News and Notes from the Commission

- The NJCHC was represented at the American Catholic Historical Association’s annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 7 through January 10, 2016. Dr. Fernanda Perrone, who is in her final year on the Executive Committee, was the Chair of a panel titled “Northern Protestants, Southern Catholics, and Religious Superiors: Challenges in Nineteenth-Century America.” Fr. Augustine Curley, O.S.B., was elected as a new member of the Executive Committee. He celebrated Mass at the annual meeting.

- Dr. Fernanda Perrone, who is on sabbatical, has significant projects in process. She is continuing her research on the education mission of the Sisters of Loretto. She will be presenting on this topic at the Conference on the History of Women Religious in Santa Clara, California, in June. She was also commissioned, along with two other Rutgers faculty members, Kayo Denda and Mary Hawkesworth, to write a history of Douglass College for the 100th anniversary in 2018. Also, at the Archivists of Congregations of Women Religious triennial meeting in Pittsburgh in August 2015, she participated in a panel on Access Issues in the Archives of Women Religious.

- The Department of Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University and the NJCHC are co-sponsoring a two-day symposium titled "A Symposium in Honor of Dr. John Ching Hsiung Wu (1899-1986)" which honors Professor Wu, a long-time faculty member at the school who was active in the formation of the Far-Eastern Institute at Seton Hall. Professor Wu, who was a noted diplomat, scholar, and expert on international law, had a major impact on Taiwanese history. This event will take place Thursday-Friday, April 21-22, on the campus of Seton Hall University in South Orange. More information can be found here: https://www.shu.edu/news/symposium-honor-dr-john-c-h-wu.cfm.

- The New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission is an active partner with and supporter of various academic, heritage, and related organizations across the state, nation, and world. Among these are the Catholic Research Resources Alliance: http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-newspapers/; League of Historical Societies of New Jersey: http://www.lhsnj.org/; Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists: http://diocesanarchivists.org/; Catholic Library Association: http://cathla.org/; and the American Catholic Historical Association: https://www.achahistory.org/. These groups, which have a shared purpose and commitment to scholarship, publish news of their own updates and events which are worth noting and complement the mission of the NJCHC.