



WHAT IS RICE BOWL?

Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl is a faith formation program that provides resources for use in parish and school community settings, with complementary materials for families to foster their faith life at home. Rice Bowl 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, U.S. Catholics are making a positive difference in the lives of those who are most in need.

WHO BENEFITS FROM CRS RICE BOWL?

75% of donations collected by the Diocese of Boise through the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl program go directly to CRS to help fund development programs designed to increase food security around the world. These projects focus on initiatives that bring clean water, small enterprise development, agricultural expertise, educational opportunities, and HIV/AIDS and mother/child health programs to the poor in more than 40 countries. **25% of Rice Bowl donations collected by the Diocese of Boise are to be used to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in local communities.**

DIOCESE OF BOISE GRANT APPLICATION

In order to distribute the 25% retained each year from the Rice Bowl collection, a grant process has been put into place in the Diocese of Boise (***Deadline to apply: Friday, May 1, 2020***). Please forward this information to anyone in your parish or community who has programs that work to feed the hungry and alleviate poverty. For more information on the grant process, criteria, and application form, please visit our diocesan website www.catholicidaho.org.

HOW CAN I PROMOTE FULL PARTICIPATION IN CRS RICE BOWL?

Resources that are available to **PARISHES** include: homily notes, bulletin announcements, prayers of the Faithful, Stations of the Cross, Lenten soup supper activities, and more to bring the program into all aspects of the parish Lenten celebration. Resources that are available to **SCHOOLS** include: lesson plans for grades 1-12, videos, and additional online resources to use in the classroom. Various resources are available for **FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS** to help them participate in the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Resources are available in English and Spanish and are free of charge. To access these resources please visit www.csricebowl.org or call 1-800-222-0025.