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To: Principals, Faculty and Staff at high schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle

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**Subject: Catholic Relief Services' Lenten resources/ CRS Rice Bowl  
Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016**

***"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 2016, a bulk shipment addressed to your Rice Bowl Coordinator has already arrived, including Rice Bowls with inserted Calendar Guides, posters, DVD and a Coordinator's Guide.

For those of you whose schools are **not participating** in Rice Bowl, this packet 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 or email us to order any (or more) of the materials at any time!

Enclosed, and available in any amount needed for your school (also available in Spanish) is the Rice Bowl with Lenten Calendar insert.

... there's more on the other side ...

CRS offers many Lenten resources at [www.crsricebowl.org/schools](http://www.crsricebowl.org/schools) (e.g. lesson plans and activities, videos, Stations of the Cross, Year of Mercy resources). (También, CRS Plato de Arroz: [www.crsplatodearroz.org](http://www.crsplatodearroz.org)).

J.L. and Kelly recently visited the CRS project in Laos that is featured in this year's Rice Bowl video (view online here: [www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2](http://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2)) and they are available to faculty/staff/parent groups for a short presentation on their trip, the Rice Bowl program and the connection our prayer, fasting, learning and giving has with people locally and overseas.

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.

**NEW!** Enclosed is information about CRS' **Global High School Program**, which encourages students at Catholic high schools into active global citizenship and engages the entire school community in the mission of Catholic social teaching. The CRS Global High School program provides Catholic high schools the opportunity to choose to engage in the work of CRS on three levels: Silver, Gold and Platinum. All participating schools receive timely information on new resources and emergency response opportunities, educational opportunities, and tools to publicly celebrate the relationship between your school and CRS. Learn more at <http://ghs.crs.org>.

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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*"One goal for each day: to convey the tenderness of Christ  
to those who are most in need."*

- Pope Francis tweet of Dec 14, 2015

### **Rice Bowl prayer for 2016**

God of all creation,  
We welcome you into our lives in a new way this Lent.  
We are ready to serve your people,  
especially our brothers and sisters who are most in need.  
We are ready to live out your call to mercy.  
Through our prayers, fasting and Lenten gifts,  
may we learn to walk as one global human family.  
May we learn to listen to each other, and in so doing hear the merciful words of Christ.  
Amen