News and Notes from the Commission

At the American Catholic Historical Conference from January 2 through January 5, 2015, in Manhattan, Commission Executive Director Alan Delozier gave a talk, as did former Commission members Peter Wosh and Thomas Rzeznik. Members Carl Ganz and Rev. Robert Carbonneau were in attendance. Member Fernanda Perrone, who is on the ACHA Executive Council, also attended this meeting and served as the chair of a session of the ACHA spring meeting in Notre Dame, Indiana.

On April 22, 2015, the Commission co-sponsored a program entitled The 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act: The Roles of Religion & Labor. This event, held at the American Labor Museum in Haledon, included talks by Rabbi Israel S. Dresner, Rev. Monsignor John J. Gilchrist, Imam Abdul A. Muhammad, Rev. Louis Richardson, and Alan Delozier.

On May 9, the Commission participated in Spirit of the Jerseys – 2015, the annual New Jersey state history fair, which was held at Monmouth Battlefield State Park in Manalapan. Commission members Rev. Augustine Curley, Carl Ganz, Rev. Michael Krull and others were present to distribute information about the NJCHC.

Caldwell University recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. The events are detailed on this website: [http://www.caldwell.edu/caldwell75](http://www.caldwell.edu/caldwell75). One of the events to mark this milestone was “The College on the Hill” exhibition of historical photos celebrating the 75-year history Caldwell University. This exhibition was on display at the Jennings Library on the Caldwell University campus during September of 2014 and in the Caldwell Public Library in October of 2014. An opening reception was held in early October at the Caldwell Public Library and featured a panel discussion regarding the importance of Caldwell University’s founding and the relationship between Caldwell University for Women, the Sisters of St. Dominic and the township of Caldwell. The celebration was aided in part by the Commission and through direct collaboration with members of the Caldwell community including Commission Member Sister Patricia McKearney; Rebecca Driscoll, Reference Services and Archives Librarian; and Assistant Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs Beth S. Kornstein at the University.

The Commission has partnered with the Seton Hall University Department of Catholic Studies and co-sponsored various events throughout the 2014-2015 academic year. Founded at Seton Hall University in 1997, The Center for Catholic Studies is dedicated to fostering a dialogue between the Catholic intellectual tradition and all areas of study and contemporary culture through scholarly research and publications and ongoing programs for faculty, students, and the general public. In 2001, the Center conducted the annual faculty summer seminar, “The Core of the Core,” which originated the present University Core Curriculum. The Center also developed the undergraduate degree program in Catholic Studies with its major, minor and certificate, and in 2012 the Department of Catholic Studies was formed. The Center continues to support the Department with scholarship aid and its ongoing program of co-curricular activities. For more information about their activities, please visit [https://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/catholic-studies-department/](https://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/catholic-studies-department/).