

encounter Lent

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.

Lent is here.

Our Lenten season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving has begun. However, it's not too late to receive more materials or to make CRS Rice Bowl a part of this year's journey. Resources can be ordered at crsricebowl.org/order and **800-222-0025**, or downloaded for free at crsricebowl.org.

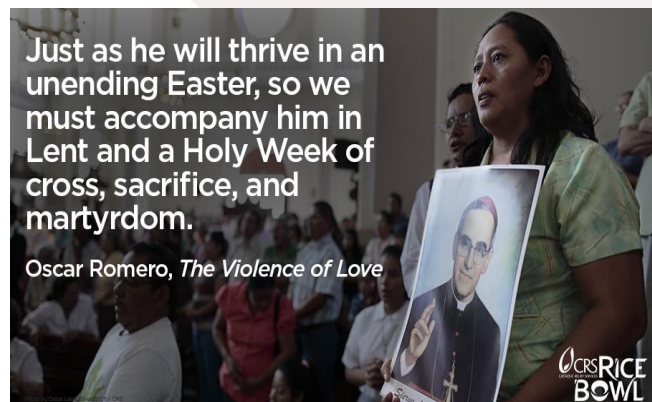


Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to encounter our brothers and sisters around the world or walk with Jesus in our Stations of the Cross video series.

Reflecting on El Salvador

This coming Sunday we [encounter our brother, Fernando](#). Let us walk with and pray for Fernando in El Salvador, and also [reflect on the example of Blessed Oscar Romero](#) and his witness of service and justice.

Keep your eyes on CRS Rice Bowl's social media channels for the latest on a special Facebook Live event to celebrate the life and legacy of Blessed Oscar Romero on Friday,



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Preparing for Holy Week

Holy Week is one of the most sacred weeks of our liturgical year as Catholics. During [Holy Week](#), we have an opportunity walk with Jesus in his passion and suffering, and prepare for the joy of his resurrection.

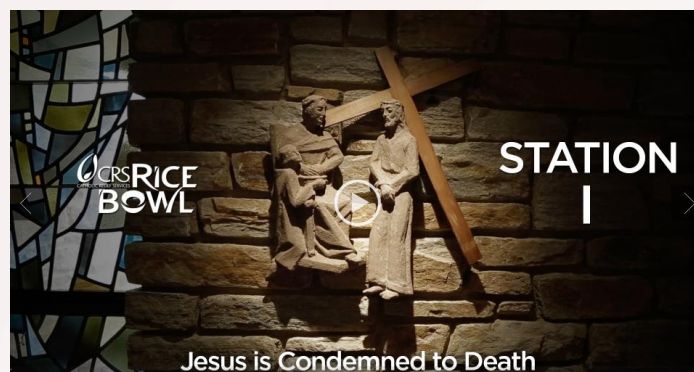
Go to crsricebowl.org/holy-week to find these resources and more:

- Stations of the Cross video series
- Seven Sorrows of Mary
- CRS Rice Bowl App reflections
- Reflections on the Lives of Saints

Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Stations of the Cross Digital Retreat Series

Walk with Jesus and reflect on our call to also walk with our suffering brothers and sisters around the world with our [Stations of the Cross video series](#).



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Collecting CRS Rice Bowls

CRS Rice Bowl has many resources on our website to [help your community conclude this holy season](#) of Lenten prayer and sacrifice, including:

- “How to Collect CRS Rice Bowls” [video](#)
- [5 Easy Steps handout](#) for tips on collecting CRS Rice Bowls
- An [Offertory Prayer to End Your Lenten Journey](#)

(Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))

Journey to our [website page on almsgiving](#)

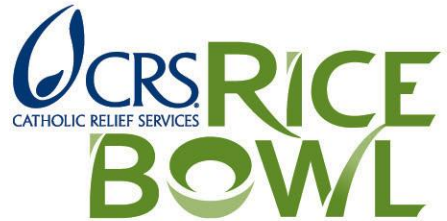
Turning in Lenten Alms

Please encourage the parishes and schools in your (arch)diocese to send their 2017 contributions to your Diocesan Finance Office or to CRS directly via the CRS Rice Bowl [website](#), app or by mail *with contributions designated to ‘CRS Rice Bowl.’*

Collect all of your contributions, retain 25% of the total to use in your (arch)diocese for local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts, and send 75% of the total to CRS, clearly marked as “CRS Rice Bowl” to:

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

This year’s Revenue Reporting Form has been updated and is available [here](#) or at [crsricebowl.org/diocese](#).



Thank You Resources

Here are some ways to thank participants in your community:

- Adapt the [Bishop’s Thank You Letter](#) to send to parishes and schools.
- Print out and personalize the [Certificate of Appreciation](#) to recognize and give thanks to participating organizations.
- Thank you [video](#)

Diocesan Thank You Ads

Contact Stephanie.coppola@crs.org to order a Thank You ad that fits the dimensions of your paper!

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



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