

October 16th, 1918.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Splaine,
National Catholic War Council
124 East 28th Street,
New York City.

My dear Msgr. Splaine:

After further consideration and consultation, I have decided that it might be well to make some further additions to the budget which I submitted to you for the New York meeting.

You will notice that I allowed \$2,500 for traveling expenses. I feel that that item might be increased to \$5,000; that would bring our total up to \$37,075, not including the Secretary's salary. It may not be necessary to expend the entire amount appropriated, and it may be necessary to ask for more before the end of the year.

Give the Committee to understand that it is exceedingly difficult to make out an exact budget for our work on account of its newness.

I have thought much during the past few days, especially after consultation with Professor Hagerty, of Ohio State University, about the necessity of building up a catholic literature of permanent value.

Give the Committee to understand that it may not be necessary for us to expend half the amount requested, and it may be necessary to make a request for additional money before the end of the year.

In regard to our Committee, I feel more and more that we should play the waiting game. We ought to make very sure about the men and women who will be accepted as members. If we secure the services of desirable members, they will help us very much; on the other hand, we may secure the services of persons who would place all kinds of obstacles in our way. I would like to have another conference with you before that Committee is finally appointed. Let us, at least, give the matter some thought. If the Executive Committee approves our budget, we expect to have our work well under way by the middle of November.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) John O'Grady.