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To: Principals, Faculty and Staff

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**Subject: Catholic Relief Services' Lenten resources/ CRS Rice Bowl  
Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2014**

***"Whatever you did for one of these least...you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)***

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Greetings!

If your school ordered Catholic Relief Services' **Rice Bowl** materials for Lent 2014, a bulk shipment has already arrived, including Rice Bowls with inserted Calendar Guides, posters, Educator's Guides, DVD and a [Coordinator's Guide](#)).

For those of you whose schools are **not participating** in Rice Bowl, this letter is meant to provide you with a sample of the CRS' Lenten resources for your use as well as for consideration to participate in this program! *Materials are free.* And even though there is a giving component to Rice Bowl (the Scriptural call to give alms), the other three aspects are equally important: prayer, fasting, and **learning**. CRS has continued to improve its learning resources component with an eye toward Catholic schools.

Please call us to order any of the materials at any time!

Available in any amount needed for your school (also available in Spanish):

1. Rice Bowl with Calendar Guide insert
2. [Educator's Guide](#)
3. poster
4. DVD featuring [Stories of Hope](#).

Also, CRS has more Lenten resources at <http://www.crsricebowl.org> (e.g. additional lesson plans and Stations of the Cross). (Tambien, CRS Plato de Arroz: <http://www.crsplatodearroz.org>.)

What we do ask of each parish and school, as a matter of stewardship and accountability, is that funds raised, if any, in connection with CRS Rice Bowl materials, be forwarded on to our office and not used for other purposes.

We are available to faculty/staff/parents groups for a short presentation on the Rice Bowl program and the connection our prayer, fasting, learning and giving has with people locally and overseas.

Your commitment to global solidarity in all ways is very much appreciated. You are helping others enter into the Lenten journey in this unique way, and you are assisting the worldwide Church in its outreach of charity and justice. **Thank you!**

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### **Rice Bowl prayer for 2014**

Loving God,

We thank you for the many gifts you have given us.

Bless our prayers and sacrifices this Lent.

May these gifts from our table bring hope and life to our sisters and brothers who suffer with hunger each day.

Unite us through Christ with the poor worldwide, and bless our efforts to bring relief to those in need.

Amen.