

## The Yearning for Basic Education in Afghanistan

**Please Join Michaela Egger, CRS Afghanistan Education Coordinator,  
and two Afghan Colleagues for a Conversation about  
Education for Afghanistan's Most Disadvantaged Children**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) supports education for marginalized populations in Afghanistan, where thousands of children never have the opportunity to enter a classroom. Why? Often because of extreme poverty; war displacement; physical and mental handicaps and rural isolation. Thousands of other children, especially girls, start but never complete their primary education, dropping out to earn a few dollars to support their families, to help care for younger siblings or because they're forced into early marriages.

Michaela Egger and two members of the CRS education team in Afghanistan will be in the United States speaking about innovative community-based education programs that are transforming the lives of some of the poorest and most vulnerable people on earth.



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**Thursday, April 29, 2010  
7:00 PM at the O'Connor Center**

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