



Dear Friends,

During Lent, we are invited to encounter God in a deeper way through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and to answer our Gospel call to see the face of Christ in our sisters and brothers in need.

The USCCB has established CRS Rice Bowl as a Lenten faith-in-action program, inviting us to encounter God and our global family by practicing the traditional Lenten pillars and by reflecting on how the Eucharist—the Bread *of* Life—compels us to share bread *for* life with all members of our human family.

I invite you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent as a resource to engage students and families in your school to fulfill the Gospel’s command to love and serve our neighbors in a communal way.

Through CRS Rice Bowl stories, videos and lesson plans, we will discover how our faith calls us to serve. We will also see how our Lenten alms provide opportunities for people experiencing hunger, malnutrition and poverty to build a prosperous future for themselves and their families.

Here are some easy ways to get started:

1. Order FREE English or Spanish Rice Bowls online at [crsricebowl.org/order](https://crsricebowl.org/order) or by calling **1-800-222-0025**. Order one Rice Bowl per family. These cardboard bowls are used to collect each family’s alms. Each Rice Bowl comes with a calendar with daily reflections that families can read together. Posters are also available to order and post in your school.
2. Visit [crsricebowl.org/schools](https://crsricebowl.org/schools) to find resources for Catholic school teachers and parish religious educators, including lesson plans and activity sheets. Teachers and religious educators can use these resources to go deeper into the pillars of Lent, global solidarity and Catholic teaching.

Rice bowls should be collected at the end of Lent and the total collected can be mailed using a Standard Remittance Form or by sending a check to the Catholic Foundation at PO Box 22128, Green Bay, WI 54305. Please note “CRS Rice Bowl” on the check.

If you have any questions about CRS Rice Bowl, please contact me at [wmissions@cfgbwi.org](mailto:wmissions@cfgbwi.org).

Thank you for inviting your students and their to encounter God and our global family this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl!

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