Dear Parents and Benefactors:

This is the time of year when I give you an accounting of the work of "The Church on Campus" and ask your continued reaction and support. Our Catholic Campus Community at Bucknell numbers about 650.

The number of persons of all faiths who are reached by our ministry is constantly increasing. The strength and deep faith so many of our young people bring from good homes is impressive. For those who are searching or are in doubt, the Catholic Campus Ministry has been a haven of help and concern by their own admission. Being a witness to the gospel according to our faith is not easy for college-age young people, yet there is more cause for optimism now than in the past several years.

Our Mass at Roeke Chapel each Sunday has been well attended. In fact the Chapel is usually a "full house." Many times, twenty to thirty persons attend week-day masses. The "core" group of students are those who are my right arm for the Liturgy and various programs. They get involved in spreading the faith to the campus in many different ways, and we could not do without their valuable help. When you support the efforts of our ministry, you contribute to your own sons and daughters. We depend on the Bishop of Harrisburg, parents and benefactors to finance our program. Please help us if you can. And when you come to campus, join us at Mass. There is always a special Liturgy for Parents' Weekend and Graduation.

Call on me anytime you think I can offer assistance to your son or daughter. We want to do everything the Good Lord will allow to bring educated faith and inspired hope to the entire campus.

Thanks and God Bless you,

Father Bernard H. Petrina
Chaplain