

2017 Rice Bowl Bulletin Announcement

SUNDAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th
ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from your parish, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God. For additional information, please contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT – March 5th
ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT – March 12th
ENCOUNTER NUTRITION

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT – March 19th
ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT – March 26th
ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your

communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT – April 2nd
ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

PALM SUNDAY – April 9th
ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 16th
ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at your parish. Visit crsricebowl.org or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

AFTER-EASTER MESSAGING – April 26th
THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at your parish.