

## SEMINARY ENGAGEMENT—ACTIVITIES/EVENTS WITHIN THE FOUR PILLARS OF FORMATION - 2015-2016

DP/AI – Dominican Priory/Aquinas Institute—St. Louis  
M – St. Mary—Cleveland  
ND – Notre Dame—New Orleans  
NAC – the Pontifical North American College—Rome  
CB – St. Charles Borromeo – Philadelphia  
A/OST – Assumption/Oblate School of Theology - San Antonio  
SMB – St. Mary's – Baltimore  
MA – Mt. Angel – Portland  
SMT – St. Mary's/St. Thomas University – Houston

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### HUMAN FORMATION

#### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Hosted a Fair Trade coffee house, sharing free fair trade coffee with everyone (SMB)
- Had a Fair Trade sale, earning \$200 for CRS/migrant efforts (SMB)
- Monday night conference focused on Fair Trade (MA)
- Established relationship between Fair Trade vendors and seminary store (MA)
- Hosted CRS Fair Trade fair (2x), connecting with other seminary/school activities (A/OST)
- Hosted Advent fair, using CRS resources (A/OST)

#### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Guest speakers from Laos and Ghana during Lent (MA)
- Lenten simple meal (MA)
- Community Lenten meal (A/OST)
- CRS Rice Bowl money collected/sent (DP/AI)
- Seminary food service prepares CRS Lenten meals, with CRS prayers, videos and discussion questions (M)
- Commitment of staff and faculty/students to ensure fair trade and Rice Bowl annual activity (DP/AI)

#### Other

- Hosted CRS speaker, with a focus on the work of CRS and seminary partnership (MA)

- Hosted CRS speakers with a focus on the work of CRS and 'Year of Mercy' (A/OST)
- CST included as a dimension of vocational discernment (MA)
- Added two more student animators (CB)
- Greater participation and support of our Rector (CB)
- Mission trip to Nicaragua/connecting with CRS staff, growing in awareness (ND)
- Promoting personal awareness and commitment among students and faculty (DP/AI)
- A faculty member and 2 students traveled with CRS to Burkina Faso, adding to animator pool (DP/AI)
- Connected students with CRS country staff overseas (DP/AI)
- President sent our letter regarding partnership to entire community (DP/AI)
- CRS Rice Bowl money collected/sent (DP/AI)
- Had conversations among seminarians regarding the relationship of CST and CRS (NAC)
- Hosted a CRS international speaker, as well as the CRS RM, for 4<sup>th</sup> year deacons (ND)

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Used CRS Advent resources for wreath blessing (A/OST)
- Used CRS prayers on behalf of Syrian refugees throughout Advent (CB)
- Incorporated the personal stories of Syrian refugees provided by CRS (CB)
- Focused Advent prayer around the countries served by CRS (CB)

### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Rice Bowl blessing and distribution of boxes (SMT)
- Ritualized distribution and collection of CRS Rice Bowls (MA)
- Blessing of Lenten Rice Bowls – distribution and collection (A/OST)
- CRS Stations of the Cross (A/OST)
- Participation in CRS Rice Bowl, with blessing & distribution at Mass (SMT)
- Distributed CRS Rice Bowls at Mass (M)
- CRS Rice Bowls available in various locations on campus for public use (M)
- Shared additional CRS Lenten resources with seminary community, including the app (M)
- Prayerful reflections of how to give alms during Lent (NAC)
- Fasted from the use of social media during Mardi Gras and the Super Bowl to raise awareness of human trafficking (ND)

### Other

- Asked seminarians/faculty to spiritually 'adopt' a refugee, using CRS resources (SMB)
- Distributed CRS prayer(s) for 'Year of Mercy' (SMB)
- Used CRS resources for Las Posadas celebration, connecting local/global (A/OST)
- Shared USCCB 'examination of conscience' regarding CST principles (MA)
- Inclusion of CRS prayer intentions at community Mass (A/OST)
- Faculty member giving a retreat for outside group regarding the Year of Mercy, incorporating CRS (DP/AI)
- Members of the community have spoken at various gatherings outside seminary/school on behalf of CRS (DP/AI)
- Continue to use CRS prayers within liturgies (DP/AI)
- Intentional inclusion of prayer intercessions at Mass (M)

## INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

### Other

- Posted CST/CRS guiding principles on all bulletin boards (SMB)
- Hosted CRS speaker regarding the 'Year of Mercy' (SMB)
- Attended diocesan presentation regarding 'Laudato Si', which included CRS President, Carolyn Woo – seminary reps had dinner with her (SMB)
- Seminarians crafted homilies, rooted in Catholic social teaching (MA)
- Scripture class utilized CST/CRS resources for story-telling (A/OST)
- Catholic Social Thought class incorporating CRS resources (A/OST)
- Foundations of Moral Theology class used CRS CCGP resources (A/OST)
- Welcomed a CRS staff member for overview of CRS work and resources (SMT)
- Exploration of the Church's social teaching documents (SMT)
- Academic Dean initiating curriculum mapping in regards to CST for graduate school program (MA)
- Syllabus exchange among faculty about integrating CST (MA)
- Used CRS materials in the Catholic social teaching course (CB)
- Sent CRS/USCCB Catholic social teaching videos to seminary community (CB)
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- Viewed first CST CRS/USCCB video at seminary community event (CB)
- Lecture for entire community regarding Catholic social teaching/theology (ND)
- Conference for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students regarding CST principles/themes (ND)
- Integration of CRS materials and experiences in classrooms (DP/AI)
- Curriculum committee will do 'mapping' to ensure presence of CST and CRS throughout (DP/AI)
- Posted information and activities on Facebook and blog page (DP/AI)
- Better use of our Global Awareness Bulletin Board, including CRS information and initiatives (M)

- Made presentations for the diaconate formation program regarding CRS and Rice Bowl (M)
- Moral theology class: the common good (NAC)
- Moral Theology 508, Catholic social teaching course for 4<sup>th</sup> year deacons (ND)
- Anticipating Moral Theology 508 (Spring 2017) met with 3<sup>rd</sup> year students regarding project (ND)
- Use of CRS resources for Moral Theology courses, Environmental Ethics and Sexuality and Marriage (MA)
- Use of community reflection guide for 'Laudato Si' in formation groups (A/OST)
- Faculty discussion regarding use of CRS resources, particularly in Scripture, Moral Theology and Pastoral Care (A/OST)
- Invited CRS representative for presentation re: CRS work and resources (SMT)
- Greater student awareness of Catholic social/justice documents of the Church (SMT)

## PASTORAL FORMATION

### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Using social media, sent out CRS Advent prayers throughout community (A/OST)
- Fair trade sale at family day (A/OST)
- Coordinated evening fair trade sale with CRS Fair Trade Ambassador (A/OST)
- Raised \$2,200 for Syrian refugees throughout Advent (CB)
- Fair trade sale at December 8<sup>th</sup> celebration, serving coffee & hot chocolate (CB)

### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Sent out an email (included all appropriate resources) to all resident preachers, encouraging them to promote CRS and Rice Bowl during Lent (M)
- Social media promoting CRS Rice Bowl – 1500 views (NAC)
- Use of CRS Rice Bowl (ND)
- Replicated CRS speaker information in local parishes, encouraging further CRS Rice Bowl participation (MA)
- Coordinated CRS Rice Bowl with both Assumption Seminary and Oblate School of Theology communities – with use of large campus displays (A/OST)

### Other

- Attempt to integrate Catholic social teaching into seminary orientation program (MA)
- Have included CRS resources/activities in the school newsletters (A/OST)
- Have invited CRS staff for pastoral formation symposium, to be held next year (MA)

