



125th Anniversary



A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SCHOOL

AS WE COME TO A CLOSE ON OUR 125TH YEAR, there is much to celebrate and to be thankful for. We have a Catholic School rich in history and full of loving, talented and faith-filled children. We have parents who love our teachers and staff and are willing to share their time, talents and treasures with all of us. We have a faculty who are PLATINUM and truly the best in all of the Roanoke Valley. Our alumni and friends continue to offer their prayers and support for the work we do each and every day. We are truly a blessed community!

Recently, before a Sunday Mass, I had an opportunity to speak with a Roanoke Catholic family about the altar in our school chapel. Many of you may not know that this altar came from our beloved St. Andrew's Catholic Church after decades of use and celebration. It made me think of all the lives that have been touched and the people who began their faith journey with this altar —



RCS Chapel is home to old St. Andrew's Catholic Church altar

front and center. Just think of the baptisms, first holy communions, confirmations and lives that were joined in matrimony celebrated in this church and near this altar. What an incredible piece of our faith history that serves as a constant reminder of our love for God, each other and those lives still to come.

In the coming years there will be continued growth and change in our campus community. Enrollments will grow to historic numbers, new faculty and staff will join our ranks, new buildings will grace our campus and new athletic fields will be host to more Celtic memories. I had an opportunity to share some of these goals with all of you on April 23 during our 125th Anniversary Celebration. I encourage you to come and visit our campus, to come home to "The Hill" and hear about the incredible future we will build, together, while still maintaining our tradition, history and love of our faith.



Patrick Patterson, Principal & Head of School, speaking at 125th Anniversary Celebration

Blessings to all of you,
Patrick

We're Number 1!

(again ... and again ... and again)

Thanks to your vote of confidence,
Roanoke Catholic School won all four
of its categories in *The Roanoker* magazine's
2015 Best of Roanoke awards!



**Best
Preschool**



**Best Private
Elementary School**



**Best Private
Middle School**



**Best Private
High School**

And congratulations to 3rd Grade teacher Kate Campbell
for winning Silver in "Best Teacher" category.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



ESTABLISHED IN 1889, just five years after the founding of Roanoke City itself, Roanoke Catholic School celebrated its 125th year on April 23.

A bagpiper and Knights of Columbus Honor Guard kicked off the day's festivities by leading the procession into Mass in the Roanoke Catholic Upper School Gymnasium, held there to accommodate the 750 people – students, faculty, alumni, friends and supporters – in attendance.

Following Mass, a special presentation took place on the school mall featuring the Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, who declared: “You look good for 125 years old.”

Roanoke Mayor David Bowers presented Bishop DiLorenzo a Roanoke Star and officially proclaimed April 23 to be “Roanoke Catholic Day. State Delegate Sam Rasoul presented a Commendation to the school from the Virginia General Assembly.

“Roanoke Catholic School and the City of Roanoke share a deep and vibrant history,” said Patrick Patterson, Principal and Head of School. “From our location overlooking the valley, we have been witness to Roanoke’s rise throughout the decades and, in turn, have strived to be a light on ‘The Hill’ for all who visit and live in this great community.”

In appreciation of the continued support of Robert Hardie, Class of ‘85, and his wife Molly, the school announced the

1889

A gift from Mrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan funds construction of a two-story red brick building.

1916

A second Catholic school, Our Lady of Nazareth School, opens on Campbell Avenue.

1931

St. Andrew's constructs new high school building, which today houses grades PK-2.

1950

Our Lady of Nazareth and St. Andrew's schools consolidate to form Roanoke Catholic High.

1961

High school building and gymnasium are constructed.

1973

All elementary grades on the grounds of St. Andrew's merge to form Roanoke Catholic Elementary.

1980

Kindergarten is added.

1985

Elementary and high schools merge into a K-12 unit.

Leading up to our 125th Celebration, Roanoke Catholic middle schoolers helped get us in the spirit with this aerial photograph captured by Roanoke Catholic parent Scott Schlessler.

Below, 96-year-old Dorothy “Dot” Meador, Class of ‘35, was honored as the oldest living RCS alumna, and Roanoke Mayor David Bowers presented a Roanoke Star to Bishop Francis DiLorenzo (courtesy of *The Roanoke Times*).



upper school gymnasium would now be called the “Gillespie Family Gymnasium,” in honor of Robert’s mother, Mary Gillespie Hardie, and all members of the Gillespie family including spouses and children who have been part of the school’s history. Patterson also unveiled a sign in memory of Dallas and Agnes Shelton. Their sons — Dallas, Andrew and Tim, Class of ‘74 — provided a leadership gift for the Upper School renovation.

Patterson used the occasion to announce that the school has begun work to create its own outdoor athletic complex for its football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and track programs. Patterson also indicated a desire to build in the next three to five years a Visual and Performing Arts Center

to provide the school’s art, band, choir and theater arts programs with a performance venue.

Dorothy “Dot” Meador, who graduated from Roanoke Catholic in 1935, was honored during the presentation as the school’s oldest living alumna. “I think it’s beautiful,” she said of the school, with her daughter Karen Mabry, Class of ‘67, former Roanoke Catholic principal, at her side.

With growing enrollment, recent renovations and energy improvements to all campus facilities, and stellar academic, athletic and artistic initiatives, Patterson said Roanoke Catholic is poised for an even brighter future here at the dawn of its next 125 years.

1993

Preschool is added. Today, PreK offers partial and full-day programs for ages 3, 4 and 5.

1999

A multipurpose building with classrooms, media center, administrative complex, chapel, science labs and new cafeteria is added.

2000

The interior of the old upper school building is remodeled to convert the former library/office/faculty rooms into classrooms, and to bring internet connections to all the classrooms.

2012

Lower School building windows are replaced with energy-efficient double-paned windows. Upper School Gymnasium roof is resurfaced and exterior painted to give new look to the 50-year-old building.

