**2005 MINISTRY TEAM**

**Catholic Campus Ministry is led by the Catholic Chaplain in consultation with a group of 34 dedicated students who serve on the Ministry Team.**

**Director of Administration** Mike Rakowski ’08
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- Carl Marchelli ’07
- Paolo Castello ’08
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**Music Coordinators**
- Lauren Shafer ’07
- Lauren Beminger ’08
- Sarah Anthony ’08
- Flor De Liz Perez ’07

**Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator**
- Erik Anderson ’07

**Student Perspectives**

**PAULO DASILVA CASTELO ’08**

I found love down in earth the priests wore! A great program and tradition at Bucknell Catholic Campus Ministry!

**EMILY DELONG ’08**

For me, the greatest strength of the Confession Marathon is in the faith community. I loved the supportive pre-confession atmosphere and the celebratory post-confession environment. The community, and the fabulous priests who came to hear confessions, made the marathon a wonderful experience, giving a refreshing “alleviate” feel while embracing the beautiful traditions of our faith.

**THE CONFESION MARATHON:**

- + allows interaction between students and vocation directors.
- + allows extended and unhurried time for confessions.
- + prepares students two weeks in advance through weekend homilies.
- + provides participants with printed How to Go to Confession cards with Act of Contrition.
- + provides confession times at local parishes for those who would like to attend confession at another time.
A LOOK AT BUCKNELL CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY’S CONFESSION MARATHONS

• HOW IT FUNCTIONS — The Confession Marathon is held at Newman House twice a year, once for Advent Confessions and once for Lenten Confessions. Vocation directors, including Catholic priests from other campuses, are invited to Bucknell’s campus to meet with students, provide vocational guidance, and hear confessions. During each Marathon, at least two of the vocational directors are individuals who will not return to the campus again, thus providing a less intimidating atmosphere for students. Also, at least three of the Catholic priests who participate represent the Diocese where most of the students are from. Originally, the Confession Marathon lasted from 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m., but in recent years, the program has lasted until 1 a.m. due to the high number of student participants. Students are informed of where the vocational directors are hosting meetings and where they are from, then each student can choose which director they would like to meet with.

• WHY IT IS SUCCESSFUL — The Confession Marathon is extremely accessible to students and their busy schedules. Held after a weekly Thursday night dinner and held over a significant amount of time, the Confession Marathon offers ample time for many students to take advantage of the one-on-one conversation with their confessors. In weeks prior to the Marathons, homilies at the weekend Masses stress the importance of Confessions and the opportunity to participate. CCM also passes out Act of Contrition cards that also contain a refresher on the process of Confession for students to use to prepare for the Marathon. Also, students are encouraged to use a “buddy system” and bring a Catholic friend along with them who may benefit from the personal time with the confessor.

• THE NEEDS THAT ARE ADDRESSED — For some students who may not actively participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Confession Marathon offers students an opportunity to reenter into the Sacrament in a safe space with individual attention. Students can meet with the confessor for as long as they need or want. This provides a quality amount of time for the experience and teachable moments for guidance from the priest.

• THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM — The program has existed for six years. The number of students who participate in the program has increased each semester. More recently, faculty, staff, administrators, and their family members have begun to participate in the Confession Marathons; thus, the program reaches a great percentage of the Catholic community on campus. The time allotted for the program has also been increased to allow everyone who wants to schedule time to do so.

• HOW IT IS UNIQUE — Students enjoy the Confession Marathon and benefit both personally and spiritually from their participation. The Confession Marathon held at Newman House offers a safe, comfortable space for students to talk about their personal struggles and challenges. The program is always well-planned and wellorchestrated; students know where to go and with whom they can meet. In addition, there is no pressure from CCM for students to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; most participate because they believe in its importance and appreciate the accessibility of the priests.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF CATHOLIC MINISTRY TEAM

Bucknell University Catholic Campus Ministry serves, first and foremost, to Gather and Welcome members of the Roman Catholic Church on campus to form a community of faith that will: appropriate the faith, form a Christian conscience, facilitate personal development, and develop future leaders.

This goal is lived out by CCM embracing the hope that all individuals, those active and lapsed members of the Catholic community, will be empowered by the spirit to recognize their own dignity and worth and to reach out to others on the campus to collaborate in building God’s kingdom of love and justice. Under the direction of the Catholic Chaplain and the CCM Ministry Team, CCM aspires to incorporate religious beliefs and values into everyday campus life by means of services, programs and activities for participation by the entire campus community.

Catholic Campus Ministry at Bucknell, an officially recognized student organization, is provided for by the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and maintained financially through contributions and donations by students, parents, alumni, and Bucknell benefactors. Though autonomous, CCM strives to extend its services in such a manner as to complement the overall goals of Bucknell University with particular regard to the spiritual needs of its students, faculty, administration and supporting staff members, 40% of which identifies itself as Roman Catholic.

Bucknell University Catholic Campus Ministry is a member of:
• CCMA (Catholic Campus Ministry Association)
• PCCMA (Pennsylvania Catholic Campus Ministry Association)
• NCSC (National Catholic Student Coalition)
• Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Campus Ministry Association

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

MIKE RAKSZAWSKI ‘08
I love to think of the Confession Marathon as a spark that brings new energy and excitement to my faith. It gives all students at Bucknell a chance to reconnect with God and themselves. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful program that reaches out to so many Catholics on campus.

JOE RUSIEWICZ ‘07
I think that this is an awesome program. It gives students a chance to go to confession if they are too busy during the school year. I think it also helps that there are many priests there to help out. Many students are afraid to go to a priest for confession and then be recognized by him later. This program helps to alleviate that fear and also to bring back Catholics who may have wandered away from their faith. A magnificent idea and executed very well.

AMANDA FORSBURG ’07
I have never actively went to confession at my home parish, so when I heard about the confession marathon that CCM was holding during Advent, I thought it would be a good way to begin to experience this part of the Catholic faith. The atmosphere was extremely comfortable, and seeing several of my Catholic friends at the Newman House during the marathon helped me to not feel shy or awkward. Afterwards, several of us sat and drank hot cocoa while visiting with the priests. It was a great experience.