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for Lent

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CRS Rice Bowl and the CRS Collection

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established two opportunities during the season of Lent for Catholics in the U.S. to participate in the Church's global mission to serve the poor.

CRS Rice Bowl

40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could we feed the hungry through Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving? The answer was yes—and it came in the form of a small cardboard box. 40 years later, it still does.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. As a tool for your Lenten journey, it encompasses the entire liturgical season, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2015) and concluding on Easter Sunday (April 6, 2015).

USCCB's CRS Collection

The CRS Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 100 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass.

The CRS Collection is taken up in most dioceses on Laetare (or "Rejoice") Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent (March 15, 2015).

Beneficiaries

Who benefits from CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects that assist the poor both overseas and here in the United States. 75 percent of CRS Rice Bowl contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities' access to food. 25 percent of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses in the United States.

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Who benefits from the USCCB's CRS Collection?

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic organizations (Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; USCCB's Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund) that advance the international social ministry of the Church.

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Mail Contributions to:

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

CRS Collection:
Catholic Relief Services Collection
USCCB Office of National Collections
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