2013

Upper School Gymnasium renovations continued with interior paint, new lighting and complete replacement of the original floor.

2014

Upper School building windows are replaced with energy-efficient double-paned windows and exterior undergoes major facelift.

2015

Roanoke Catholic celebrates its 125th year!

Left: RCS parent and bagpiper Kathy Mitchell, and Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, lead the Mass recession. *Right:* 125th Anniversary Committee: (from left) Kim Yeaton, Suzanne Simpson, Regina Alouf and Karen Clark, chairman. (Photos courtesy of Siobhan Cline.)



TO THE RCS COMMUNITY:

As chairman of the 125th Anniversary Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was a part of our memorable celebration:

- Patrick Patterson, faculty and staff, for allowing our school to have such a memorable event and leading us to where we are today.
- Past principals, administrators and teachers, who have helped pave our way. Each brick laid creates a path to somewhere we've never been.
- Beth Derringer, who developed one of the most beautiful Masses I've witnessed.
- Rick Bowyer, for providing our flawless sound system in the gym and on the mall.
- Rayfus Parham and the RCS band members, you were "music to our ears" and you sounded wonderful!
- Roanoke Catholic student volunteers, who provided the manpower for the minute details that made everything flow with ease. It was wonderful to see our students play a part in the celebration.
- Fr. Mark White, Fr. Joe Lehman, and our area parish priests, who have helped us

all grow spiritually and nurtured in all of us a sense of humility and gratefulness for all of God's blessings.

- Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, for making our Mass rich with history.
- Kathy Mitchell, for the heartfelt rendition of *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes.
- Chuck Frost and the RCS Choir, for the music that made our Mass extra special.
- Peter Radjou, for creating a culinary masterpiece for our open house reception and teacher reunion.
- Woodson Honda, Holiday Inn Express Civic Center, and the Knights of Columbus, for helping fund the event.
- Paul Ripley, who created the t-shirts, and Ethos Technologies, for the programs.
- Randy Myers and Siobhan Cline for filming/photographing our celebration so we have a permanent memory.
- Kim Yeaton, Regina Alouf, Suzanne Simpson and Ann Kovatz, my fabulous committee, for the endless hours and dedication to this celebration.

As I watched the Mass procession, I felt an overwhelming sense of the Holy Spirit

with all of us. The gym was transformed into a beautiful place of worship, where a larger family gathered to celebrate 125 years of our blessed school. To be a part of such a day, at that moment, became not a job or responsibility, but a genuine privilege. All of the emotions that embody why we send our children to a Catholic school became intensely clear.

Like all families, our school has to work through economic struggles, differing personalities, pressures, deadlines, exhaustion, etc. But like all families too, at the end of the day, we close our eyes at night with the knowledge that we were kind to someone, we did our best at whatever task we tackled, we hugged our kids, and we thanked God for what we have.

Thank you Roanoke Catholic School, for being an extension of our nuclear families, and for providing a safe place for our children to not only grow academically, but to grow our hearts in love for Jesus Christ and for each other. May the next 125 years be as beautiful!

Many Blessings to you all,

Karen Clark
Chairman, 125th Anniversary Committee



Top: From left: Susie Hardie Jacks, Robert Hardie, Molly Hardie, Elizabeth Gillespie Deane, Kevin Deane, Nora Gillespie Weikel, Nancy Brown Gillespie, B.H. Rakestraw, Sara Rakestraw and David Hardie. **Middle:** RCS Choir debut new robes; Dallas, Andrew and Tim Shelton pose at their Upper School entrance plaque with Patrick Patterson; students sport 125th T-shirts. **Bottom:** RCS Chef Peter Radjou creates a masterpiece for the reception; attendees peruse historical photos.



ACADEMIC UPDATES

RCS students can earn up to 18 college credits

Through a program with Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke Catholic students can earn up to 12 college credits in English, as well as take college-level classes in engineering and mechatronics.

Now, thanks to a new partnership between the Diocese of Richmond and Richard Bland College of William and Mary, all RCS 12th grade students will earn six college credits in U.S. government. The initiative begins with the 2015-16 academic year at no additional cost to students' tuition. The course will be taught by an RCS faculty member using a diocesan-approved curriculum in concert with Richard Bland.



In the coming years, RCS hopes to add courses in the fields of psychology and sociology through this initiative.

“Our goal is to enhance our students’ academic offerings and give our families even more value for their hard-earned tuition dollars by lowering their future college costs,” says Patrick Patterson, Principal and Head of School.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Upper School Assistant Principal Kathleen Futrell at kfutrell@roanokecatholic.com or Patrick Patterson at ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com.

RCS welcomes Middle School Theology Teacher



Roanoke Catholic is pleased to welcome Helen Price as our new Middle School Theology teacher. Helen will officially join our faculty for the 2015-16 academic year.

Since 2004, Helen has been a mathematics teacher at Salem High School. Helen has been a member of Our

Lady of Nazareth since 2005 and has taught 3rd Grade religious education there. Her children do and will attend Roanoke Catholic.

Helen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Virginia Tech, and a Master of Science in Education degree from Radford University. She may be reached at price703@gmail.com.



In the News: Segura Program growing to help Latino families

ROANOKE (WSLS 10) - Roanoke Catholic has teamed up with Notre Dame to train teachers for the Segura Program. It gives Latino families a reduced cost, education and support.

“The teachers, when they see me, they say Evelyn is really good with her English now,” said Maria Sanchez who has three children at Roanoke Catholic and is noticing a big difference this year since they transferred. “My son listens to me now better than when he was in the other school. With the religion they know more than they knew before so it's really good.”

“It's different. It helps me a lot more. I've learned how to deal with pressures and deadlines, so it's brought a lot of change but it's a good change,” said Maria Rufino, one of the dozens of students part of the program giving Latino families scholarships to attend. “It's nice because I know there's other Hispanic kids here that are going through the same thing that I'm going through and it helps a lot.”

