



*(L to R): Beulah F. Providence, president and founder of the Caribbean Foundation of Boston; Sister Margaret Leonard, outgoing executive director of Project Hope; The Most Reverend Peter J. Uglietto, V.G., vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Boston; and Lorna DesRoses, director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries.*

## **SISTER MARGARET LEONARD HONORED BY BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**

*Award Presented for Her Work With the Black Catholic Population in Boston*

**(BOSTON, November 24, 2015)** - The Office for Black Catholic Ministries honored Sister Margaret Leonard, LSA, outgoing executive director of Project Hope, a nonprofit organization that is at the forefront of helping women escape the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Sister Leonard was the recipient of the Robert L. Ruffin award, an award presented to an outstanding individual working with the Black Catholic population in Boston. Sister Leonard served as executive director of Project Hope for 30 years before announcing her retirement in September. She will continue on in an advisory role.

The award was presented at the 22nd annual Bishop James Augustine Healy Dinner on November 21, 2015 at Lombardo's in Randolph. The Most Reverend Peter J. Uglietto, V.G., vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Boston, presented the award.

Sister Margaret recently received a citation from Governor Baker's office for 30 years of working with families. In addition, the City of Boston declared November 12 as Sister Margaret Day.

Also honored was Ms. Beulah F. Providence, President and founder of the Caribbean Foundation of Boston, who received the 2015 Bishop James Augustine Healy award.

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