Catholics honor Martin Luther King

As a way of honoring slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., black Baltimore Catholics are urging people to improve themselves and to give of themselves at two events at the St. Frances Academy Community Center.

St. Frances Academy is hosting its 5th Annual Martin Luther King Day Job Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the school, and the Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of African American Ministries is holding its MLK Blood Drive at the same location from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 15.

During the morning hours, people attending the job fair will have an opportunity to attend classes on effective resume writing, job interview techniques and toning job-related skills, said Ralph Moore, an organizer of the event.

About 15 employers will conduct interviews after 1 p.m., Mr. Moore said.

By holding the MLK Blood Drive in the same location – at 501 E. Chase St. – organizers are hoping to draw more people to cross over to each event, said Therese Wilson Favors, director of the office of African American Ministries.

"Since Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a holiday, a lot of people have that day off of work and we're asking them to get out and give of themselves and to improve themselves," Ms. Favors said. "Dr. King gave his life for something he really believed in. We're asking our citizens to be proactive too."

Lunch will be served at noon for participants in the events and volunteers will be on hand for child care services.

For more information call Mr. Moore at (410) 539-5794 extension 30.