

The Rising Star Newsletter

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School-Dayton, Ohio

The CARDINAL BERNARDIN AWARD BANQUET

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church will present the Cardinal Bernardin Award ceremony **on Sunday June 12, 2016 at 4p.m. at Mandalay Banquet Hall [2700 East River Road in Moraine]**. The award is to honor those people who have dedicated their lives to servicing others, but received little recognition from the community. People who are nominated have various occupations and different backgrounds. **This year our principal Marianne Pitts will be one of the ten recipients to receive this prestigious award.**

The Award was named after Cardinal Joseph Louis Bernardin who was highly respected throughout the Archdiocese, especially within the Dayton community from 1972– 1983 for his role played in encouraging African-Americans to be more involved in the Catholic church. He established the Office of Black Catholics, encouraged Catholic Hospitals to provide jobs for all races of people.

Brother Ray Fitz, former president of the University of Dayton, will be the keynote speaker. Tickets to the Banquet are \$50 (tax deductible) per person. For ticket information contact the church office at 268-6697 or school at 268-6391.

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Important Dates

- ♦ **May 13 Mrs. Martin's retirement party**
- ♦ **May 17– 19 Grade 3 IOWA Reading Assessment Test**
- ♦ **May 25 "Heroes of St. Benedict the Moor Prayer Breakfast" after 8:30 Mass**
- ♦ **May 26 School Field Day Activities**
- ♦ **May 30 Memorial Day –No School**
- ♦ **June 1 Preschool & Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony**
- ♦ **June 3 Last Day of School**
- ♦ **August 8, First day of new school year 2016 -17**

May 11 -Crowning of Mary

Spring Fling Open House Cookout

At St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School on Friday, May 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. there will be FUN activities for all ages. All new and current families are encouraged to attend this FREE open house event. There will be a local band, food, games, and other activities.



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Free Virtus Training

Want to volunteer at St. Benedict the Moor School but need Virtus training? VIRTUS is a program created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group in the United States with a "Protecting God's Children" component that combats sexual abuse of children in the Church. This mandatory Virtus training program is currently in use in over 80 dioceses in the U.S. There is free Virtus training for volunteers. If you are interested please contact the school office at 937-268-6391.

Farewell to Mrs. Martin

After 32 years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mrs. Mimi Martin's excellent art displays and superior teaching skills will retire. She will be greatly missed by all students and staff. Although Mrs. Martin's teaching skills was focusing on Art she took control of Physical Education classes this past school year. The staff will have a tribute to her on May 13, but Mrs. Martin will continue her duties at school until the last day-June 3. We wish you well in your relaxing, new lifestyle. Congratulations!

