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To: Potential Rice Bowl Grant Applicants

From: Missions Office Staff

Re: 2010 Catholic Relief Services' **RICE BOWL GRANT** application process

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The local grant process for Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl program is now open through May 14, 2010. This memo is meant as an introduction to a one-page criteria and guidelines and a two-page application form.

The Lenten RICE BOWL Program is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) ([www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)) and by the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. The program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving is conducted in parishes and schools throughout Western Washington. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised are used for international development, and twenty-five percent are distributed in Western Washington for hunger and alleviation of poverty efforts.

Last year, over 170 local programs, projects, and organizations were awarded grants. Our allocations committee this year will review applications **up to \$600**.

The deadline for submitting a Rice Bowl grant application to the Missions Office is  
**Friday, May 14, 2010**

The archdiocesan director for CRS, J. L. Drouhard, [jld@seattlearch.org](mailto:jld@seattlearch.org), is available to meet with staff or leadership regarding the grant.

Decisions on 2010 Rice Bowl grant applications (recommendations given by a committee to the Archbishop) will be made in late June.

**Note for 2009 awardees:** A report on how 2009 Rice Bowl grant funds were used by a parish or organization, if a grant had been provided, must be on file before a 2010 application will be considered for funding.