

**CRRC Joins St. Alban's Outreach
First Public Program at St. Alban's
January 26, 2012**

St. Alban's Outreach Center is pleased to announce that the Community Race Relations Coalition (CRRC) has joined us during the fall. CRRC was established in 2001 to express concerns and provide information that helps citizens in Waco to deal with all forms of racial prejudices. One of its signal accomplishments was the proclamations that decried the racism of the early 20th century still pictured in the McLennan courthouse mural.

For 2012 CRRC will provide four public meetings in the St. Alban's parish hall, each of which will focus on a theme of celebrating diversity. CRRC is very pleased to be included in the outreach ministry of St. Alban's and to be able to provide programming in the St. Alban's Parish Hall. For more information about CRRC see its website:
www.crrcwco.org

The first meeting, January 26, 2012, will host Bob Darden, recently named Wacoan of the year, associate professor of journalism, Baylor University, author of 25 books and numerous articles. Darden will speak to the value of Black Gospel Music in American culture and describe the development of the Black Gospel collection at Baylor University that resulted from a New York Times op ed piece that he wrote. Darden's first book on Black Gospel Music is *People Get Ready: A New History of Black Gospel Music* (Continuum 2005) and he is currently working on a two-volume set for Penn State University Press, *Nothing but Love in God's Water: The Influence of Black Gospel Music on the Civil Rights Movement*.

The January 26, 2012, program event will begin with dinner at 5:30 (donations accepted), followed by Darden's informative presentation and discussion. Please make a dinner reservation by calling Jo Welter at 936-4599, or via e-mail to Jowelter@egm-tech.com.