“It really is an opportunity for us to reach out to the Latino population and community and welcome them back into the Catholic faith, back to the Catholic schools that quite honestly have been missing them for generations,” said Patrick Patterson, the Roanoke Catholic School principal.

The program launched last year. Patterson says the program has grown from about 50 students this year to more than 70 next year. They hope to have 100 students enrolled in the next three years.

Parents are expected to pay but get a tuition break.

“The Segura program for us has been life-changing for families,” said Patterson. “We have a lot of first-generation immigrants to our school. Students are coming in with parents that have limited English skills or abilities and ... the parents are looking for a faith-based community to help educate their children.”

CAMPUS MINISTRY

May Crowning

Under the instruction of teacher Nikki Lieber and Director of Campus Ministry Beth Derringer, the RCS 2nd Grade led the annual May Crowning on May 1 in St. Andrew's.



Faith in Art

Above, art teacher Kim Spencer assists 8th grader Nasir Stevens-Noel with his *mandala*, a Sanskrit word meaning "circle." An art form that nurtures meditation and prayer, the mandala has been adopted by other cultures and is the inspiration of the Rose window in Christian cathedrals and the Celtic Spiral.

In 6th grade art, students were inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe. Clara McDaniel's artwork (pictured right) was chosen to appear on prayer

cards that were packaged with candies and sent to soldiers overseas as well as to 2nd graders who were receiving First Communion.

Below, Kindergarten students created angels for the Christmas season.

"As part of my role as a teacher," says Spencer, "I look for ways to help students make the connection between God, the church, and themselves. It is important to provide opportunities for students to discover their own Catholic identity through art projects that reflect and reinforce the teachings and beliefs of the Church."



Friends are the angels that lift us up when our wings have forgotten how to fly.



ARTS ON THE HILL

Theater Arts coming to RCS



April Corbett has been hired as Roanoke Catholic's first Director of Theatre Arts.

April has more than 15 years of experience working in theater. After graduating Longwood College with a Bachelor's of Fine

Arts degree, she worked for Omaha Community Playhouse, New Line Cinema, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and Roanoke Children's Theatre. She also held an internship in the School of Drama at Yale University.

"We are blessed to have exceptionally well-rounded students at Roanoke Catholic, and with April's hiring we're able to further nurture their creative expression," says Patrick Patterson, Principal and Head of School.

"Our new theater program will, quite literally, debut a major character to Roanoke Catholic's artistic stage that already features dance, choir, band and the visual arts. In the next three to five years, we hope to provide these programs with a home in a new Visual and Performing Arts Center."

April officially begins in the 2015-16 school year. She may be reached at acorbett@roanokecatholic.com.

Spring Choir Concert is May 29



The Roanoke Catholic School Choir invites you to celebrate the conclusion of our debut year with a Spring Concert featuring sacred anthems and songs from Broadway musicals on Friday, May 29.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Catholic Church, and is free and open to the public. Prior to the concert, all are invited to dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the RCS cafeteria. Dinner tickets are \$15/adult and \$10/students.

Be a song sponsor!

For a \$100 tax-deductible contribution, you can dedicate a song in the concert program and help underwrite the choir's expenses.

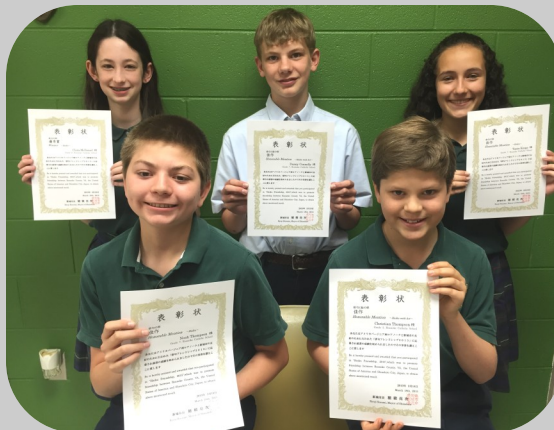
For more information, contact Michael Hemphill mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com or 540.982.3532.



Roanoke Valley haiku contest

*Praise these five students.
They penned beautiful haikus.
Winners they are now.*

From top left, clockwise: Clara McDaniel (6th), Danny Connelly (7th), Tania Knipp (7th), Christian Thompson (5th), and Noah Thompson (7th), represented RCS in the Haiku Friendship Exchange between 11 Roanoke County schools and 14 schools in Shinshiro City, Japan. The exchange grew out of the fact that both Shinshiro City and Roanoke County are home to Yokohama Tire.



Clara's haiku was the Grade 6-8 winner among all Roanoke Valley schools. Noah's and Tania's haikus received honorable mentions. Danny and Christian won honorable mention in the Haiku With Art competition.

**Meekness is surging
There is no egotism
When snow is falling**

— Clara McDaniel

CELTICS ATHLETICS



In November, RCS football team won the 2014 VISAA Division IV state championship.



Wrestling



In April, junior Brian Sakalas was named a *Roanoke Times* First-Team All-Timesland Wrestler. With a 51-4 record this season, he won the VIC title and was VIS state runner-up. He won the Titan Toughman at 152 pounds.

McCoy is new volleyball coach

Amanda Stump McCoy joins RCS next season to lead the Celtics' talented volleyball program. From 2008-2013, McCoy was head coach at William Byrd High School, leading her team to three regional tournaments – twice as regional semifinalists. She coached nine All District players, four All Regional players and an All-State player.

Most recently as coach at Liberty High School in Bedford, she led 10 players to All Seminole District Team Honors, six to All Conference 30, and four players to the All-Region III teams.



“We are thrilled to attract someone of Coach McCoy’s ability, experience – and most importantly, integrity and leadership – to Roanoke Catholic School,” said Celtics athletic director Matthew Peck. “We already have an outstanding volleyball program, and we look forward to its continued success under Coach McCoy.”

