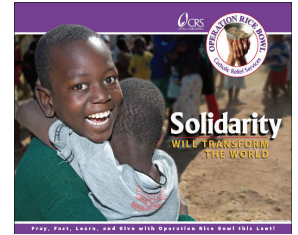




◆ Tuesday, February 10, in Dayton ◆  
◆ Tuesday, February 17, in Cincinnati ◆  
**Operation Rice Bowl**  
**Challenge**



**Training and Grant Opportunity for your Parish or School**

**Workshop Sessions and Locations:** (Choose one) Lunch Provided

**Tuesday February 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** Trinity Center in Dayton, 266 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, 45402

**Tuesday, February 17, Noon to 2:00 p.m.:** St. Monica-St. George Parish, 328 West McMillan Street, Cincinnati, 45219

★ Learn about the two \$500.00 Challenge grants available upon completion of the ORB 2009 program: one for “best new participating parish or school”, and one for “most improved previous participant.”

\*Details will be available about these grants at the training (and also in follow-up materials)

★ Participants will learn how to promote and implement Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) at your parish or school, and how to educate parishioners about global solidarity. You will get resources and we will discuss ORB tips and best practices.

**All are welcome:** the training will be useful for all levels of participation: newcomers to Operation Rice Bowl as well as past participants.



**What is Operation Rice Bowl?** A Lenten program that calls U.S. Catholics to pray, fast, learn and give. The program aims to educate participants on issues faced by the poor in the developing world and to raise funds for Catholic Relief Services’ overseas development projects. All materials are free. A video, ORB CD ROM and posters are available in addition to the rice bowls, educational calendars and activity guides.

Founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe, Catholic Relief Service is the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Serving in nearly 100 countries, CRS assists impoverished and disadvantaged peoples, working in the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching to promote the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person. Within the U.S., CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering of the world.

### **Why participate in Operation Rice Bowl?**

- Receive useful tools to help participants observe the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Incorporate or integrate Catholic Social Teaching into Lenten practices.
- Help participants understand other cultures around the world as well as issues of poverty, injustice and peace; in 2009 we will be learning about Egypt, Philippines, Tanzania, Honduras, and Ghana.
- Participants learn about the works of CRS and put their faith into action.
- Participation in Operation Rice Bowl makes a concrete difference in the lives of those living in poverty both globally and locally.
- Because you can **win a grant** for your parish or school.

Please **RSVP** by **February 6, 2009** to the **Catholic Social Action Office**,  
(937) 224-3026, or [csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org)

(If you can't make this meeting but would like more information, or would like to participate in the challenge, please call or email.)

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