

PARISH FINANCIAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER

REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL PAA GATHERING.

Please join us this year April 15 & 16th at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat and Faith Formation Center at the Palisades.

Registration online only:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6a7puneab&oeidk=a07eajjvgr1e052ae57>

We have reached our max capacity for overnight stay! You may still join us at the commuter rate.

Day 1: Wednesday April 15, 2015

- Registration, Welcome, Introduction, Prayer
- “Parish Strategic Planning Effort”
-Dennis O’Leary
- Keynote: Fr. Gary Zender: “Diversity”
- Mass, Lunch
- Office of Stewardship & Development
- Missions office
- Schools
- Insurance Overview
- Social, Dinner, Prayer

Day 2: Thursday April 16, 2015

- Breakfast
- Human Resources
- Benefits Services and Payroll Office
- Parish Financial Services, Finances
- Lunch/Departure

Please contact Helen Nguyen for any questions regarding accommodations at the retreat center: (206) 748-7991.

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HR: ASSISTANCE WITH STAFFING CHANGES

With the upcoming changes in the lay medical plan eligibility, some parishes may wish to address staffing structures or other options. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Human Resources if you have any questions or would like assistance in planning for the changes.

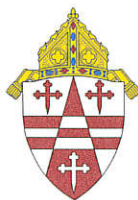
FROM THE OFFICE OF PROPERTY & CONSTRUCTION:

Tax Exemptions: We have successfully renewed all the tax exempt properties for 2015. Thank you for your assistance with the process. For next year, just a reminder to return the paperwork to our office in a timely manner.

Taxes: Tax statements were mailed out on March 9th to all the parishes. A reminder that the first half taxes are due by April 30, 2015 and the second half are due the end of October.

Do call Annie Roy if you have questions either of these items. (800) 809-4923, 206-382-4283 or annier@seattlearch.org

Check out the, “Property Tax Special Notice – Use of Exempt Facilities,” on our website: <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Archdiocese/Property/Property.aspx>



TO: Parish and School Safe Environment Coordinators

FROM: Jenna Gardner *JG*
Safe Environment Coordinator
Office of Human Resources

RE: Safe Environment Meetings

DATE: March 19, 2015

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM CHANGES - July 1, 2015

We have arranged a series of meetings to discuss the Safe Environment Program changes that will be implemented this coming July, 2015. **The meetings will explain in detail the changes and how they will affect your day-to-day work flow.** This includes: vendor changes, database changes, and automation of the program.

Please be sure to attend one of these meetings so that you have the information needed to move forward with the Safe Environment Program on July 1, 2015.

The meetings time and locations are listed below. **We ask that you email: sep@seattlearch.org to reserve your spot.**

- Tuesday, 4/7/2015- St. Charles Church-Burlington: 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Wednesday, 4/8/2015- St. Mary Magdalen Parish Hall- Everett: 10 am- 11:30 am
- Monday, 4/13/2015- Holy Rosary Pastor Center-Edmonds: 10:00am-11:30 am
- Friday, 4/17/2015- St. Stephen the Martyr- Renton: 10:00 am- 11:30 am
- Monday, 4/20/2015- St. Olaf Parish Hall- Poulsbo: 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, 4/22/2015- The Chancery- Isaac Orr Conference Room: 1:00pm- 2:30 pm
- Monday, 4/27/2015- St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center: 10:30 am-11:30 am
- Thursday, 4/30/2015- St. Rose Parish Hall- Longview: 11am- 12:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
SAVE THE DATE!
May 6, 2015
Engaged Church Introductory Workshop

Join the Engaged Church movement!

'Engagement' is about emotional connections and when parishioners have an emotional connection to their parish, they give more, serve more and are much more likely to invite others to join them! Plan to come to this FREE workshop and learn ways to increase Engagement and see your parish come alive with Catholic stewardship!

Questions? Please contact Steve Homiack
 206-903-4619 or 1-866-381-2033

Parish Annual Report
is Coming Soon with changes!

On May 1, 2015 the 2014-2015 Parish Annual Report will be available for download at:
seattlearchdiocese.org/par

Upcoming changes:

- PDF Fillable Forms for completion on the computer or printed out by hand
- An option to submit the completed report online (paperless)

Details on the upcoming changes will be forthcoming.

