



CLERGY RESOURCE

**“Everything we eat
comes from our fields.
We eat according to
the season.”**

**—Evelina
Zambia**



Photo by Michael Stulman/CRS

**CRS RICE
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES BOWL**

“Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us...” Pope Francis

Lent is just a month away, coming again to make its prophetic appeal, as Pope Francis says. This Lent, we pray that the people in our communities open their hearts to God’s ongoing invitation to begin something new in them. And we hope that as members of our congregations are renewed in their relationship with God, this will lead them out to encounter others, and create something new around us.

It’s not too late to [order Rice Bowls for your parish!](#) Materials are free and available in English and Spanish.



Ministry Resources

- [CRS Rice Bowl](#), our Lenten faith formation program, provides activities, lessons and prayers to help deepen our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- The [Stations of the Cross Digital Retreat](#) is a series of video reflections on each of the Fourteen Stations.
- Our [Rice Bowl App](#) includes daily reflections and a creative way to track your Lenten sacrifices.

CRS on the Ground

CRS Rice Bowl offers stories of hope for each week of Lent that tell the story of people we meet on our work on the ground in different countries. [Meet people like Fernando](#), a 22-year-old father of two in El Salvador who CRS has helped empower to support his family.

As Catholics, we believe that the dignity of the human person must be upheld at all times and in all places. This belief motivates us to urge the Administration to [suspend the Executive Order banning refugees from entering the United States](#).

TAKE ACTION



Hanan Darabilya, a Syrian refugee, worries about the fate of her son and family as they wait in a refugee camp in Gaza. Photo credit: David Snyder, CRS

As we watch the refugee ban unfold, we can all help by telling the stories of the millions of displaced men, women and children who have lost everything, including their families, to this conflict.

To promote the human dignity of people like Hanan and her family, we urge you to:

- [Share stories like hers](#) to help people get to know the refugees everyone's

talking about.

- Join us by [asking the U.S. government to suspend the current refugee ban](#) and adopt a more humane approach to addressing this crisis.
- Promote products produced by refugees such as a [Prosperity Candle](#) handcrafted by women refugees who are working to rebuild their lives in the U.S.
- Continue to learn about refugees by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

CRS' latest statement, FAQ's on the refugee ban, and additional information are available at [crs.org](#).



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