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The Rev. Paul Marshall, S.M., rector of the University of Dayton, has been selected by Parity Inc., as a Top African-American Ten Male for his leadership and contributions to the Dayton community.

Constance Lucas-Melson, chair of the Parity Inc. award committee, said Marshall is being recognized for his active involvement in education and contributions to the African-American community.

Lucas-Melson said as a priest, Marshall is a role model, demonstrating the diversity of faith traditions in the African-American community.

As rector, Marshall leads a community of 35 vowed Marianists at the University and works to promote, support and keep alive the Catholic, Marianist traditions of the University. In the Marianist tradition, faith is communicated through personal relationships and nurtured through lived experiences of community and service.

"I was surprised to be included in the selection process and feel deeply honored and humbled by being selected," Marshall said. "I'm grateful there are people in the Dayton community who think that what I do and who I am affects the community in a positive way. I appreciate the recognition."

Marshall has worked at the University since 2000 and served as rector since 2005.

He will be honored at the Top Ten African-American Male luncheon at the David H. Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College on Feb. 28.

Parity, Inc. has worked to empower the African-American community in the Dayton area since the 1980s through education, public policy, marketing and public relations and economic development.

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