



AWARD DINNER TO HONOR BLACK CATHOLICS MARCH 25

*Lifetime Achievement Award will be
presented to*

Msgr. Walter Barrett

Donna Toliver Grimes, assistant director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the keynote speaker at the first Black Catholic Awards banquet which will be held **Saturday, March 25, at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump.**

“The purpose of the event is to recognize strong leadership within our Diocese,” said Pam Harris, director of the Diocesan Office for Black Catholics and Asian Ministry.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to both Msgr. Walter Barrett, Jr. and Sister Cora Marie Billings, longtime leaders in ministry of the Diocese of Richmond.

Msgr. Barrett, born and reared in Richmond, is currently pastor of Peninsula Parish Cluster which includes St. Joseph’s, Hampton; St. Mary Star of the Sea, Hampton; and St. Vincent de Paul, Newport News. He was ordained a priest in 1975. He is Vicar of the Diocese’s Eastern Vicariate.

Funds raised for this event will be given in the form of scholarships to assist Black Catholic youth in continuing their Catholic education.

Tickets are \$65 a person. A Table of 10 is available upon request.

**For tickets, contact Pam Harris, Office for Black Catholics,
obc@richmonddiocese.org or call (804) 622-5262 to purchase tickets.**