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Dear Brother Rahl,

Allow me this opportunity to assure you and all the members of the community of my prayers as we enter Holy Week and prepare for the Sacred Triduum. Be assured that your intentions will be remembered at my Masses on the Solemnity of Easter.

At this time I wish to formally request that the Brotherhood of Hope implement the *Hope for Undergraduates in Boston* initiative beginning in the summer of 2011. It has been a source of great encouragement to learn from Ms. Janet Benestad, Secretary for Faith Formation and Evangelization, of these new plans for campus ministry. Since the time of my arrival as Archbishop it has been my hope to expand the outreach to college students in Boston, particularly in the Back Bay.

The Brotherhood's expertise and vision will be of invaluable assistance with this initiative. Your twenty-five years of experience will provide us the opportunity to develop a community of college and university students centered in the Eucharist. The Catholic Center at Northeastern University, already an important source of evangelizing efforts, has the potential to become the "HUB" for more than 60,000 students at 10 schools and colleges in Boston. Ms. Benestad and Rev. Richard Clancy, Director of Campus Ministry, look forward to providing support and assistance for this new program.

In order to build on the highly successful campus ministry at Boston University, I am appointing Rev. John R. McLaughlin as Director of the Catholic Center and Priest Campus Minister, effective July 1, 2011. Your assistance in preparing for his arrival is greatly appreciated.

Please know my gratitude to you and to the Brothers for all you are doing to advance the New Evangelization among the young people in the Archdiocese and your very important participation in our new efforts for local colleges and universities. I am profoundly grateful for all the Brotherhood has done during the past eleven years, promoting the evangelization and spiritual formation of countless students, training interns and lay ministers, witnessing to the virtues of community life and encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In particular, I am most appreciative of yours and Fr. Paul Helfrich's leadership at Boston University and Brother Patrick Reilly's years of service on campus. With the help of God, may we extend the success achieved there to an ever greater number of young people who seek to know the Lord and direct their lives toward Him.

Asking God's blessings on you and the members of the community, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston