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Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator/Parish Community,

Thank you for using CRS Rice Bowl in your parish this Lent. The prayers and devotions that your community has offered through this program are bringing new life to our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters in our own communities and around the world. I truly hope that this program helped provide an enriching spiritual experience for families in your faith community as they prayed throughout the 40 days of Lent and reflected on the Gospel call to serve our neighbors.

This year the parishes and schools that participated in CRS Rice Bowl raised a total of \$15,256.44 for our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations will go to Catholic Relief Services to support humanitarian aid projects that bring vital hope and live-saving aid to the poorest of the poor overseas. Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations will stay here in our diocese to help those suffering from poverty and homelessness in our own community.

I encourage you to stay connected to the global work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the year. Please visit *confrontglobalpoverty.org* to learn how your parish can join Catholics across the country in urging our nation's leaders to make decisions that defend the life and dignity of all people.

Thank you again for participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. With our shared spirit of solidarity, we can continue to bring Christ's light of hope to the world.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC

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