

Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Scholarship

Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley, a 1938 graduate of Roanoke Catholic School, was a man who was always giving back and paying it forward. He lived a life of commitment to helping others through his dedication and compassion. He demonstrated gratitude for God's gifts and believed in the dignity of people of all walks of life.

He and his wife, Nina celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2014. They raised fifteen children in the Roanoke Valley, and they are all graduates of Roanoke Catholic School. They instilled in their own children a love of learning and the satisfaction that comes from doing one's best. Dr. Keeley was an avid supporter of the arts community and enjoyed expressing himself through song as he shared his love for music with family and friends.

The Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Scholarship was established in 2014 to memorialize Dr. Keeley's utmost regard for education and to provide financial support for future generations of deserving students. He believed in advancing a young person's opportunities through a Catholic education. The strength of a community's future is built upon the legacy of previous generations.

Eligibility for the Scholarship

This award is presented to a student who best exemplifies the qualities of Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley. The scholarship will be awarded on both a financial and merit basis.

Consideration will be given to a candidate whose qualities resemble those of Dr. Keeley, beloved by his family and friends for his dedication and compassion for people; his dignity and humility; his great warmth, empathy, and charitable spirit; and his love of God.

Hallmarks include a strong work ethic and scholastic performance to the best of the student's indicated ability. The student should recognize the value of an engaged citizen whose membership in the school community enriches it. The student is a selfless, unassuming person worthy of the admiration and respect of his or her peers.

Selection Process

Selection process shall be a committee composed of teachers, academic advisor, administration and a member of the Keeley Family.

Administration of Scholarship

Three awards in the amount of \$1,000 will be presented yearly. One will be awarded to a graduating senior to apply to their college tuition. One will be awarded to a Lower School student, and one to an Upper School student to be applied to their tuition at Roanoke Catholic School.

Scholarship Plaque

Plaque will be displayed in the school lobby indicating the recipient name and the year they received the award.