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**Monsignor Marvin Mottet to Receive 2012 Roundtable Servant of Justice Award
“Social Justice Rock Star” of the Diocese of Davenport Recognized for Contributions**

WASHINGTON DC – The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors has announced Monsignor Marvin Mottet of the Diocese of Davenport as the 2012 recipient of the Roundtable Servant of Justice Award for his exemplary contributions to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice for over fifty years. The Servant of Justice Award is given by the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors to a member or former member whose work, through the tradition of Catholic social teaching, has led to significant progress towards greater social justice and dignity for all members of society.

Msgr. Mottet was ordained to the priesthood in 1956 and a year later helped form the Catholic Interracial Council to address widespread racial discrimination and segregation in Davenport, Iowa. Out of this organization came the Pacem in Terris Award that has honored 40 recipients, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, and eventually Msgr. Mottet himself.

After receiving an MSW degree and directing Catholic Charities of Davenport, Msgr. Mottet developed the “Two Feet of Social Action” approach, and Catholic Charities merged with Family Resources to become one of the first diocesan social action offices in the country. The “Two Feet” approach continues to be a model used by social action directors today.

In 1978, Msgr. Mottet was appointed the Executive Director of the Campaign for Human Development, a post he held until 1985. Afterward, he returned to his home diocese of Davenport and was a founding leader of Quad Cities Interfaith congregation-based organization to address the causes of poverty locally. At age 81, Msgr. Mottet continues to put into practice the Gospel’s preferential option for the poor as an advocate and an example.

Msgr. Mottet will receive the Roundtable Servant of Justice Award during the Roundtable’s Award banquet on February 11, 2012 at the beginning of the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington D.C.

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