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Brother Roy Smith '61 honored by Center for Leadership Development with 2016 Accomplished Achievement Award

INDIANAPOLIS—March 28, 2016—The Center for Leadership Development (CLD), the community-based leadership development program for minorities in business and industry in Central Indiana, last Thursday evening honored Brother Roy Smith, Cathedral High School class of 1961, with its 2016 Accomplished Achievement Award. Presented annually to CLD's "Man of the Year," an Indiana citizen who has distinguished himself through a lifetime of unparalleled achievement and service to others.

This CLD Accomplished Achievement Award is one of the highest honors presented at the 36th Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala held at the Indiana Convention Center, Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Previous recipients of this prestigious award include Max Siegel, USA Track & Field, Jeffrey A. Johnson, Eastern Star Church, The Honorable William (Bill) Crawford, Indiana State Representative, T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., Light of the World Christian Church, William G. Mays, Mays Chemical Company, Marvin L. White, St. Vincent Health, Ron Hunter, IUPUI, Bobby Fong, Butler University, Dr. Charlie Nelms, Indiana University, Samuel Odle, Methodist and Indiana University Hospitals and Clarian Health Partners, among many other distinguished community leaders.

CLD chose Brother Roy for the award for his lifelong commitment in service to the Catholic Church internationally and throughout the Midwest. Brother Roy currently is Director of Development, Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest Province and a member of the Cathedral High School board of directors. As stated in the CLD Awards Program from a quote by Brother Roy from an article in the National Black Catholic Congress publication:

"When I was a student at Holy Angels grade school in Indianapolis, I knew I wanted to go to Cathedral High School like my older brothers William and Joseph. What I did not know was that I would meet a group of men who would inspire me to join them and follow in their footsteps as I had followed my own brothers.

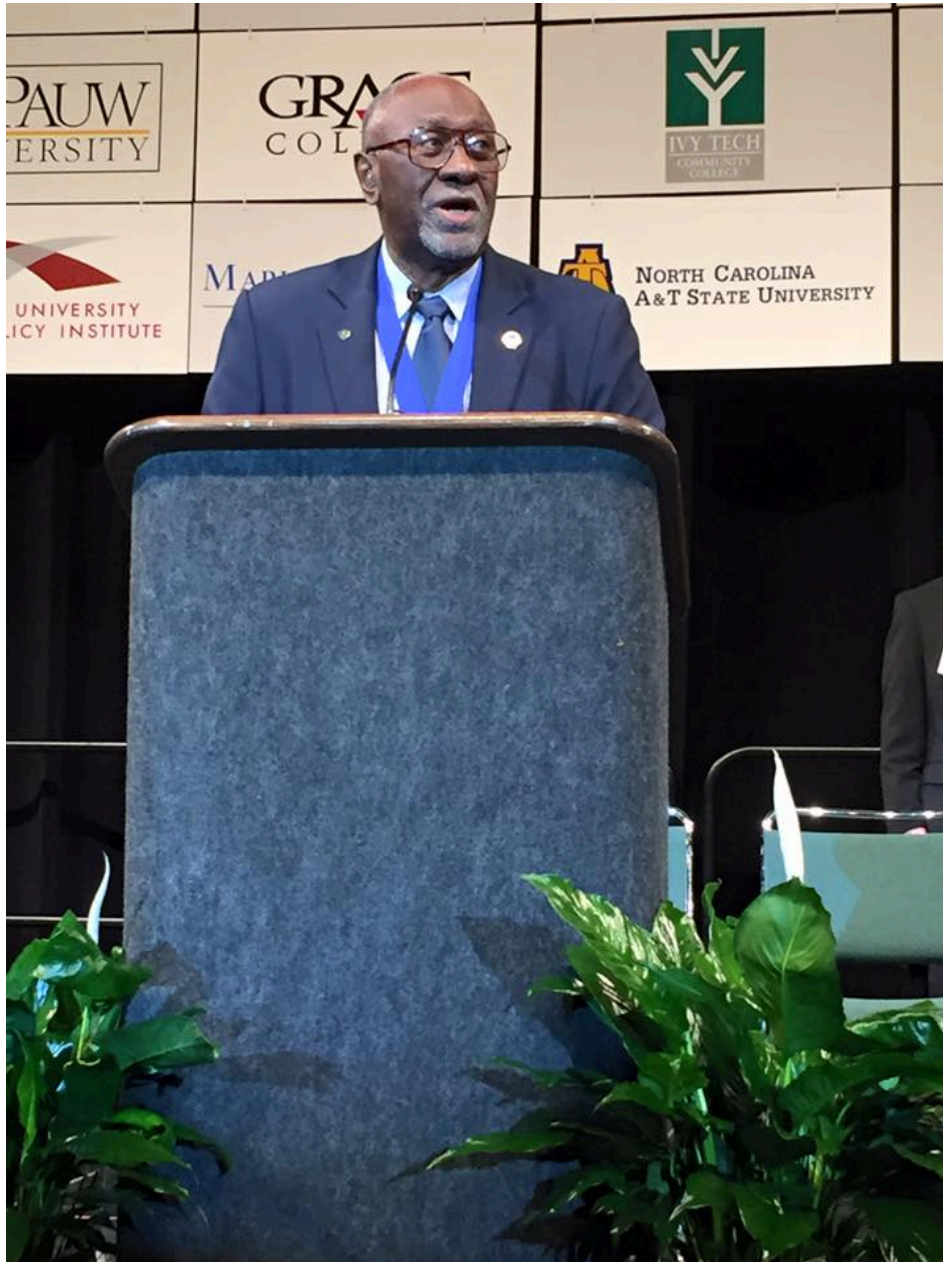
"Watching and experiencing the work of the Brothers of Holy Cross led me to say, 'I would like to work with young people and show the concern and interest in young people that I felt from the Brothers at my high school.'

"Even though the Congregation of Holy Cross has been one with a high profile in education, I learned there are numerous ministries that brothers perform. A Brother works in service to the church by performing a ministry particular to his community's apostolic calling.

"The Lord calls us to be who we are. I was created as a black male and that is the gift, the vehicle, if you will, the Order asks me to exhibit a part of the face of God. A portion of the way for me to share my gifts has been as a Holy Cross Brother.



“One of the rewards and riches of community life is giving and receiving the support and example of community members. Living with and seeing men faithfully live out their vows of poverty, celibacy, and obedience I see examples encouraging and inspiring others. These are men who, as our constitution says, work toward having ‘the competence to see and the courage to act.’”



Brother Roy Smith, Cathedral class of 1961, receiving the 2016 Accomplished Achievement Award at last Thursday evening’s 36th Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala, at the Indiana Convention Center.



About the Center for Leadership Development

Conceived by Lilly Endowment and created through the Indiana University School of Business, the Center for Leadership Development (CLD) was developed in 1976 and began operations in 1977 as a community based leadership development program for minorities in business and industry in Central Indiana. The mission of the Center for Leadership Development is “to foster the advancement of minority youth in Central Indiana as future professional, business and community leaders by providing experiences that encourage personal development and educational attainment.

About Cathedral High School

Cathedral is a private, independent, Catholic, college-preparatory school serving 1,263 students in grades 9 to 12. The school was founded in 1918 by the Brothers of Holy Cross and for 97 years has followed the philosophy of transforming a diverse group of students to have the competence to see and the courage to act. For more information, visit gocathedral.com.

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