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**Diocese celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.**

**The Diocese of Beaumont is inviting the community to join us on Jan. 8 to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Celebrations will begin at 9 a.m. with a prayer service at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, corner of Jefferson and Wall, Beaumont. A breakfast will follow at the Cathedral Center with keynote speaker F. DeKarlos Blackmon, newly elected supreme knight and CEO for the Knights of St. Peter Claver, the nation's only Black Catholic fraternal organization.**

**Blackmon is the youngest supreme knight in the history of the organization.**

**Linda Duhon-LaCour, organizer of the event and director of the diocesan African American Ministry, said, "The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday should be a day of interracial and intercultural cooperation and sharing. This is not a black holiday, it is a peoples' holiday, and, just as importantly, it is a day to gather young people who hold the keys to the fulfillment of his dream in the future."**