This year the Celtics were 22-6 and runner-up in the region.

“I am very excited to become not only a coach with the Roanoke Catholic athletics family but also a staff member,” says Stump. “I have heard great things about the girls and hope to continue the strength that the program has had the last few years.”

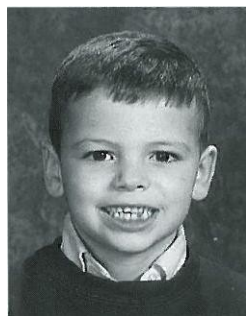


RCS Lacrosse

Celtics varsity lacrosse had its best season in years, including a victory over North Cross.

As of May 1, the team was ranked 6th in the state in Division III, made the VIC playoffs, and anticipated a berth in the state playoffs.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2015



HOMWORK ASSIGNMENT!

14 of the 37 seniors in the Class of 2015 have attended Roanoke Catholic since Kindergarten.



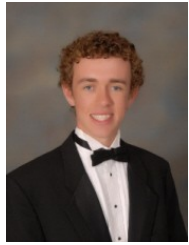
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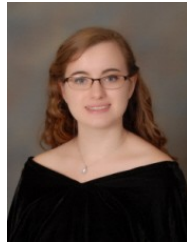
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Patrick Strelka, Alison George, Ryan Beach, Mallorie Noell, Ryan Gerstemeier, Alexandra Arnold, Marilyn Steinbach, Morgan McAllister, Harry Russell, Blake Connell, Patrick Hager, Gabriela Arellano, Julian McDaniel, Catherine Cullum

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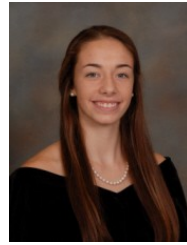
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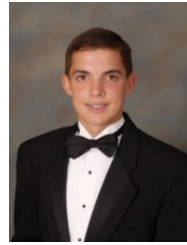
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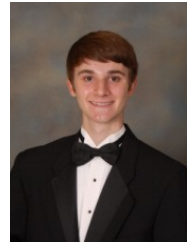
Gabby Arellano



Alexandra Arnold



Ryen Beach



Spencer Callaway



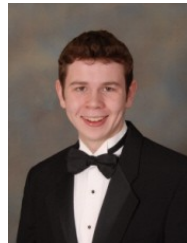
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Blake Connell



Catherine Cullum



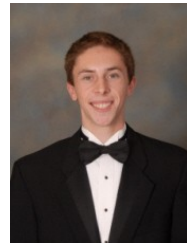
William d'Castrique



Nick Fittz



Allison George



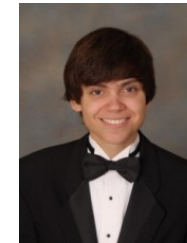
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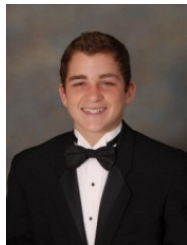
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Patrick Hager



Marie-Laure Hengelhaupt



Matt Kuehler



Angela May



Morgan McAllister



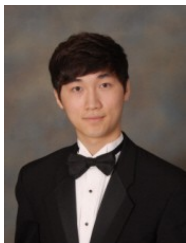
Julia McDaniel



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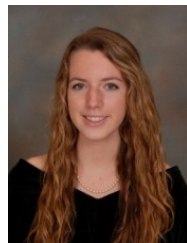
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Libby Patterson



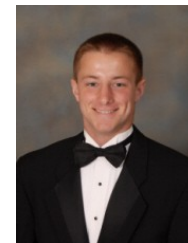
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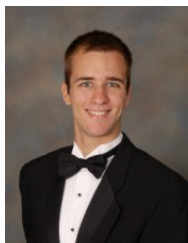
Vincent Pyle



Catalina Rubio



Christina Rubio



Harry Russell



Connor Snow



Marilyn Steinbach



Patrick Strelka



Cameron Thompson



Gigi Vaccaro



Sam Welch

OUR NEXT DESTINATION ...

Christopher-Newport University
 College of William & Mary (2)
 College of the Pacific
 Duquesne University
 Elon University
 George Washington University
 Guilford College
 Hampden-Sydney College

Virginia Tech (8)
 James Madison University
 Parsons School for Design
 Radford University (3)
 Roanoke College (3)
 University of Alabama
 University of Dallas
 University of Kentucky

University of Mary Washington (3)
 University of Montreal
 UNC Greensboro
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Virginia
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia Western Community College

**Scholarships
 and grants
 (as of 4.30.15)
 \$3,290,596**

SENIOR CLASS OF 2015

From the world to RCS, and back to the world

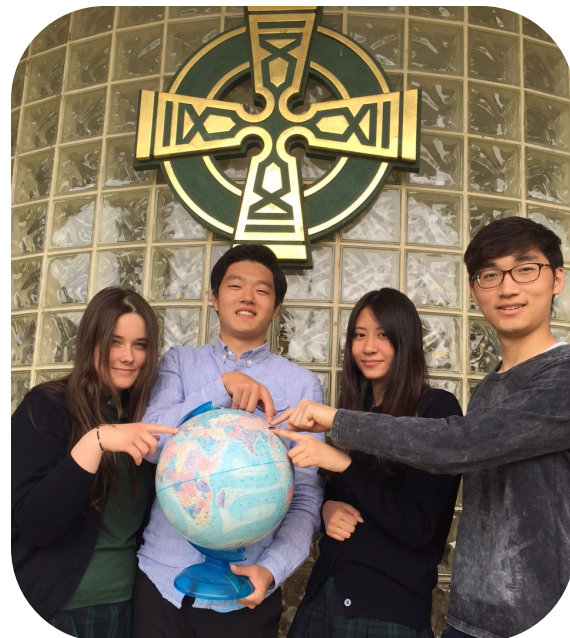
This year, Roanoke Catholic says *adieu*, to *boayo* and *zai jian* to four international students who have been with us since their sophomore years. Pictured here, from left to right:

- **Marie Hengelhaupt** of France participated in cheerleading and served as our French interpreter for a visiting priest from Haiti. Marie will attend the University of Montreal.

