

# encounter Lent

Encounter ourselves.  
Encounter our neighbors.  
Encounter our God.

## 2017 Resources Are Ready!

This Lent, we're answering Pope Francis' call to 'build a culture of encounter.' By going to [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) or [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org), you'll find our 2017 faith formation resources are ready for downloading and designed for each member of your faith community!

### Families

As our first teachers, families are foundational in passing down our Catholic faith. These forty days of Lent can deepen a family's faith life, and CRS Rice Bowl accompanies families along the way with activities and prayers at [crsricebowl.org/families](http://crsricebowl.org/families) or [crsplatodearroz.org/familias](http://crsplatodearroz.org/familias).

### Parishes

Find resources and utilize our *Coordinator's Guide* for ways to integrate global solidarity and the call to encounter into parish life at [crsricebowl.org/parishes](http://crsricebowl.org/parishes) or [crsplatodearroz.org/parroquias](http://crsplatodearroz.org/parroquias).

### Religious Education

Our [Educator's Guide](#) is full of lesson plans and activities (grades 1-8) to encounter Lent in the classroom ([Español](#)!).

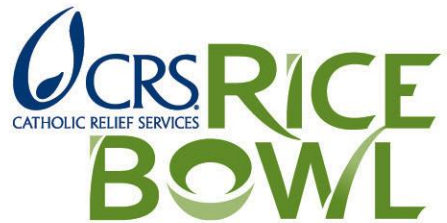
### Youth Ministry and High Schools

Easy to adapt faith formation modules with prayers, activities and lesson plans can all be found in our *Youth in Solidarity Reflections* at [crsricebowl.org/youth](http://crsricebowl.org/youth) (online & English only).

### Young-Adults

Faith-sharing communities will encounter Christ in those who are suffering and those who are marginalized and throughout creation with our *Community Reflections* guide, available at [crsricebowl.org/community-reflections](http://crsricebowl.org/community-reflections).

*\*This guide will be the same resource in 2018 & 2019.*



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## Lenten Videos

Videos are excellent ways to start a presentation, prompt reflection during a faith sharing gathering or for personal reflection. Find our [2017 Lenten playlist of videos on YouTube](#) by searching CRS Rice Bowl 2017 or Plato de Arroz de CRS 2017.

We have *Stories of Hope* videos to encounter our human family around the world, *Stations of the Cross* video series to reflect on Jesus's journey, *reflective testimonial* on a family's Lenten journey of encounter and a new promo video called *Encounter Lent*.

*\*The 2017 DVD will contain videos on playlists.*

## Hispanic Ministry

During Lent 2017, parishes across the United States will participate in the parish level Encuentro. And, CRS Rice Bowl/Plato de Arroz de CRS is one faith formation tool to answer the call to go to the periphery and live out the spirit of the V Encuentro during Lent.

*Looking for faith formation resources to support your community's Encuentro?*

[Order](#) or download our [Reflexiones para la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana](#), designed specifically for Hispanic youth and young-adults during this time of discernment of the V Encuentro.

Find more resources tied to the V Encuentro's theme, including a new video about living out the call to encounter as a family, parish and diocesan community on our YouTube playlist or at [crsplatodearroz.org/vencuentro](http://crsplatodearroz.org/vencuentro).



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## Order Updating

In order to ship resources to participating faith communities in early January, we must begin packing orders in mid-November. **Therefore, orders can no longer be cancelled or have quantities decreased.**

Organizations can **always add** to their existing order or place a new order at [crsricebowl.org/order](http://crsricebowl.org/order) or by calling 800-222-0025.

For any questions or concerns about orders, please call 800-222-0025.

## Diocesan Resources

We have several resources to help diocesan teams succeed in implementing CRS Rice Bowl in parishes, schools and all other faith communities:

- [What's New for 2017 \(Español\)](#)
- [Presentations on 2017 \(Español\)](#)
- [Planning Timeline](#)
- [Bishop's endorsement letter \(Español\)](#)
- [Encounter Lent Webinar](#)

Lastly, a packet for CRS Diocesan Directors, with sample materials and information on CRS Rice Bowl 2017, will be mailed to you at your (arch)diocesan office at the end of November!

## Diocesan Paper Ads

*Interested in including an English language or bilingual ad in your diocesan paper?*

Contact Stevie Coppola at [Stephanie.coppola@crs.org](mailto:Stephanie.coppola@crs.org) to order an ad that fits the dimensions of your paper!

See example, left, or follow this link at [crsricebowl.org/diocese](http://crsricebowl.org/diocese).

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[crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org)

## 2016 Almsgiving Update

We are excited to share that the Lenten sacrifices for the 2016 Lenten season to support CRS' work overseas has exceeded **\$8.4 million**. That means that local communities **around the U.S. are receiving \$2.8 million** for a total of \$11.2 million.

**Thank you** for your continued support of CRS Rice Bowl—these alms are truly changing the lives of our brothers and sisters, locally and around the world!

If you have not turned in your (arch)diocesan 2016 Transmittal Form, please do so at your earliest convenience by [following this link to our transmittal form portal](#).

**25% return checks will not be issued if form is not received by November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

(Arch)diocesan checks can be mailed to:

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

