



Food for All Campaign to Fight Global Hunger

On December 10, 2013, Caritas Internationalis, the international umbrella organization for Catholic Charities organizations, initiated Food for All, a world-wide campaign to combat hunger. Pope Francis launched the campaign with a video calling on all Catholics to intensify efforts to end hunger around the world. Many of you participated in the Global Wave of Prayer on that day.

CRS, a member of Caritas Internationalis, stands with Pope Francis, Caritas Internationalis, and all the other Caritas organizations around the world in raising up hunger as a key issue of our time. CRS combats hunger each day through its emergency relief programs, and through its innovative work in agricultural and livelihoods development (link here to ag strategy page: <http://www.crsprogramquality.org/storage/pubs/agenv/crs-and-agricultural-livelihoods.pdf>).

We invite you to join us in continuing this campaign. As Pope Francis states in his Lenten message, “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.” For those of us looking for a way to respond to the call of the Holy Father, [CRS Rice Bowl](#) can help.

- To download our [free mobile app](#), go to <http://crs.org/ricebowl-app/>. With this mobile app, you can chart your Lenten journey with daily prayer reflections, use the customizable tool to track your sacrifices, and find recipes and stories of hope from people around the world.
- Visit the Catholic Relief Services YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicRelief> to discover all the CRS Rice Bowl videos available this Lent!
 - Search for **CRS Rice Bowl** to view the CRS Rice Bowl videos for 2014, as well as archived resources from past years.
 - Search for **CRS Rice Bowl Global Kitchen** to view a series of short cooking videos that will teach you how to cook meatless recipes using simple ingredients - perfect to share with your family and friends on Fridays during Lent.
- Find prayers, family activities, and more at crsricebowl.org.
- Discover faith Formation Resources for:
 - [Parishes](http://www.crsricebowl.org/parish/) at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/parish/>,
 - [Schools](http://www.crsricebowl.org/schools/) at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/schools/>, and
 - the [Hispanic community](http://www.crsricebowl.org/es/) at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/es/>

- Be sure to like CRS Rice Bowl on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CRSOperationRiceBowl) at <https://www.facebook.com/CRSOperationRiceBowl> and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CRSRiceBowl) at <https://twitter.com/CRSRiceBowl>.

Please use these resources for your own personal faith journey this Lent, and also share them with your faith community, family, and friends.

You can also help by advocating for policies that fight hunger. Your voice can make a difference! Thanks to Catholics raising their voices all around the country, the U.S. Congress recently passed Farm Bill legislation that will make a profound difference in the fight against global hunger. Not only does the bill provide adequate funding so that food can be delivered to people in need during emergencies such as in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, but also for programs that promote long-term development. Take the [Hunger Pledge](http://crs.org/hunger-pledge/) (<http://crs.org/hunger-pledge/>) and join with other Catholics in advocating for policies that address poverty and hunger worldwide.

We have posted information about CRS agriculture programs, as well as resources to help you participate in the Campaign, at our [Food for All website](http://crs.org/hunger/) (crs.org/hunger/). We will continue to update you in the coming months about future plans for the Campaign.

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