



February 14, 2017

Dear Presidents and Principals,

This Lent our Diocese will again participate in **CRS Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that will help our community experience Lenten spiritually by living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

As was mentioned at the ACCE, each administrator received a CRS Rice Bowl Kit in August from the Office for Social Ministry. Schools are asked to use their CRS Rice Bowl Resources to guide their weekly Lenten activities. The Educator's Guide includes activities for Grades 1 thru 8. There is also the APP Challenge for Middle School students that several schools participated in last year.

With our new Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Stewards of the Gospel, we are called to look beyond ourselves and reach out to others. The CRS Rice Bowl video program [crsricebowl.org] contains many stories of people and communities whose lives our Lenten gifts are changing. Please consider sharing these stories with your school communities in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. This will help us come together in prayer as One Ohana this Lent, reflecting on how we can live out our call of Stewardship more abundantly.

Read more regarding the CRS Rice Bowl on the letter attached.

After Easter, we will collect information regarding each school's Lenten activities and Rice Bowl monetary collection amounts and provide a summary to you. **Remember, please keep account of your school's total donation. This year we want a better understanding of the amount each school raised; not just each parish.**

Many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

In Christ,

Mike Rockers, Ed.D.
Superintendent