

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT:
INTRODUCTION TO CRS RICE BOWL**

Good morning/afternoon. My name is _____, and I'm here to invite each of you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl during Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need.

During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Guatemala, Uganda, Gaza and other places around the world where CRS is at work. We'll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals each Friday from these countries. And, through the stories, we'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond.

We will reflect on how an encounter with resurrection can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can give hope to those worldwide who are most in need, especially those forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

I'm excited to take this journey with our parish/school community, and to connect the prayer and reflections of each of our families to our global community of faith. I hope you will take home a CRS Rice Bowl, located _____.

If you have any questions, please contact me at _____ or talk to me after Mass. Thank you for your time.

