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Monday, April 26, has been set as the deadline on ticket sales for the Pacem in Terris Award banquet honoring the Reverend Martin Luther King, jr., officials of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council, sponsors of the event, announced today.

The banquet will be an event of Wednesday evening, April 28, at 7 p.m., in the Davenport Masonic Temple.

Tickets, priced at \$10 a plate, may still be obtained by calling Davenport 326-5695. More than 700 tickets have already purchased, Charles W. Toney, C.I.C. president stated. No request for tickets will be acknowledged after Monday, April 26.

Final arrangements for Dr. King's appearance in Davenport were being completed today, a spokesman for the C.I.C. stated. The 1964 Nobel Prize winner will come to the Quad-cities from Los Angeles, arriving late in the afternoon Wednesday. Plans for a press conference will be announced later.

Dr. King is the third recipient of the Pacem in Terris Award and the first Negro to be so honored. The award was created by the CIC last year as a memorial to the widely acclaimed peace and freedom encyclical of the late Pope John XXIII, and as a means of recognizing exceptional service by individuals in these areas. The 1964 awards went to the late President John F. Kennedy, and to John Howard Griffin, noted author and civil rights leader.

Proceeds from the banquet will be used to aid civil rights projects both locally and nationally. Groups from more than twenty communities outside of Davenport will attend the banquet.