



LENT HAS BEGUN!

Here's a look at what's been going on around the country:

Share your activities with us @CRSRiceBowl on Facebook & Twitter

Ash Wednesday in the Phoenix Diocese started with one **BIG** CRS Rice Bowl!



CRS Student Ambassadors at St. John's University in Queens, NY hosted a CRS Rice Bowl simple meal of Ugali with Bean Soup from Tanzania with a recipe from the [CRS Global Kitchen](#).

Early Joys for CRS Rice Bowl's 40th Anniversary Launch

- ⇒ CRS Rice Bowl video views this Lent have already exceeded last year's views!
- ⇒ Our latest [CRS Rice Bowl App](#) has 10,000 new downloads in the last 2 weeks!

Haven't Seen Our Videos?

Check out our [Youtube channel](#) or Facebook:

- ⇒ [What is Lent?](#) series featuring reflections by prominent Catholics on the season.
- ⇒ Our featured countries' [Stories of Hope](#), including an animated video for younger students about CRS' work in Tanzania!
- ⇒ [Cooking videos](#) with Fr. Leo from the CRS Rice Bowl Global Kitchen.

Thank You Mailing

CRS Rice Bowl Team will send a Thank You mailing to all participating parishes and schools soon after Easter.

The mailer includes:

- ⇒ Poster to recognize community's participation and effort
- ⇒ CRS Rice Bowl 2016 order form (for DD Dioceses)
- ⇒ Survey to evaluate this year's resources

Download

Certificates of Appreciation

(available in Spanish & English)

to distribute to
your parishes and schools!



Revenue Collection

- ⇒ CRS Rice Bowl has many resources on the website to help your community conclude this holy season, including An Offertory Prayer to End the Lenten Journey (available in English and Spanish) for a prayerful experience, while collecting CRS Rice Bowls.
- ⇒ Please encourage the parishes and schools in your (arch)diocese to send their 2015 contributions to your Diocesan Finance Office with contributions designated to CRS Rice Bowl or via our website.
- ⇒ Collect all of your contributions, retain 25% of the collection to use in your (arch)diocese for local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts, and return 75% to CRS to support development programs around the world clearly marked as "CRS Rice Bowl contributions" to:

Catholic Relief Services

CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

- ⇒ In October, CRS will return 25% of all of the current year's CRS Rice Bowl contributions we received directly from parishes and schools in your (arch)diocese to your office.
- ⇒ Learn or share more information with your community about the 25% with this PDF.



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CRS Rice Bowl Simple Meal Kit to continue to
build solidarity around the table with your faith
community this Lent!