



IT IS TIME TO START PREPARING FOR CRS RICE BOWL!

February 26 – April 9, 2020

Lent is quickly approaching and all are invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program to pray, fast, learn, and give.

For more information on how you and your parish can participate, please visit archchicago.org/crs or contact Ryan Lents at rlents@archchicago.org.



“To those who are victims of injustice and exploitation and see no way out, Jesus opens the door of fraternity, where they can find welcoming faces, hearts and hands, where they can share bitterness and despair, and recover some dignity.”

Pope Francis

“Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish has a soup kitchen in the Little Village Neighborhood. With decreasing SNAP benefits and more pantries closing, OLTP can provide food to those in need in the community. The Rice Bowl Donations allow us to continue this important work!”

Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish

In 2019, the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago generously supported Catholic Relief Services and CRS Rice Bowl, with nearly **\$375,000** in donations. 75% of those funds went to support life-saving development work around the globe, while 25% stayed in the Archdiocese through our local Rice Bowl grants program.

Programs funded by CRS Rice Bowl Grants

46 local programs in Cook and Lake Counties received a total of \$97,800 in CRS Rice Bowl Grants – the categories listed below reflect CRS’ global priorities as part of their Vision 2030 Plan. Learn more at crs.org/about/agency-strategy.

Promoting Peaceful and Just Societies
(Restorative justice training, nonviolence training, and peace marches)

Giving Food to the Hungry
(Food pantries and soup kitchens)

Providing Housing and Social Services
(Overnight shelters and counseling)

Fostering Resilience and Sustainability
(Fair trade, community gardening, and environmental stewardship)

Mentoring Youth
(Youth leadership development and support through the arts and ministry)