- **Thomas Choi** of Korea serves as president of the National Honor Society. He was awarded the Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Leadership Award in recognition of his demonstrated commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues, leadership and dedication to community action. He contributes to the Key Club (Kiwanis) and to the American Red Cross Club, of which he is a founding member and president. Thomas will attend George Washington University and plans to pursue a career in law.

- **Thwe Oo “Angela” May** is from Burma by way of China, and consistently attained second honors. She will attend Parsons School of Art and Design in New York.

- **Arthur Oh** of Korea is a member of the Celtic Cross, representing the top four students in the class, based on his academic record, coupled with the qualities of leadership, service, and character. He is vice-president of the National Honor Society and was awarded the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award presented in recognition of the outstanding academic achievement and intellectual promise in the field of science. In addition to running track, Arthur also co-founded the American Red Cross Club, of which he is a founding member, and received Roanoke Catholic’s highest award, *Serving Christ in One Another*. Arthur will attend the College of the Pacific for dentistry.



Congratulations Graduates!

— from —

MATT O’HERRON

and

TURBITT, O’HERRON, & LEACH P.L.L.C.

PERSONAL INJURY AND INSURANCE LAW

SENIOR CLASS OF 2015

Congratulations to Ryan Gerstemeier, who won a \$1,000 scholarship in the 2015 Fireside Essay competition, created to recognize and reward students who have embraced religious education.

IT IS A TYPICAL SUNDAY MORNING, at approximately 9:30 a.m., depending on Father McNally's homily. I receive the Eucharist, looking up the crucifix behind the altar as I make the sign of the cross, and walk towards the social hall instead of my pew. As I exit the sanctuary, I still keep my hands folded prayerfully even though no one sees me anymore. As I sit in my classroom, taking advantage of the silence to pray, I soon remember I should probably brush up on my lesson plan. Around 10:00 a.m., my sixth grade students walk in and greet me with, "Wassup Ryan?!" The bell rings, class begins, and the rest is pure joy.

When I hear the term "religious education," I think of both my education at Roanoke Catholic School and my role as catechist for sixth grade religious education at my parish of the Church of the Transfiguration. Considering the fact that I have attended the same Catholic school since preschool, religious education has been an integral part of my life. In elementary school, during mass I remember looking up to the "big" seniors as they respectfully stood in an arc behind the altar, one by one stepping forward to take the Precious Body or Blood and to help distribute it to the rest of the school. In sixth grade I remember learning about the Old Testament in religion class, paying more attention to the First Reading at mass ever since. The summer before



eighth grade I remember being jealous of my older brother as he rode off with his friends to Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC), wondering what it would be like to celebrate mass with hundreds of Catholic youth.

Now a senior, I look back on my past experiences from Catholic school and appreciate them more, largely because I have fulfilled and participated in the previous activities, and then some. I love seeing the smiles on students' faces as I hand them the Body of Christ, simultaneously thinking that at least one kid has to be looking up to me as a role model the way I did at that age. Eventually religious education at school led me to teach sixth graders the Old Testament on Sunday mornings. Moreover, I was old enough to participate in CHWC, where countless times I have felt the Holy Spirit in ineffable ways as I worked alongside other Catholic youth by building a wheel chair ramp or packaging food into boxes for hungry families.

I thank God every day for the opportunity to be both a student and teacher when it comes to religious education. The past 13 years of religious education have prepared and enabled me to share the Catholic faith with the next generation. In a sense, my sixth grade students teach me with their willingness to learn and thought provoking questions, leading me to discover more about the Catholic faith.

At the same time, I love being able to answer their questions, some of which involve how to defend their faith at public school, where Catholics are few and far between in the South. I can truly recognize the glory of God's creation as I witness my students finally grasp difficult ideas such as the protoevangelium, or the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. I cannot help but to say a prayer of thanksgiving every time they say, "Oh that's so cool!"

Overall, religious education has literally been a major part of my life, especially for the past couple of years as a teacher and student. Teaching religious education has allowed me to better appreciate my own theology teachers. In addition, it has also made me realize that the past thirteen years and counting has been time well spent, that God somehow has a plan for me. Looking back from then to now, realizing that younger students currently look to me as a role model, I get so overwhelmed by the universal solidarity among all members of the Body of Christ, something which is virtually palpable.

Religious education has allowed me to accept the baton of the Catholic faith tradition and pass it on to the next generation. Hopefully I can continue my religious education in the near future at the University of Notre Dame, God willing. Yet, no matter what happens in the future, I feel peace knowing that I have a solid foundation to lean on from religious education.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Zach Bowyer, '14, a freshman in the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State has been invited to perform at an organ recital in May at Aeolian Manor on the Bayou in Houston, Texas.



Zoe Doubles, '14, was named to the Southern Athletic Association Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll for the fall 2014 term. Zoe attends Centre College in Kentucky and plays on the school volleyball team. To qualify for the honor roll, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 for the term and be a regular member of a varsity athletic team in a sport sponsored by the conference.



Sami Goad, '12, was inducted Sunday into the Phi Alpha Honor Society for social work. A student at Ferrum College, Sami was also inducted into the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, which is limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors, seniors, and graduate students.



