

Pennsylvania's First "Squire of the Body of Christ"

Columbian Squire Evan Pennington of St. Mary of the Assumption Circle 5444 in Glenshaw PA has become the first Squire in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania to obtain the rank of "Squire of the Body of Christ". Evan is one of only 74 Squires, order wide, to obtain the rank.

Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, presented Evan with the prestigious award at Mass on Sunday September 23, 2012. Evan was also installed as a Special Minister of the Eucharist at the Mass. He is a senior at Pittsburgh's Central Catholic High School and is the Son of Shawn and Renee Pennington.

Evan received congratulatory letters for his achievement from Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, and Governor Tom Corbett.

The Squire Advancement Program was instituted in 2006. The *Squire of the Body of Christ* is the highest of five levels that includes Page, Shield Bearer, Swordsman and Lancer. Candidates for the highest honor must be a Squire for at least two years, complete a major service project, and accomplish 16 achievements, four each in the categories of Home and Family, Squires and Knights, Community and Country, and Church. Fr. Edward Schleicher, State Father Prior guided Evan through the various levels of the program.

State Chief Squire Joe Marchi offered his congratulations on behalf of the State Circle and presented Evan with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and promotion of the Squire Advancement Program in the jurisdiction.



(L) Bishop Zubik presents Evan Pennington with Squire of the Body of Christ Award. (R) Evan with Bishop and parents Renee and Shawn.



(L) State Chief Squire Joe Marchi presents State Circle congratulations. (R) State Chief Squire, Fr. Prior and Chairman offer congratulations.