**Pulpit Announcement: Introduction to CRS Rice Bowl**

**Good morning/afternoon. My name is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I’m here to invite each of you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. **CRS Rice Bowl** is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers daily opportunities for your family to engage in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it’s an opportunity for our parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out the Gospel call to go to the margins and encounter those most in need.

**During the next 40 days,** we will encounter people—through their stories—from communities in India, Mexico, Ethiopia and other places around the world. We’ll be invited to eat simple meatless meals each Friday from these countries. And we’ll learn how we can put the principles of Catholic social teaching into action during Lent and beyond. I’m excited that this is a journey that we will take as a parish/school community, connecting the prayer and reflections of each of our families—through the Catholic Church in the United States—with our global community of faith. I hope you will take home a CRS Rice Bowl, located \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Consider downloading the CRS Rice Bowl app** to receive daily reflections and inspiration directly to your phone.

If you have any questions, please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or talk to me after Mass. Thank you for your time.