



Tips for Collecting CRS Rice Bowls

STEP 1

Decide which collection method works best for your community.

■ OPTION 1

Participants bring their CRS Rice Bowls with their contributions to the designated collection area. Collecting the filled CRS Rice Bowls makes your community's Lenten efforts concrete and visible.

TO CONSIDER: Be prepared to empty the CRS Rice Bowls, count coins and handle checks. Recruit youth group members or Confirmation candidates to help!

■ OPTION 2

Ask participants to convert their CRS Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to your parish or school for easier counting. Combine gifts into one check, write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line, and send to your local diocesan director (visit crs.org/contact to find your diocesan director) or to:

**Catholic Relief Services
CRS Rice Bowl
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303**

■ OPTION 3

Participants donate directly to CRS. Donate online at crsricebowl.org/give or by sending a check to the address above.

STEP 2

Plan a meaningful collection ritual.

Read **An Offertory Prayer to End the Lenten Journey** to help your community conclude this holy season. Visit crsricebowl.org/parish for more ideas.

STEP 3

Publicize when and where CRS Rice Bowls will be collected.

Announce details in a variety of ways, including in your bulletin or newsletter, on your community's social media pages, in announcements at Mass or school, and by hanging the CRS Rice Bowl poster you will receive midway through Lent.

STEP 4

Collect and count Lenten gifts.

Recruit volunteers from your parish ministries, religious education program, youth ministry or parish school to help you count coins. Send one check to your diocese or directly to CRS at the address in Step 1.

STEP 5

Thank your community and let them know the impact their gift will have.

Hang the **thank you poster** you receive from CRS at the end of Lent. See crsricebowl.org for other creative ways to thank your community.



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