

CRS Chapters and Clubs,

Thank you for saying “yes” to the call of missionary discipleship—the Gospel call to encounter Christ in our global family and uphold a more just world that reflects the kingdom of God. Together we are building a movement to end global poverty so that all people can reach their human potential and thrive.

At Catholic Relief Services, we believe there is no limit to what we can achieve with a shared vision and commitment. Through your actions, combined with those of millions of others across the United States, we can create lasting change for our one human family around the world.

CRS provides a variety of resources to support your chapter or club, including:

- **Monthly actions**—These include community giving and advocacy actions, especially during times when the national chapter and club community focuses on specific activities, such as fall community-giving events and August recess visits.
  - **Monthly action sheets**—These offer guidance for letter writing, highlight our current legislative focus and suggest ways you can make an impact each month.
- **2021-2022 CRS Chapter and Club Action Planning Tool**—Used with monthly actions and action sheets, this tool helps you plan your year, offering dates and opportunities to mobilize your local community alongside a broader community of CRS campaign supporters.

Because our faith knows no bounds, these actions can harness the collective voice and power of the CRS Chapter and Club community. When we work together as one, we become catalysts for change—catalysts for greater impact than ever before.

*Lead by faith. Lead by action. Lead now.*

# Fall

September-November

Gather your CRS Chapter or Club members to prepare for the year ahead.

- Focus on community giving.
- Complete all additional monthly actions, including the Action Sheets.

## Pray

**Holy, beloved God,  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the “we” of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our sisters and brothers. Amen**

Dates to Consider	Actions
<b>World Food Day</b> <i>Oct 16</i>	<b>Host a fall community giving event.</b> Gather and build community by supporting our global family. Use the CRS community giving platform and resources to launch your fundraiser. <a href="https://crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise">crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise</a>
<b>Thanksgiving</b> <i>Nov 25</i>	

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<b>World Day of Migrants and Refugees</b> <i>Sep 26</i>	<b>Email Congress Day</b> On Sept. 26, invite your community to advocate for migrants and refugees by emailing their members of Congress.  <b>Chapters:</b> Promote texting <b>MIGRATION</b> to <b>677-68</b> to receive the latest action alert to send their email.  <b>University Chapters:</b> Ask them to text <b>CRSU MIGRATION</b> to <b>677-68</b> .  <b>Clubs:</b> Use the <b>Find Your Members of Congress tool</b> for your high school community to email their members of Congress. Remember to log your action.
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# Winter

December-February

Reflect on the ways you can support migrants and refugees and people facing food insecurity.

- Prepare for CRS Rice Bowl.
- Meet with your members of Congress.
- Complete all additional monthly actions, including the Action Sheets.

## Reflect

**“ Long ago I gave these commands to my people: ‘You must see that justice is done, and must show kindness and mercy to one another. Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners who live among you, or anyone else in need.’”**

*-Zechariah 7:9-10*

Dates to Consider	Actions
<i>December</i>	<p><b>Meet with your members of Congress.</b></p> <p>Share your commitment to ending global poverty with your congressional members. Reach out to your CRS staff member to prepare to meet or engage with your congressional office in other ways.</p>
<i>February</i>	<p><b>Prepare to bring Lent to life for your community.</b></p> <p>Invite your community to order Rice Bowls, check out other Lenten resources and set up an online giving page at <a href="http://crsricebowl.org">crsricebowl.org</a>.</p>

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### Advent

*Nov 28-Dec 24*

**Gather with others across the country in prayer.**

Use the migration prayer service to pray for migrants and refugees. Access the prayer service at: [crs.org/leadtheway](http://crs.org/leadtheway) or [university.crs.org/migration](http://university.crs.org/migration).

**Clubs:** Consider making this a part of your fall advocacy action. Gather your community to learn, pray and take action for our global family.

Reflect on the ways you can support our global family facing hunger and malnutrition.

- Prepare for CRS Rice Bowl.
- Meet with your members of Congress.
- Complete all additional monthly actions, including the Action Sheets.

### Reflect

**“ It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity ... to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering.”**

*-Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti*

Dates to Consider	Actions
March	<p><b>Meet with your members of Congress.</b></p> <p>Share your commitment to ending global poverty with your congressional members. Reach out to your CRS staff member to prepare to meet or engage with your congressional office in other ways.</p>
<p><b>Ash Wednesday</b> Mar 2</p>	<p><b>Bring Lent to Life.</b></p> <p>Invite your community to distribute Rice Bowls, check out other Lenten resources and set up an online giving page at <a href="http://crsricebowl.org">crsricebowl.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Easter</b> Apr 17</p>	<p><b>Support CRS Rice Bowl in your community.</b></p> <p>Share the reflective resources and other tools to support your community's collection of CRS Rice Bowl donations.</p>

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<p><b>Earth Day</b> Apr 22</p>	<p><b>Leading with media.</b></p> <p>On Earth Day and all month long, consider inviting your community to end world hunger by organizing a social media day of action or letter to the editor campaign. Use <b>#LEADNOW</b> on any social media posts and other how-to-guides.</p>
<p>May</p>	<p><b>Clubs:</b> Consider making this part of your spring advocacy action. Get your whole campus involved on Earth Day and share your commitment to supporting our global family on social media.</p>

# Summer

June-August

Reflect on how you can support our global family facing forced displacement.

- Meet with your members of Congress in their home district during August recess.
- Complete all additional monthly actions, including the Action Sheets.

## Pray

**Almighty God, millions of our sisters and brothers are on the move around the world, not by choice, but by desperation. We pray that all who are displaced persons may find safe and loving communities and the opportunity to thrive. Amen**

Dates to Consider	Actions
July	<p><b>Prepare to meet with members of Congress.</b> Gather and review best practices for meeting in-person or virtually with congressional members.</p> <p><b>University Chapters:</b> Join the SALT Summit in July 2022 for summer visits with Congress.</p>
<b>August Recess</b> August	<p><b>Meet with your members of Congress.</b> With congressional members being home, now is a great time to invite them to your community event or schedule a meeting with them. Reach out to your CRS staff member to prepare to meet or engage with your congressional office in other ways.</p>

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<p><b>World Refugee Day</b> Jun 20</p>	<p><b>Call Congress Days</b> On June 21-22, invite your community to amplify your advocacy efforts as CRS Chapters and Clubs and join thousands of others across the country in honor of World Refugee Day.</p> <p><b>Chapters:</b> Promote texting <b>CALL CONGRESS</b> to <b>677-68</b>.</p> <p><b>University Chapters:</b> Ask them to text <b>CRSU CALL CONGRESS</b> to <b>677-68</b>.</p> <p><b>Clubs:</b> Use the <b>Find Your Members of Congress tool</b> for your high school community to call your members of Congress. Remember to log your action.</p>
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