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The meeting opened at 2:00 P.M. Present: Bishop Dougherty, Frs. Hinrichsen, Seymour, Sullivan, Sr. Margherita, Professors Mahoney, Prince, Reilly.

Bishop Dougherty announced that the official celebratory period commemorating the foundation of the Diocese of Newark will be Oct. 1-Dec. 8, 1978.

In connection with the Commission's participation in the observance, Professors Reilly and Mahoney will determine the acceptability of a co-sponsored panel at the ACHA meeting at Seton Hall in April, 1978.

Concerning the publication of Bishop Bayley's diary, Sr. Margherita will inquire of the Fairleigh Dickinson University press, Professor Prince of the New York University Press and Professor Mahoney of Scribner's concerning their potential interest in publication.

Brief discussion of obtaining the late Msgr. Brady's papers from his sister was inconclusive. Further information forthcoming.

The process of notifying advisory board members of the purposes of the Commission and soliciting their membership on the board has begun, and letters should be sent in approximately one month.

Professor Prince raised a question about accessibility to parish records in connection with the research of a doctoral candidate at New York University who has been unable to get a reply to inquiries. The Commission discussed the potential impact of denial of access upon its own credibility, particularly with funding agencies, and upon the Commission's projects. Bishop Dougherty and Fr. Seymour will pursue the question further.

Draft proposal for the National Historical Records and Publications Committee should be ready for consideration by the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday May 20, 1977 at the President's conference room, President's Hall, Seton Hall University.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
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Director