

Willmar Girl Scout receives highest honor in Scouting



Willmar, MN - Samantha Lipinski, a Senior Girl Scout from Willmar, MN, recently completed her Gold Award for Girl Scouts Peacepipe Council based out of Redwood Falls, MN. (The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn). She is the daughter of Ernie and Gwen Lipinski of Willmar and a member of St. Mary's parish, Willmar.

Lipinski's project was titled "Girls of Loving Devotion" and focused on helping younger Girl Scouts in the Willmar Service Unit complete their

Catholic Religious Awards. Each religious denomination has specific requirements to complete this award. Since troops consist of girls of all belief orientations, girls who choose to earn their religious award must work independently or with girls in their

church. Lipinski recognized that troop leaders find it complicated to support girls in their quest to achieve this award. With her leadership, ten girls at St. Mary's completed the requirements. In addition, they collected baby supplies for the Hope Pregnancy Center, attended a religious service at Infinia Nursing Home and made door decorations for the residents, implemented a Christmas caroling event at three nursing homes in Willmar, and visited the Shelter House to learn about

its services and donated supplies for people utilizing this service.

Recipients of their respective religious awards [Family of God for Brownie Level Girl Scouts (3) and I Live My Faith for Junior Level Girl Scouts (7)] along with Samantha Lipinski. Standing: Kalley Prah, Samantha Lipinski, Amelia Amon, Holly Kidrowski, Allison Freese. Seated are Elizabeth Mangen, Claire Schmitz, Natalie Amon, Sophie Schmitz and Paige Wendt. Not pictured but also earning an award is: Brenna Ahlquist.