Dear Parents;

Congratulations on your son's or daughter's acceptance to Bucknell University. You have made a good choice. New students will find that Bucknell can be an excellent milieu for their intellectual and moral development.

We hope that the "Newman Apostolate" will be an important part of that development for your son or daughter. Newman isn't a club in the ordinary sense. It is really the work of the Catholic Church on campus. Through Newman, the student has an opportunity to develop his faith on a university level. Newman isn't an F.B.I. organization that checks on the student and his religious obligations and it isn't one that pulls the students off the side to form a ghetto. Newman seeks to form christians through a campus family united and committed to Christ. Newman seeks to prepare your sons and daughters spiritually, intellectually and socially for the secular world in which they live.

This year we are in for a new venture at Bucknell. It is my privilege to have been appointed to devote full time to working with college students. On September 18th, Mass will be offered for the first time on campus at the magnificent Rooke Chapel at 4:00 p.m. We would be most happy to have you join us.

During the year, there will be short courses for the students who want to learn more about their Faith. We will have guest speakers, discussions and days of retreat. I will be available for the administration of the sacraments and for counseling.

We have been able to beg and borrow the necessary sacred vessels, vestments and supplies needed to begin offering Mass on campus. But if the students are to have a program and the Liturgy that is identifiably their own, we will need permanent items. We turn to our Most Reverend Bishop and to you the parents to achieve our goal. The Catholic faith and education of the students will be the only beneficiary.

Please help us financially if you can and spiritually by praying for the students and our Newman Apostolate. We will be grateful for any help we can get.

Thank you sincerely and if I can be of any assistance to any parent or student, please do not hesitate to write.

God Bless you,

Father Petrino
Rev. Bernard H. Petrino, chaplain

"Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem"