This spring it was brought to my attention the injustices that take place in order for us to enjoy many of the things that we enjoy. They are often brought to us a great cost to those who work to produce them.

Products such as Addidas and Nike are produced at a small fraction of what we pay for them. Workers receive a wage of $1.67 an hour. We pay 100 times that for their work. The worker does not receive this, it remains in the possession of the company and workers do not receive the fruits of their labor.

From the Gospel we are called to make a preferential option for the poor. Is their a way we can show solidarity with workers who receive unjust wages? Our own Holy Father Pope Francis asks us to reevaluate our lives and how we can reach out and identify with the poor and marginalized.

The purpose of this message is to bring to awareness that there is injustice and inequality. The basic right for people to receive a just wage for their labor is not being recognized. I am not suggesting that we through out our Nikes or Adidas shoes. I am suggesting that maybe we should be more aware in the future of what we buy, and how it affects those who provide goods and services for us.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

Blessings

Father Stephan

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