- Forming faculty Catholic Social Teaching Committee to foster further integration (MA)
- Increased seminary administration buy-in and commitment (MA)
- CRS/Seminary Initiative presented to Academic and Pastoral Formation Committees of the Board of Trustees, securing high level of acceptance and participation (A/OST)
- Participated in the Helping Hands event at the World Meeting of Families (CB)
- Posted article on seminary blog regarding the Helping Hands event (CB)
- Seminarian article regarding partnership posted on CRS newsletter (CB)
- Presentation and discussion of Laudato Si/pastoral implications for 1<sup>st</sup> year students (ND)
- Faculty member offering a day of reflection for university community on the Year of Mercy, incorporating CRS (DP/AI)
- Seminarians continue to share their CRS experiences in Tanzania and Burkina Faso (DP/AI)
- Encouraged all within the seminary community to sign-up for CRS monthly bulletins (M)
- Homily about hope as compassion for the poor (NAC)
- Mission speaker contributes fee to CRS refugee response efforts (NAC)

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## HUMAN FORMATION

### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Hosted Advent fair trade sale (M)
- Hosted a CRS Fair Trade sale w/ coffee and chocolate tasting (DP/AI)
- Pursue possibility of serving fair trade coffee in seminary dining room (ND)
- Shared fair trade chocolate with seminary community (M)
- Invited CRS Fair Trade Ambassador to give talk (DP/AI)
- Discuss purchase of fair trade wine for seminary-wide social functions (ND)

### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Friday Lenten lunches, RB recipes, CRS videos, table discussion w/ CRS questions (M)
- Money saved through Lenten lunches sent to CRS (M)
- Shared CRS Rice Bowl recipe with the Dominican community and in meal with Missionaries of Charity (DP/AI)
- Entire seminary community and staff participate in CRS Rice Bowl (VdeP)
- Welcomed CRS speakers for presentation with seminarians (ND)
- Disseminated CRS speaker's presentation to larger seminary community (ND)

## Other

- Desire to connect seminarians studying Spanish in El Salvador with CRS staff/programs there (M)
- Invite CRS staff for faculty/staff in-service trainings regarding CRS programs (DP/AI)
- Used CRS resources for seminarians to reflect on 'simplicity of life' (ND)
- Invited representative of CRS to talk about seminary partnership (DP/AI)
- Sharing weekly article regarding CRS in communications with students (CB)
- Identified 2 new student animators and one faculty animator (DP/AI)
- Conversation with administration about possible letter to students/faculty/staff from President indicating partnership with CRS and its implications for the institution (DP/AI)
- Desire for seminary staff (i.e. Admissions Team, Dean of Students) to be CRS knowledgeable and able/willing to promote CRS work (DP/AI)
- CRS student animators actively engage both Social Justice Committee and Student Life
- Committee (DP/AI)
- Shared with seminary community the experience of CRS/Tanzania Global Fellows' trip (M)
- Pursue connection with Bishop's desire for 'simplicity of life' within seminary community and CRS (M)

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Promoted CRS Advent resources at faculty meetings, encouraging them to use in multiple ways (M)
- Incorporating CRS intercessions in prayer of the faithful during Advent (CB)
- Incorporating CRS Advent intercessions in evening/night prayer (ND)
- Used CRS Advent wreath blessing (ND)

### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Soup and bread Fridays (Lent) in conjunction with CRS Rice Bowl – utilizing prayers, calendar, discussion questions, etc. (CB)
- Preached on Ash Wednesday regarding CRS Rice Bowl—distribution of boxes (M)
- Promote CRS Rice Bowl prayers, stations of the cross – modeling for students/faculty ways to engage CRS Rice Bowl as a parish faith formation tool (M)

- Used 'Prayer Without Borders' at Lenten lunches (M)
- Used CRS Stations of the Cross (VdeP)
- Lenten homilies focused on 'hunger' and CRS Rice Bowl (ND)
- Shared CRS Lenten homily suggestions with deacons preaching in parishes on weekends (VdeP)
- Used Lenten prayers provided by CRS for evening prayer (ND)
- Used CRS Rice Bowl small group reflection materials throughout Lent (ND)

