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Dear Reverend Father,

I hereby authorize the NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION to copy the records of the sacraments received by the people of the Archdiocese of Newark as they are written in the registers of each parish. Specifically, these are the registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths.

It is understood that these records will be used for statistical purposes only and further, that no individual may be cited by name without prior permission of the Archdiocesan Archivist.

The NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION will undertake full responsibility in this matter by following these steps:

1. The COMMISSION will arrange a mutually convenient time with each pastor for copying these records.

2. The records will be copied in the parish where they are kept and will not be transported to any other location for copying.

3. The COMMISSION will assume all financial responsibility for the copying of these records. No parish will be required to contribute financially to this project.

4. The information collected will be subject to the same conditions set forth in the "ASSIGNMENT OF ARCHIVES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NEWARK TO SETON HALL UNIVERSITY" signed by the Acting President of Seton Hall University and myself on January 6, 1977.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation with this very important historical project, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Peter J. Gerety