

encounter Lent

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.

Lent is coming!

And, we have **3 easy steps** you can take *today* to make Lent a success throughout your diocese.

- 1.) Share these [bulletin announcements](#) ([English](#) and [Español](#)) with parish leaders and staff responsible for managing parish bulletins. Utilizing these announcements each week helps parish communities keep their Lenten journey of encounter present.
- 2.) Encourage parish leaders to integrate these [prayer intentions](#) ([English](#) and [Español](#)) into weekly Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.
- 3.) Send this [letter home to families](#) ([English](#) and [Español](#)) to all parishes and schools to communicate your diocese's support and participation in this year's Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.



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JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017

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](#)

Find these resources and more to Encounter Lent at crsricebowl.org/diocese.

Social Media Kit

Ready to begin preparing to encounter ourselves, our neighbor and our God anew this Lent?

Join in the prayerful digital conversation with our social media kit, available at crsricebowl.org/social-media. (English and Spanish)

You'll find ready-to-post memes, sample tweets and more!

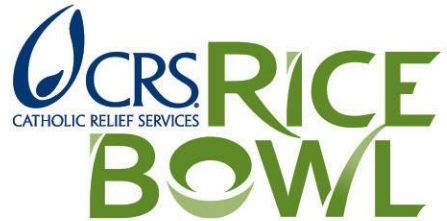
Find our [2017 Lenten playlist of videos on YouTube](#) by searching CRS Rice Bowl 2017 or Plato de Arroz de CRS 2017.



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2017 Orders Have Shipped!

2017 materials shipped on January 9th to all participating communities!

Be sure to tell the faithful in your diocese that they should be receiving their materials and begin planning how to encounter Lent with CRS Rice Bowl as their guide.

Remember, all orders automatically rollover from year to year. However, parishes and schools can *a/ways* request more materials at crsricebowl.org/order.

Questions about a particular order? Please have communities **call 800-222-0025**.

All 2017 resources are also available online and free to download: crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org

What can communities expect in their order?

All orders will automatically include a 2017 DVD of CRS Rice Bowl videos (English and Spanish) and a 2017 Coordinator's Guide, filled with planning, communication and reflection tools.

CRS Rice Bowls comes with the 2017 Lenten Calendar. The Lenten Calendar includes Stories of Hope from our brothers and sisters around the world, meatless recipes, and reflections to accompanies families along their 40-day journey.

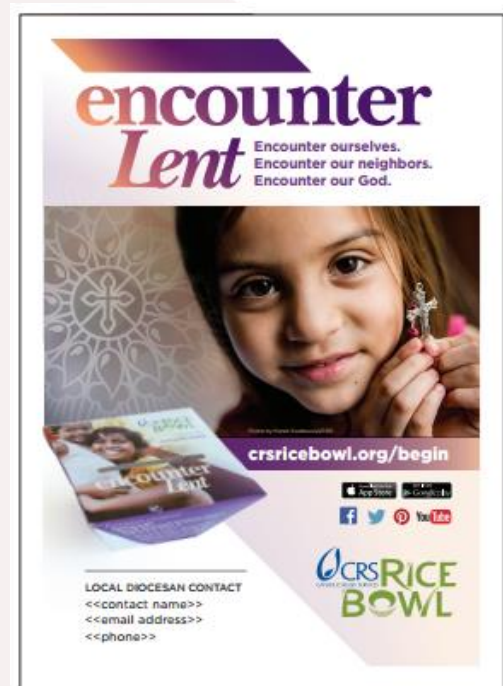
Communities might have also ordered our Educator's Guide for religious education (grades 1-8), Poster to publicize participation, Community Reflections guide for young-adults or our Reflexiones para la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana for Hispanic youth and young-adult ministry.

Diocesan Paper Ads

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

Contact Stevie Coppola at Stephanie.coppola@crs.org to order an ad that fits the dimensions of your paper!

See example, below, or follow this link at crsricebowl.org/diocese.



Thank you for all you do in support of CRS Rice Bowl and CRS. We look forward to a wonderful time of encounter and preparation for the coming of Easter!

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