

Natalie Terry '10

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PROFILE **NATALIE TERRY, religious studies and sociology major, John Carroll University**



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When Natalie Terry goes shopping, she really thinks about what she's buying. She's hoping to help other people think about it too.

A religious studies and sociology major at John Carroll University, Terry was recently elected to serve as national coordinator of the "Full Monty" campaign for United Students for Fair Trade, a student-led organization that supports an economic system that empowers producers to receive just wages and work in ways that sustain the environment. The campaign strives to give college students access to fair trade products such as coffee, clothing and chocolate.

As part of her experience, Terry will soon travel to Nicaragua for two weeks to learn about fair trade coffee production through visits with farmers and producers.

She said being involved in UNFT allows

her to put into action her faith and her field of study.

"Fair trade was something I wanted to be committed to this year," she said. "Working in advocacy is a way to focus my energy and passion in something that is making a positive change in society."

Terry said she's finding that the idea of living simply so that all people can simply live is gaining momentum. She said she sees more people being interested in how clothing and other products are made and whether or not the workers have been treated fairly.

"I think the concept of fair trade is radically changing how consumers think," Terry said. "It think it is catching on. There's so many people in the Cleveland area who are involved. So many parishes serve fair trade coffee and more."

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