### Other

- Utilized CRS prayers (Suffering from Ebola, A Prayer for Iraq) during Eucharistic Adoration (DP/AI)
- Used 'To Have Hope' prayer for Supervised Practice of Ministry course (DP/AI)
- Use CRS Newswire and other resources for prayer of the faithful (M)
- Utilized CRS suggestions for prayer of the faithful (VdeP)

## INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

### Other

- Catholic Social Teaching course (CB)
- Pastoral Ministry Supervisors will do curriculum mapping to integrate CRS resources in their work with students (DP/AI)
- Brought CST/CRS into Acts of the Apostles course (M)
- Faculty members are expected to include CST/CRS in their syllabi and to share this integration with CRS staff (DP/AI)
- On each faculty agenda—to incorporate CST/CRS in lesson planning (M)
- Social Justice class to host CRS speaker from Haiti (VdeP)
- Integrating CST across the curriculum (ND)
- Course in social justice to expand the theme and work of CRS (VdeP)
- Harnessing the strength of the Moral Theology Department as a catalyst for broad integration of CST in the intellectual pillar of formation (ND)
- Hosted 1st anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan event (CB)
- Used the reflection materials provided by CRS to stimulate discussion on CST and global consciousness (ND)
- Served fair trade coffee w/ explanations of FT at French Toast Fridays (NAC)
- Posted CRS information/activities on personal/communal Facebook pages (DP/AI)



- Blog posts: ‘Spirituality of Short Term Mission’ and ‘The Eucharist and Catholic Social Teaching’ (DP/AI)
- Movie nights w/ social justice themes, followed by discussion (NAC)

## PASTORAL FORMATION

### Advent/Economic Justice/CRS Fair Trade

- Advent collection for Typhoon Haiyan (CB)
- Christmas Giving Tree, inviting seminary community to support CRS needs while raising greater awareness of global reality (NAC)
- Preached in local parishes regarding CRS Fair Trade (DP/AI)
- Model ‘how’ to do CRS Fair Trade sales within seminary community (M)

### Lent/Hunger/CRS Rice Bowl

- Invited/accompanied CRS Lenten speaker to weekend parish liturgies (M)
- Utilization of CRS Rice Bowl by all seminarians, faculty and staff, increased giving over previous year (ND)
- Model ‘how’ to do CRS Rice Bowl within seminary community (M)
- Development of a YouTube video, encouraging RB participation— eventually posted on Facebook, reaching 1400 views (NAC)
- Preached at St. Louis parishes for CRS Rice Bowl (DP/AI)
- CRS Rice Bowl during Lent, informing and engaging entire seminary community (NAC)

### Other

- Seminary has both Global Affairs/Interfaith Committee and a Social Concerns Committee (M)
- CRS animators talked with seminary administrators, faculty members and seminarians with regard to continuing a partnership with CRS and widening/deepening engagement (ND)
- Initiated cooperation between the faculty Pastoral Committee and the student Apostolic Works Committee – with the intent to animate entire seminary community (ND)
- CRS has already come into the communal consciousness of the seminary (ND)
- CRS seminary animators collaborated with existing pastoral committee in responding to the poor locally (ND)
- Outreach to the poor in Rome, including prayer and reflection among seminarians (NAC)
- Use 1st year students’ trip to Nicaragua as foundation for CST formation (ND)

- Gave talk at St. Louis parish regarding CRS Global Fellows' trip to Tanzania (DP/AI)
- Monthly collections by individual classes (VdeP)
- Seminary animators/CRS Global Fellows brought CRS message to weekend/field ED assignments (M)
- Hosted fundraiser for Iraqi refugees (DP/AI)
- Using bulletin boards to inform seminary community about global issues (VdeP)