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PLACE
Bishop John J. Dougherty
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Seton Hall University
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SCHEDULE
9:00 A.M.
Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M.
Welcome and Introduction:
Larry Greene, Chairman
Department of History, Seton Hall University

10:15 A.M.
“Writing Social and Cultural History
from Church Records”
Jay P. Dolan, Notre Dame University

12:00 A.M.
Luncheon

“Building a Significant Catholic Archives:
Dreams, Realities, Progress”
Msgr. William N. Field, Seton Hall University

“A Donor’s Testimony”
The Honorable Bernard M. Shanley

1:30 P.M.
Panel: “Collecting, Organizing and Preserving
Source Material”
Russell Gasero, New Brunswick
Theological Seminary
Kenneth Rowe, Drew University
Peter J. Wosh, Seton Hall University

3:00 P.M.
Panel: “The Place of Oral History”
Howard Green, New Jersey
Historical Commission
George P. Browne, Seton Hall University
Alice Kendrick, Lutheran Council of the USA

4:30 P.M.
Summary and Conclusion:
Larry Greene, Seton Hall University

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