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OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, February 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Martins West on Dogwood Road, the Office of Black Catholic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will host the 20th annual Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P. Awards Banquet.

The purpose of the banquet is to affirm and celebrate the service and ministry rendered by Black Catholics (during Black History Month) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The designated areas of ministry include leadership, service through the corporal works of mercy and youth who illustrate both service and leadership within their parish and the archdiocese at large.

This Banquet of affirmation and celebration is named after Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P. foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence as her life and ministry provided great example and Christian witness of leadership and service. Her desire to please God was ignited in her heart and soul while as a youth. Thus, the categories celebrated at the Mother Lange Banquet are worthy characteristics of Mother Lange for all generations to follow.

Most Rev. Denis J. Madden, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Baltimore and Urban Vicar for Baltimore will give remarks. Sister Mary Alexis Fisher, O.S.P., Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence will be present to give greetings. Sister Mary Alexis Fisher, O.S.P. is from the same religious order as Mother Lange and promotes the sharing of Mother Lange's story and mission. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening will be Ms. Michelly Merrick, former Director of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Division of Human Resources, member of the Archdiocesan Board of Black Catholic Ministries and member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #323, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange. This year's program will feature a dramatization of the life of Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P. performed by renowned griot and 2017 Service Award Recipient, Mrs. Janice Curtis Greene.

Tickets are \$60.00. For ticket reservations please contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministries at 410.625.8472.