

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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RCS remembers Dorothy “Dot” Greeley Meador and announces namesake scholarship

Members of Dot Meador’s family joining Principal and Head of School Patrick Patterson (far right) at midfield of Homecoming game. From left: Shaun Mabry, ‘00, wife Lauren, son Arden; Mary Pat Metz, ‘71, and husband Gary; Steve Mabry and Karen Mabry ‘67; and Russell Meador.

DURING A BREAK IN OUR HOMECOMING game on Oct. 5, we honored the life, and family, of Dorothy “Dot” Greeley Meador who, at the time of her death on June 15, 2018 – just 20 days shy of

her 100th birthday – was the oldest living alumna of Roanoke Catholic School.

A 1935 graduate of St. Andrew’s Catholic School — a precursor to Roanoke Catholic

— Mrs. Meador lived a life of humility, steadfastness and graciousness. Throughout her life she was a faithful supporter of both Roanoke Catholic and St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, of which her grandparents were a founding family.

Mrs. Meador’s father, her three siblings, her three children, and three of her grandchildren attended Roanoke Catholic. Her son Russell completed grades 1-8 at Saint Andrew’s School and both of her daughters graduated

Roanoke Catholic: Karen Mabry, Class of 1967, served as school principal from 1987 to 2002; Mary Pat Metz, Class of 1971, taught at Roanoke Catholic from 1986 to 2000.

Mrs. Meador left a bequest through a charitable remainder trust to Roanoke Catholic to create the Dorothy “Dot” Greeley Meador Memorial Scholarship that will provide up to \$5,000 per year in scholarships to deserving students based on financial need and merit.



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Delighted to welcome back to “The Hill” today Ret. Col. Dewey George, RCS Class of 1966, who played in the first basketball game ever held in the Gillespie Family Gymnasium in 1963. His JV team beat Lord Botetourt, thus christening the new gym with a victory. He and wife, Brenda, have recently returned to the Roanoke Valley after careers in the U.S. Army and in the private sector in northern Virginia. Once a Celtic, always a Celtic!



KEEP US “POSTED!”

Calling all Celtics!
New job? New baby? New move?
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roanokecatholic Homecoming Week reminds us all the more of the thousands of Celtics who have graduated Roanoke Catholic in our 129-year history. A few days ago we were treated to a visit by Marie Denise Florent Gregory, Class of 1960, who with her husband Orban have been faithful financial and spiritual supporters of RCS for at least 25 years (the extent of our computerized records). This week especially we thank all of our alumni who continue to give of themselves to RCS, ensuring future generations of children will one day join the ranks of Roanoke Catholic School graduates.
#catholicsschool #roanoke #roanokeva #homecoming2018

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In memory of Ray-Eric Correia

On June 5, 2018, Roanoke Catholic lost a beloved friend, teacher and principal in Ray-Eric Correia, who passed away unexpectedly in Charlotte, N.C., where he had been working as Director of Planned Giving for the Charlotte Catholic Diocese.



Ray joined Roanoke Catholic in 1994 as a French teacher and head of the upper school, positions he held until 2002 when he became the school's first President and Principal. Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, Ray's wife of 43 years, says that his most cherished memories were the construction of the multi-purpose building that joins the old lower and upper school buildings; preserving the grotto's place of honor on campus; instilling the importance of the school's chapel; Celtics' championship games; graduation ceremonies; representing the school to the greater community; "and his guidance meetings with students, faculty, and parents."

After leaving Roanoke Catholic in 2010, Ray formed a consulting company, Crossroads Advancement, in Lexington, Va., and through his work for the Blue Ridge Zoological Society became Executive Director of the Society's Mill Mountain Zoo in Roanoke. In Lexington, he also worked at Habitat for Humanity as Director of Marketing and Development, prior to assuming his role as Director of Planned Giving in Charlotte. He and Kathleen were parishioners at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lexington, where he had attended Mass in the 1970's as a Washington & Lee University student and where Kathleen remains as Director of Religious Education.

"Ray saw Roanoke Catholic as a precious jewel of Catholic education," writes Kathleen, "in which its gleaming facets of academic excellence, winning athletic performance, community outreach, artistic expression, and spiritual worship reflected and radiated the Light of Christ, which illuminated it."



Blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

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ROANOKE VALLEY GIVES

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Gillespie Family Gymnasium is cooler thanks to Roanoke Valley Gives Day

The Celtics volleyball team was happy to lose one home court advantage this fall — the heat! — after the Gillespie Family Gymnasium received a cool upgrade with the installation of two new 20-ton heat pumps.

The \$130,000 project was funded mostly from donations made on Roanoke Valley Gives Day 2018, a 24-hour online fundraising competition among the region's 165 leading nonprofits. RCS won the day with \$109,610 in donations, plus \$17,000 in incentive prizes.

Chief among the Celtics' supporters of Roanoke Valley Gives Day was Andy Stinnett, Class of '69, *pictured here*.

"I'm just trying to give back," Stinnett says. "I think it's the right thing to do."

A retired Norfolk Southern engineer, the Roanoke resident



spends his free time attending NASCAR races, University of Virginia football and basketball games, and of course cheering on all Celtics sports from the stands.

As a Roanoke Catholic student, Stinnett played basketball and football, "but I was more of a practice dummy. I wasn't a star, I wasn't a hero, I was just on the team."

That may be so, but RCS is thankful that Andy Stinnett remains a Celtic, along with all who have made our school the most successful nonprofit in Roanoke Valley Gives' three-year history.

On March 13 we take to the field again for Roanoke Valley Gives Day 2019. With your help we will leave the game once more victorious! Stay tuned for details on our #RVGives2019 project ... and go Celtics!

Celtics fall sports update: Football, Cross-Country, Volleyball

Roanoke Catholic football is poised to defend its 2017 state championship after another stellar season. With a 7-0 record through October, the Celtics currently sit atop Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association's Division III rankings and will host the first round of playoff games on November 9. If they advance, the Celtics will play November 16 for a shot at another state championship — their fifth consecutive trip to the title game, having won in 2014, 2016 and 2017. Stay tuned to RCS social media, email and website for details.

RCS cross-country has dominated regional independent schools this fall.



Varsity and JV boys and girls squads swept the 10 schools competing at the CHARCS XC Invitational for Private Schools on Sept. 29. The JV teams also won the Virginia State Catholic Cross Country Championships in Williamsburg. Running against top local public and private schools Sept. 22 at the Clash With the Titans at Hidden Valley High School, junior Danny Connelly beat a field of 111 varsity boys to lead the Celtics to a 6th place finish out of 16 schools. Danny and freshman sister Carolyn Connelly also both placed All-Catholic.

Celtics volleyball had a challenging season against some of the strongest

public and private schools in western Virginia, ending with a 10-10 record including wins against William Fleming and Eastern Montgomery high schools, Faith Christian and Fuqua. The team graduates just two seniors and with a JV team that finished the season 11-4, the future looks strong.




 Roanoke Catholic School's
 Celtic Singers and Band present
**LESSONS &
 CAROLS**
 AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF WORD AND SONG TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS
 OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Sunday, Dec. 9 | 5 PM
 ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Wednesday, Dec. 12 | 6 PM

Class of 2020 celebrates Ring Day

On October 25, the Roanoke Catholic Class of 2020 celebrated Ring Day today in St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia, one of our most cherished traditions during which the junior class receives blessed rings to commemorate the beginning of the end of their Celtics journey. We thank Fr. Matt Kiehl for presiding over the liturgy, teacher and alumnus Jon Reynolds, '98, for speaking, and all teachers and parents who made the day so special.

