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Celtics recognize priest for feeding the hungry

LAWRENCE - The **Boston Celtics** earlier this month **honored** the **Rev. Paul O'Brien**, of St. Patrick Parish on South Broadway, for his work with the Cor Unum Meal Center and Labels Are For Jars.

O'Brien appeared **on court** during a break in the Celtics Nov. 7 rout of the Denver Nuggets, as one of the team's "Heroes Among Us."

Matt Meyersohn, community relations manager for the team, said O'Brien was an obvious pick for the award, which is given to a local do-gooder at every home game.

"He was actually nominated a couple different times," Meyersohn said. "It's actually very rare to have more than one person nominate the same individual."

Specifically, the award was to honor the achievement of **Cor Unum**, located on Salem St., **servicing more than 100,000 free meals** during the first year of operation. The Celtics also recognized Labels Are For Jars, a volunteer-run clothing line that funds Cor Unum.

The award doesn't come with a donation, but O'Brien said what's important is hearing Cor Unum recognized in a packed TDBanknorth Garden.

"I appreciate anyone who respects our work and I'm always happy to spread the word about that," O'Brien said.

Cor Unum serves breakfast and dinner seven days a week. Plans are underway to add lunch, O'Brien said.

