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Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice on Sunday

What: Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice Where: Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell)

When: Sunday, January 15, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

Who: Archbishop Robert Carlson, celebrant; Rev. Arthur Cavitt, homilist

ST. LOUIS – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, will celebrate the annual Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, the day before the observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Rev. Arthur Cavitt, Executive Director of the St. Charles Lwanga Center, a Catholic ministry rooted in the African-American community, will deliver the homily. This marks the archdiocese's 41st annual commemoration of the birth and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We keep hearing the Lord say, 'Come and you will see' that with the Lord by our side, we continue to change the face of the earth for the better," said Fr. Cavitt in his spirited homily for the 2015 Mass. "Yes Lord, there are servants who are listening, and will be part of renewing the face of the earth."

A reception and awards presentation ceremony for the 10th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Honorees will take place in Boland Hall after Mass. A complete list of honorees can be found on the website of the St. Louis Review.

Members of the media are invited to attend. For additional information about the event call the <u>St. Charles Lwanga</u> Center at 314-367-7929.

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