

CRS RICE BOWL NEWSLETTER JULY & AUGUST 2014

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Donations due Sept. 1st

How to turn in your donation:

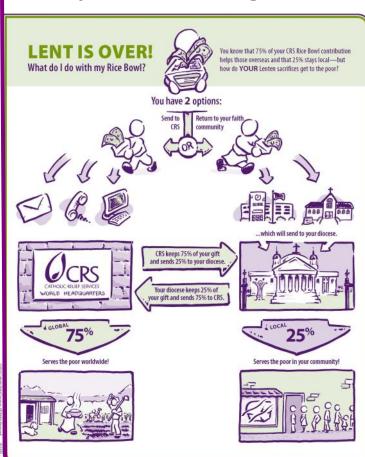
- 1. Collect from your parishes and schools. <u>Here's some tips.</u>
- 2. Set aside 25 percent of the total donation for poverty and hunger alleviation efforts in your own diocese. See our <u>25 Percent Usage</u> <u>Guidelines</u> or watch the 25 percent webinar for practical tips for using CRS Rice Bowl donations to help the poor in your own community.
- 3. Fill out BOTH PAGES of the <u>Transmittal Form</u> to let CRS know where to send 25 percent of donations that came directly to CRS (via snail mail and online donations.)
- 4. Mail the <u>Transmittal Form</u> with a check for 75 percent of the total donation to CRS at:

Catholic Relief Services Attn: CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

- 5. In October, CRS will send a check for 25% of the CRS Rice Bowl gifts we receive directly from participants in your diocese.
- 6. Publish your results in your diocesan newspaper! Let participants know how many groups were involved and how much money was raised. Be sure to include information on how your diocese uses its local 25% of funds to help those in need in your own community.

Questions? Contact the CRS Rice Bowl team at CRSRiceBowl@crs.org. Thank you!

Click on the graphic below for a visual explanation of where your donations go:





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CRS Rice Bowl's 40th Anniversary



CRS Rice Bowl began in 1975 as a way for Catholic families in the United States to respond, in global solidarity, to famine in the African Sahel by helping put food on the tables of the hungry through Lenten fasting and almsgiving. Nearly 40 years later, our goal is the same.

CRS Rice Bowl recognizes that food security means human security. When we talk about food security, we're talking about giving all people, everywhere, safe access to the nutritious food they need to live healthy, productive lives.

In the tradition of Catholic social teaching, CRS Rice Bowl emphasizes and promotes integral human development. We believe that, as human beings, our health, our food, our work—everything we do—contributes to who we are as a person. As such, our development should be cared for holistically. The food we eat, the communities we live in, the education we receive—these are all interconnected. And, just as the Eucharist is the lynchpin of our spiritual lives, nutritious food—both its consumption and accessibility—provides a cornerstone to all our efforts for development and relief worldwide.

2015 Countries and CST principles:

Week One: Tanzania

Dignity of the Human Person

Week Two: Nicaragua

Care of Creation

Week Three: Niger

Dignity of Work

Week Four: Lebanon

Option for the Poor

Week Five: Democratic Republic of Congo

Call to Community

Week 6: Diocese of Albany, New York

The Common Good

Key dates for 2015

September 1, 2014: 2014 Transmittal Forms and 75 Percent Due

October 5, 2014: Fall order mailing sent to parishes and schools in *IND dioceses*

October 8, 2014: Order spreadsheets sent to DD dioceses

January 2, 2015: CRS Rice Bowl Materials ship from warehouse

February 18, 2015: Ash Wednesday

April 5, 2015: Easter

Stay tuned for webinar dates for CRS Rice Bowl 2015!