that has always been taught by the Church: *the principle of the priority of labor over capital*. This principle directly concerns the process of production: in this process labour is always a primary *efficient cause*, while capital, the whole collection of means of production, remains a mere *instrument* or instrumental cause. This principle is an evident truth that emerges from the whole of man's historical experience. . . We must emphasize and give prominence to the primacy of the human person in the production process, *the primacy of the human person over things*. Everything contained in the concept of capital in the strict sense is only a collection of things . . . This truth has important and decisive consequences."

Pope John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*, #12