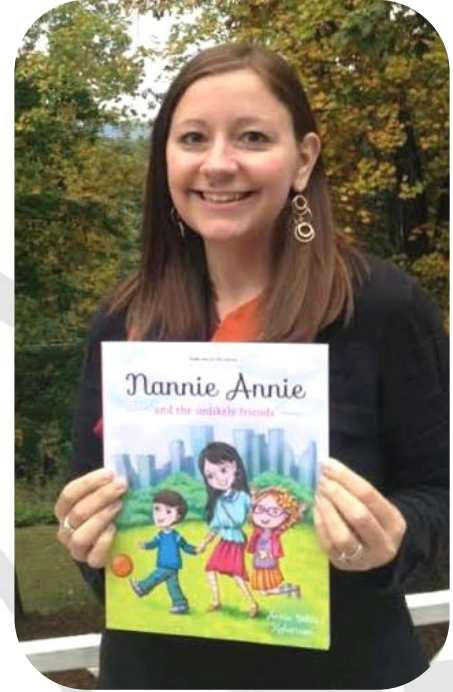
Maria Miller, '12, has been accepted to serve on the Catholic Heart Work Camp staff for summer 2015. She is the 4th RCS alum to serve in this way, following Douglass Beach, Morgan Jessee and Charles Blevins.



Natalie Ellmann Guynn, '05, and her husband, David, live in Hillsborough, N.C. "We welcomed our first child, Adaline Grace, into our lives on March 9!"



Annie Soltis Robertson, '05, has recently had published a new children's book, *Nannie Annie & the Unlikely Friends* (FriesenPress 2014). An elementary school teacher in Roanoke, she created the *Nannie Annie Series* as a way to equip elementary students with conflict resolution skills and empower kids to make positive changes within their classrooms, communities and relationships with others. The book is available locally at chocolatepaper, and online at www.friesenpress.com, Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. She is a dual graduate of Hollins University, and lives with her husband and Golden Retriever.



Christina DeStefano Hallingse, '03, and her husband live in Brevard, N.C., with their black lab, Andie. She works as the Public Information Officer for the Asheville Police Department handling day-to-day media requests and serve as the department's spokesperson.

Ashley Reynolds Marshall, '00, recently received the C.C. Williams Community Service Award. She is program manager of Bank On Roanoke Valley, which works to help unbanked and under-banked residents secure financial accounts, as well as provide free financial education to the community. Formerly a magistrate judge, she is also a doctoral candidate in public administration and policy at Virginia Tech, and serves on the board of directors for the Virginia Skyline Council of the Girl Scouts.

Brian and Linsey (Rayl) Burke, '01

Brian Burke and Lindsey Rayl found learning — and love — at Roanoke Catholic School.

Both started RCS in ninth grade, but it was their sophomore Homecoming Dance that first brought them together even though they arrived with different dates. Their junior class retreat gave them the freedom to talk more and further their relationship.



“To the chagrin of our parents we got engaged as soon as we graduated high school,” says Lindsey.

But they postponed marriage until after college. Lindsey graduated Hollins with a political science degree, earned a master of teaching degree in foreign language education from the University of Virginia, and is currently working on a doctorate at George Mason University. Since 2008, she has worked at The Heritage Foundation where she serves as the Will Skillman fellow in education policy, routinely appearing on Fox News, CNN, CSPAN (*pictured below, far left*) and other national media.

“We need to restructure our education system so that

parents can match educational options with the unique learning needs of their children,” Lindsey says. “I’m sure my ability to choose [Roanoke Catholic] shaped my thinking. Roanoke Catholic is a very affordable option for private school. I want to make sure those options are as ubiquitous as possible.”

Brian received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Physics from the University of Virginia, and has started law school at American University while also working as team lead for the electrical engineering group at Landon IP, a global leader in professional patent-related support. He aspires to be a patent attorney.

Three RCS teachers in particular left their imprint on Brian. He started RCS with a strong math background, so Carol Osborne tailored a curriculum that included AP Calculus II his senior year. “She went to the University of Virginia and gave me the inspiration to apply there.” At the time RCS didn’t offer physics, but biology teacher Barry Whitt created the course for Brian his senior year. And English teacher Mike Fallon “gave me several books outside of class and he was just a real interesting guy. We talked philosophy and morality ... it felt more like a college course in high school and it really exposed me to that kind of learning.”

Back to love, in June they celebrate the tenth anniversary of their wedding, which took place in St. Andrew's Catholic Church in 2005.



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Evan Berding, '01, moved to Chapel Hill, N.C., in 2014 after completing a degree in furniture making at the North Bennet Street School in Boston, and now makes custom fine furniture: www.evanberding.com.

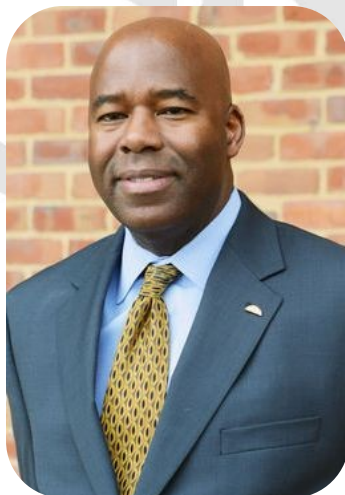


Annemie (Anna Berding) Tonken, '97, has lived in Chapel Hill, N.C. for eight years with her husband, Matt, and two sons, Oliver (9) and Judah (5). She works as a fine art portrait photographer: www.megapixel.com.



Beth Fox, '93, is moving to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. "I aspire to be an early childhood developmental therapist."

Stanley Jones, '79, was named the new superintendent of Danville Public Schools in December 2014. Prior to his appointment, he served as the superintendent of King and Queen County Public Schools; executive director of instruction for Spotsylvania County Public Schools; and for seven years, as principal of Lee-Davis High School, in Hanover County. He received his bachelor's degree in biology and secondary education from Radford University; his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Radford University; completed coursework for administrative licensure at The College of William & Mary; and received his doctorate in educational administration from Virginia Tech.

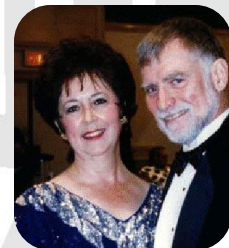


John Stockton, '66, will retire in December after 40 years of working in local government. He and his wife of 41 years live in Nags Head, N.C., and will be moving to Florida in December to be closer to his grandchildren. "I plan on playing golf and volunteering and taking it easy."



