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Dear Friends in Christ,

God invites us to reach out beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – invites us to reflect on the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few loaves and fishes and to consider the needs of the hungry around the world. That is why I am inviting your faith community to use CRS Rice Bowl this holy season.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our archdiocese with our global human family.

This year, CRS invites you to journey around the world to meet three girls and their families who are thriving with the support of CRS and faith communities like yours. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, your community will learn about the global issue of hunger and malnutrition and our Gospel call to feed the hungry. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can continue Jesus’ mission to care for all in need.

Please be sure to order a CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar for each family in your community. These materials are available in both English and Spanish and are free. You may also visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org to find additional resources, including:

- Lenten devotions and prayers
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators
- Ideas for community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ’s call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given human potential.

In Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Joel M. Konzen, S.M."

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