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Seven young men ages 11-17 from Sykesville and Eldersburg were inducted into the Columbian Squires St. Michael the Archangel Circle 4423 during an investiture ceremony held in Owings Mills: **William Rooney, Nick Wallace, Brendan Tripp, Kevin Buckley, Mitch Mezeivech, Matt Kaliszar** and **Guillermo Wagner** are the newest members of this youth group, part of the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7612.

Founded in 1925, the Columbian Squires is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men ages 10-18.

Circle 4423 was established in 1998 and is based at **St. Joseph, Eldersburg**.

With more than 1.7 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization.

The second-grade class at **Trinity School, Ellicott City**, held their annual celebration of Santa Lucia and Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12 in the Corpus Christi Chapel.

Students entered the ceremony while ethnic music played and placed symbols of the saints they honored on the altar.

Wearing large white shirts, red sashes and handmade paper crowns with candles, the girls emulated the costumes worn during the celebration of the Feast of St. Lucy in Scandinavian countries. Boys wore burlap *tilmas* like the clothing worn by St. Juan Diego at the time of his encounter with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Students placed roses on the altar recalling the gift given to Juan by Our Lady.

The commemoration is a collaborative effort between the school's Spanish teacher, **Saville MacDonald**, and religion teacher **Nancy Greer**.

Following the ceremony, the young saints distributed muffins to faculty and staff.

For their Silver Cadette Girl Scout Award project, eighth-graders **Rachael Pilachowski** and **Anna Victor** of Troop 590 initiated and organized three service projects and prayer service nights through **St. Michael the Archangel, Overlea**.

During the first phase of “Inspiration Project” the Scouts gathered volunteers to assemble 54 Christmas shoeboxes Dec. 6 for the archdiocese’s **Apostleship of the Sea** ministry, allowing sailors from around the world who are stationed in Baltimore ports around Christmas to receive gifts. Phase two Dec. 13 was the creation of Christmas cards as families gathered at the parish to make “thinking of you” cards for sick and homebound parishioners.

Lastly, the girls organized Blankets for Babies Dec. 20 to make fleece tie blankets for the Baltimore Pregnancy Center.

Each service project evening included Mass and a prayer service including their rendition of clowning ministry.

Rachael and Anna have been actively working on the project since August with **Father Jim Proffitt**, pastor, and **Joanne Ibex**, director of music and liturgy, said **Chris Victor**, the troop’s leader.

Items for consideration for PEOPLE PLACES THINGS should be emailed to Suzanne Singleton at ssingleton@catholicreview.org.