Donna Powers Cochran, '60, is directing *Welcome to Mitford* at The Performing Arts Center in Highlands, N.C. Adapted from the novels of Jan Karan about life in a small mountain town, the play runs May 21-31, and is performed by a community theater group of 22 actors. "Classmates and others are invited to come!"

Paula Ward, '59, retired in 2003 as Manager, Computer Information Systems, Trinity University, San Antonio. Her hobbies include genealogical research for more than 36 years; writing family history; and ballroom dancing with her husband of 52 years, John. She has three grandchildren and a great-grandson. "We are moving back to Roanoke some time next year. I've been away from the mountains too long! Except for visits, we've lived away from Roanoke for 52 years. We've lived in California, Indiana, North Dakota, and here in San Antonio, for the longest time, 36 years."



Jerry Eubank, '57, lives in Murrells Inlet, S.C., and enjoys the weather and playing golf. He and his wife, Charlene, volunteer at The Shepard's Table. They enjoy going out to the many excellent restaurants with friends and walking the beach. "Murrells Inlet is the Seafood Capital of South Carolina and therefore we do not lack for fresh fish ... I do miss the friends I made when I taught at RCS and wish them all health and happiness."

Jerry Hansbrough, '57, graduated Virginia Tech and George Washington University, and had "an interesting and exciting 31-year career in NASA." He's now retired in Yorktown, Va., enjoying travel, grandchildren and volunteer activities.



SAVE THE DATE: CLASS OF 1965's 50TH REUNION IS OCT. 23-24.

Kitty Wilson, '56, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, serves at St. Mary's Center in Louisville, Ky., a non-denominational agency that serves over 150 adults and teens with intellectual and physical disabilities.



Jerry Gimbert, '55, currently lives in Charleston, S.C., with his wife of 54 years, Loretta Haynes Gimbert. They have four children and eight grandchildren and are both enjoying their golden years in the South Carolina Lowcountry. "Our current effort is the building of our new parish, St. Clare of Assisi, here on Daniel Island."



Anna Marie Canary, SCN, '55, died March 16, 2015, at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Ky. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 59 years. She served in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio and Virginia in elementary education as both teacher and principal (1958-1978) and received her Masters in Religious Education from LaSalle College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1981. She served in parish and family ministry (1978-1992) in Roanoke, Va., both at St. Andrews and Our Lady of Nazareth churches.



Barbara Ann Thomas Isaac, '52, was just inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame for her time spent officiating high school basketball games. She was a member of the Roanoke Catholic team that won the 1952 Girls' State Basketball Tournament in Virginia. She is married to Virginia Tech grad Sam Isaac and they have five children: Teresa, Cynthia, Deborah, Sammy and Alene; and four grandchildren: Jacob, Alicyn, Todd and Tyler.



Cecil C. Broom, '36, died April 1, 2015, in St. Albans, W.Va. After graduating high school, he served in the Navy in World War II on the U.S.S. Goshen in the South Pacific. He was President of Green Tree Garden Center. He landscaped the WV Pavilion in 1964, for the World's Fair,

WVU Law Center and Concord College. Cecil was past-president of the WV Nursery Association and founder of the WV Landlords Association. He was past commander of American Legion Post 73 and founded the American Legion Riders at Post 73.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES



RCS hosts 25th Shamrock Hill Run

Roanoke Catholic's acclaimed Shamrock Hill Run kicked off St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 14 in downtown Roanoke.

Celebrating its 25th year, the Shamrock Hill Run attracted more than 400 people to a 1-mile walk, 5K and 10K race. Race proceeds support the school's Annual Fund, which provides tuition assistance for qualifying families.

In honor of the 25-year milestone, race director Richard Amstutz honored past race organizers (*pictured above, from left*) Dr. Sandy Andrew, Mike McFadden, Kate Berding, Phil Buchy and Johnny Rowland.



Thanks to our sponsors!



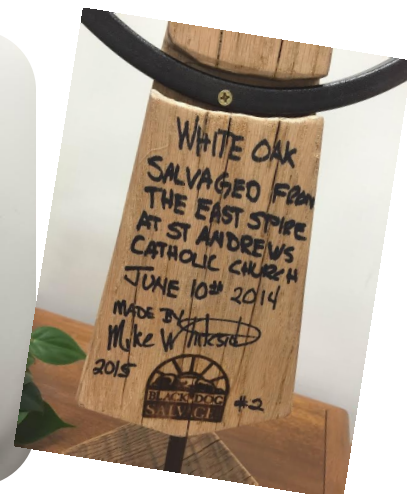
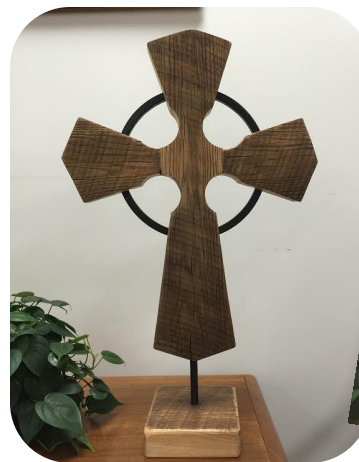
St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thanks to RCS teacher Joe Sweeney for providing the truck and trailer — and to all the students, families, faculty and staff for providing the spirit! — for our float in the downtown Roanoke St. Patrick's Day Parade!



Ancient Order of the Hibernians Dinner

More than 200 attended the AOH St. Patrick's Day dinner, which raised money for RCS student scholarships. The auction highlight was a Celtic Cross, fashioned out of old St. Andrew's steeple wood by Black Dog Salvage. It alone raised \$1,500. Thank you Hibernians for supporting Roanoke Catholic School!



SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN: MARCH 12, 2016.

Help keep the good news going!

