



*This Mother's Day, our hearts were filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity and compassion shown by our amazing young girls and troop leaders at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish. Together, these dedicated Girl Scouts in 4th grade, Troop 487 Juniors/SU13 came together to plant over 30 beautiful plants and lovingly decorate gift bags and cards for our homebound senior citizens, bringing joy, kindness, and smiles to so many homebound senior citizens in our community.*

*A special thank you goes to troop leaders Erika Hill and Sandra Yens, whose guidance and dedication helped make this meaningful service project such a success. Their daughters are part of the Faith Formation program at OLQM, and both Erika and her mother continue to faithfully serve our parish school community as teachers.*

*We are especially grateful for Mary, Erika's mother, who has devoted an incredible 19 years of teaching — first at St. Elizabeth's and now here at OLQM. Her commitment to Catholic education and service has touched countless lives. Mary was honored with the Pope Pius Award and received a 10-Year Medal Service Award from St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre in recognition of her faithful dedication, Erika has completed four years of service, continuing her family's beautiful example of faith and giving back.*

*Most importantly, the girls had so much fun sharing kindness and helping others. It was inspiring to see so many of them eagerly raise their hands again, wanting to continue serving those in need and supporting our senior community.*

*We also extend heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who generously donated Mother's Day items and gift bags for the women we assist within our parish community, as well as for incarcerated women who also deserve to feel remembered, valued, and loved on this special day.*

*This project was a beautiful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a lasting difference. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day so meaningful.*

*"As for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good." — 2 Thessalonians 3:13*

*The kindness, generosity, and loving hearts shown by these young girls remind us that faith in action has no age. Their willingness to serve our mothers, seniors, and women in need is a beautiful example of God's love shining through our young community.*