

# encounter *Lent* 2019



Dear Friends,

God invites us to reach out beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program—reminds us that the journey through the desert ultimately leads to resurrection, and that it is our Gospel call to share the hope of the Resurrection with those most in need.

We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity. I invite you to take action to build the culture of encounter as missionary disciples with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lent.

CRS offers wonderful materials for FREE in English and Spanish. You can download liturgical resources, such as prayer intercessions, Stations of the Cross and communication tools, which include bulletin announcements, photos, logos, videos and a social media kit.

Please check out our NEW diocesan Rice Bowl page at <http://saginaw.org/ricebowl> for a direct link to CRS Rice Bowl parish resources and to view a powerful promotional video, titled: “Thomas Awiapo- What is Lent?”

If you have any questions, please contact me at [tgrierson@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:tgrierson@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or 989-797-6650.

Thank you for considering CRS Rice Bowl as a part of your parishioners’ faith journey!

  
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