DON'T TELL MR. PATTERSON ON ME, but when it comes to marketing Roanoke Catholic School, I have a pretty easy job.

In many places, the marketing director has to continually sift the organizational sands to find a golden nugget to hold up for all to see.

Me? Gold lines the hallways wherever I turn. For instance, since the last week of April ...



- Student Isabella Jessee, newly crowned as Miss Teen Virginia International, received a full-tuition scholarship to Hollins University ... as a 9th grader.
- 5th grader Natalie Saville appeared on television as a WDBJ7 weather forecaster.
- We honored 11th grader Chris Zoller, who created an outdoor classroom for his Eagle Scout project ... right beside the handicap ramp his brother, Zach Zoller, '09, built years ago for *his* Eagle project.
- We won four Platinum awards in *The Roanoker* magazine's 2015 "Best of Roanoke" contest.
- Oh yeah, and we celebrated our 125th year!

The inspiration behind these achievements is the caliber of our students and their families, our teachers, our campus facilities ... and you!

You support all this with your tax-deductible contributions to our Annual Fund. The majority of our Annual Fund provides critical tuition assistance for families who otherwise couldn't afford to send their children to Roanoke Catholic. One-third of the Fund supports our teachers' salaries, and the rest pays for needed technologies and improvements to our campus to ensure the academic success of our students and faculty.

Our Annual Fund goal for fiscal year ending June 30 is \$250,000. Let's add one more nugget to an already rich year. Please make a gift today and help us keep the good news going!

Michael Hemphill
Director of Marketing and the Annual Fund

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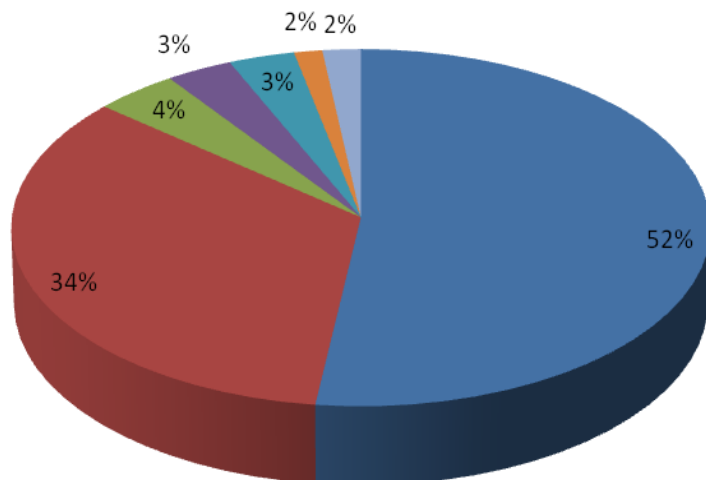
GOAL by June 30: \$250,000

As of May 1: \$209,072



What the Annual Fund supports ...

- 52% Tuition Assistance
- 34% Faculty Salaries
- 4% Athletics/Books/Technology
- 3% Capital Improvements
- 3% Maintenance/Grounds/Transportation
- 2% Administration/Admissions/Development
- 2% Other



EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS TAX CREDITS

A smart investment for Roanoke Catholic ... and you!

HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE \$1,000 for a Roanoke Catholic family in need of tuition assistance *plus* save up to \$988 on your tax bill ... all for as little as \$12?

Welcome to Virginia's new Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Under EISTC, contributions to state-approved foundations qualify for standard federal and state tax deductions *plus Virginia Tax Credits equal to 65% of the donation*. In other words, you automatically shave \$650 off your Virginia tax bill with a \$1,000 contribution, not to mention enjoying your other federal and state deductions.

As these charts illustrate, for an individual who is not subject to the federal Alternative Minimum Tax, the actual cost of a \$1,000 contribution is just \$196. For an individual who is subject to AMT, the actual cost is as low as \$12 for a \$1,000 contribution (please consult your tax advisor to determine your actual tax savings). **Donors can use the state Tax Credits beginning the year after the donation is made, and for up to five successive years.**

The Virginia Department of Education has approved the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's McMahan Parater Foundation to receive donations under EISTC. Donors may designate their donations to support scholarships to qualified students attending Roanoke Catholic School.

The minimum donation amount to receive the 65% tax credit is \$500. The maximum amount for individuals is \$125,000. There is no maximum limit for businesses, including sole proprietorships.

**For more information, contact Debbie Stump
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Tax Benefit to Individuals: Example #1

Individual taxpayer NOT subject to Federal Alternative Minimum Tax

Donation Amount (Federal non-AMT taxpayer)	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Tax Savings:			
VA Tax Savings at 5.75% rate	58	288	575
Federal Tax Effects at 33% rate*			
Savings from Federal charitable deduction	330	1,650	3,300
Less – Cost of reduced deduction for VA taxes	-233	-1,167	-2,335
VA Tax Credit – 65%	650	3,250	6,500
Total Tax Savings	805	4,021	8,040
Net Cost of Donation	\$195	\$979	\$1,960

Tax Benefit to Individuals: Example #2

Individual taxpayer IS subject to Federal Alternative Minimum Tax

Donation Amount (Federal AMT taxpayer)	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Tax Savings:			
VA Tax Savings at 5.75% rate	58	288	575
Federal Tax Savings at 28% rate*	280	1,400	2,800
VA Tax Credit – 65%	650	3,250	6,500
Total Tax Savings	988	4,938	9,875
Net Cost of Donation	\$12	\$62	\$125

*Pease Limitation, reinstated Jan. 1, 2013, may impact actual tax savings.



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OUR VISION

Roanoke Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in education and to the spiritual development of youth within the framework of the Gospel and the tradition of the Catholic Church. Welcoming all faiths, we strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Christian values, and to community service.

We are dedicated to achieving these goals in a supportive Christian community.

OUR MISSION

The fundamental task of Roanoke Catholic School is the education of the whole person, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

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