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NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, S. ORANGE, N.J. 07079

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The meeting came to order at 2:00 P.M. Present: Bishop Dougherty, Fr. Seymour, Fr. Sullivan, Sr. Margherita, Messrs. Bush, Mahoney, Prince, Reilly. Msgr. Field arrived during the meeting.

Bishop Dougherty announced:

1. Plans are underway to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the erection of the diocese of Newark in 1978. The Commission will be asked to participate, and all members are asked to consider ways in which the commission might do so. Among suggestions made during the course of the meeting were: 1) an academic program, perhaps as part of the spring meeting of the American Catholic Historical Assn at Seton Hall next spring; 2) publication of Bishop Bayley's diary.
2. Receipt of check for \$5,000.00 from the state Knights of Columbus, which he gave to the director for deposit.

The director distributed a brief report of activities since the last meeting of the commission.

After discussion, the Commission agreed on the following statement of policy on access to materials:

The Catholic Archives of New Jersey are open to scholars and qualified students except as donor restrictions may require. Consult the archivist for conditions of access and help in meeting the conditions.

The Archives of the Archdiocese of Newark are held under a fifty-year restriction, i.e., materials over fifty years old are accessible; those of later date are open only with the permission of the archivist. The Archives of the Archdiocese of Newark include all records created by the Chancery Office, except the following collections, which involve the protection of pastoral confidentiality:

Priests' Personal File

Special marriage records created by the Chancery.

The Commission agreed that the director should approach Professor Peter Ahr to seek his aid in obtaining Msgr. Joseph Brady's records from the late Monsignor's sister.

After discussion of the membership of the proposed advisory board, the commission decided to invite the following persons to participate:

Archbishop Boland, Bishop Spong, Rabbi Wiener, Rev. Joseph Woodson; Vincent Visceglia, Kevin Shanley, Peter Henderson, Robert Beck, Robert McMenamin, Jane

Engelhardt, Robert Wussler, Adrian Foley, Rev.
Robert Trisco, Rev. John Tracy Ellis, Rev. Colman
Barry, Thaddeus Gromada, John T. Cunningham, Roger
H. McDonough, Robert Morris, Miriam Murphy, William
Cahill, Richard Hughes.

The Director was instructed to obtain addresses of the above, and to prepare a one-page description of the Commission's purpose, for inclusion with the invitation to each person to join the board.

(N.B. The list is as accurate as the Director could get it down; members who see an incorrect inclusion, or an omission, are asked to contact the director immediately for its correction.)

The Commission then agreed to hasten preparation of grant requests.

At 3:10 the Commission adjourned to the Library, where Msgr. Field introduced Dr. Pogany and Mrs. Dobrovsky, and showed the members the planned storage and work spaces for the archival collection.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 1977 at 2:00 P.M., President's Hall, Seton Hall University.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph F. Mahoney