The Parish Annual Report will be based on parish statistics between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, so now is the time to get ready! **The Parish Annual Report is due August 15, 2015.** If you have any questions about the changes to the Parish Annual Report, contact Liz Madsen in the Chancellor's Office at 206-654-4655 or email elizabeth.madsen@seattlearch.org

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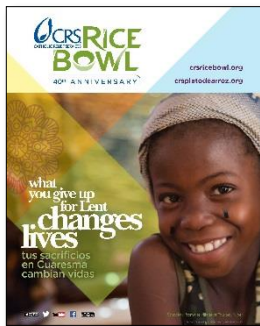
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CRS Rice Bowl and the USCCB's Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS Collection)

During Lent, Catholics in the United States have two opportunities to support the Church's global mission to assist the poor.

What is CRS Rice Bowl?



40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could we feed the hungry through Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving? The answer was yes—and it came in the form of a small cardboard box. 40 years later, it still does.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. It offers simple, yet powerful, ways for parishes, schools, and families to bring Lenten spirituality to life.

By participating in the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through CRS Rice Bowl, Catholics in the U.S. are making a positive difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

CRS Rice Bowl begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015** and ends with **Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015**.

Please designate checks for "CRS Rice Bowl."

What is the CRS Collection?



The CRS Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States and represents our community of faith at work in the world. The CRS Collection theme, *Help Jesus in disguise*, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need.

The bishops encourage us to view the national collection in the light of stewardship and sharing. It is right and just that we give something back, helping people in our nation and worldwide to live better and grow in the love of Jesus.

The national date for the CRS Collection is always Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This year, the CRS Collection fell on the weekend of **March 14-15, 2015**.

Please designate checks for "CRS Collection."

Please make all checks payable to "Missions Office," with the program or collection designation in the memo.

Thank you for not combining checks.

Beneficiaries

Who benefits from CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects that assist the poor both overseas and here in the United States. 75 percent of CRS Rice Bowl contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities' access to food. 25 percent of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses in the U.S. Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ricebowl to learn how we use the 25% in this archdiocese through our CRS Rice Bowl grants program. (Every parish is encouraged to apply for a grant!)

Who benefits from the USCCB's CRS Collection?

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic organizations (*Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; USCCB's Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund*) that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church. Visit www.usccb.org/crscollection to find more information about who benefits from the CRS Collection.

Promote CRS Rice Bowl and the USCCB's CRS Collection

How can I promote full participation in CRS Rice Bowl?

- Encourage our people to *pray* together, *fast* in solidarity with those who hunger, *learn* about our family in the developing world, and *give* to those in need.
- The CRS Rice Bowl materials contain ideas for how to incorporate all components of the program into participants' Lenten journey.
- The *Lenten Calendar* (inserted in the Rice Bowl) includes stories about the people who benefit from Catholic Relief Services' work overseas, reflections, and recipes for simple meals.
- The *Educator's Guide* includes lesson plans for teachers and religious educators to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into the curriculum during Lent.
- The *Coordinator's Guide* offers ideas to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into liturgies and community activities.

If you have any questions, please contact the Missions Office at 800-869-7028; 206-382-4580 or via email at missionsoffice@seattlearch.org.

More information on CRS Rice Bowl is available at <http://www.crsricebowl.org>

How can I fully promote the USCCB's CRS Collection?

- Mention the CRS Collection during Mass, and invite parishioners to respond to the gospel call to love our neighbors throughout the world through their participation in the collection.
- Make sure you have received the CRS Collection materials, display the poster and use the bulletin inserts, and consider using a speaker for the weekend before the collection.
- *Parish Resources* are available online at <http://bit.ly/1EbtdO5>, which include Bulletin Announcements and other useful materials.

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Thank You for contributing to the success of these two important initiatives!

The poor will no longer wait; they want to be protagonists; they organize themselves, study, work, claim and, above all, practice that very special solidarity that exists among those who suffer, among the poor, whom our civilization seems to have forgotten, or at least really like to forget.