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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves asking, “Who is my neighbor?” This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program—will help us answer that question. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. That is why I am inviting you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. And, this year’s CRS Rice Bowl provides a unique opportunity to connect with the global migration campaign, Share the Journey, launched by Pope Francis and the Church last fall.

I encourage all of the families, parishes and schools in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee to use CRS Rice Bowl for Lent 2018 to enrich their Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Yours in Christ,

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