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Letter from Msgr. Thomas G. Fahy to Archbishop Gerety

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Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety
Archbishop, Diocese of Newark
31 Mulberry Street
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Dear Archbishop Gerety:

The recent proposal to transfer and maintain the Archdiocesan Archives at the University has my unqualified approval. It is especially appropriate because of our own plans to establish an Oral History Project on the history of the Catholic Church in New Jersey. Together, the two projects will allow us to establish a research center for Catholic life in New Jersey.

Monsignor William Noe Field, University Librarian, assures me that sufficient space will be set aside in McLaughlin Library for the storing and preservation of the archival material. As Archivist for the Archdiocesan material, he will supervise the entire collection.

We need a history of the Archdiocese and the acquisition of the Archives will enhance the possibility of undertaking such a project.

The commemoration of the Nation's Bicentennial is a most fitting time to formally announce the transfer of the Archives and our joint sponsorship of the Oral History Project. You may wish to refer to my letter of July 30, 1975 concerning the details of the Oral History Project.

If these proposals are agreeable to you, I would be very happy to arrange a meeting with whomever you might wish to appoint to discuss the many details and coordination of the project.

Sincerely yours,

Msgr. Thomas G. Fahy
President