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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*Joe and Sue Paterno, Eddie Lauth to Lead  
PSU Catholic Student Faith Center Campaign*

Plans for the new Catholic Student Faith Center took center stage today with the announcement of the capital campaign's Leadership Team. Bishop Joseph V. Adamec of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki O.S.B. of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe announced that Joe and Sue Paterno are Honorary Chairpersons and State College businessman Eddie Lauth is Campaign Committee Chairman. The campaign *Journey of Faith: A Homecoming* is currently in the silent phase.

Father Matthew Laffey O.S.B., Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Penn State, emphasized that this campaign will help expand fellowship and faith building among Catholic students, faculty and staff. In addition, Laffey stated, "A large number of students look to our ministry for guidance and spiritual growth during decisive times and the new Catholic Student Faith Center, will provide them with a facility uniquely dedicated to Catholic programs and services."

Adjacent to Penn State's University Park Campus, the new Catholic Student Faith Center will be a privately-funded project administered by Catholic Campus Ministry, a ministry of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and staffed by the Benedictine Monks of St. Vincent Archabbey. Catholic Campus Ministry serves 10,000 Catholic students, faculty and staff at the University Park. The Center will include a day chapel, reconciliation rooms, library, student lounges, project work area and residence for the Benedictine Fathers.

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