

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT: INTRODUCTION TO CRS RICE BOWL

Invite your community to participate in CRS Rice Bowl during announcements at Mass or in your school's morning or afternoon announcements.

Good morning/afternoon. My name is _____, and
I'm here to invite you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Lenten program through Catholic Relief Services. It's an opportunity for us to recommit to coming together as a community to put our faith-in-action for our sisters and brothers in need around the world.

At this very moment, millions of people are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger for every community around the world—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity.

Throughout these 40 days, we'll encounter families in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh through CRS Rice Bowl. We'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching and ways we can put them into action. Furthermore, participating in the program will help us engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

I invite you to pick up your rice bowl, take it home and use it to collect your family's alms. You'll also receive a calendar that offers short reflections for each day. You can visit crsricebowl.org for stories, meatless recipes, prayers and more to enrich your Lenten journey.

I'm excited to take this journey with our community, and to connect our prayer and reflections to our global community of faith. Please pick up your Rice Bowl for your family, located _____.

If you have any questions, please talk to me after Mass. Thank you for your time.