Thank you for your nice letter. I am very happy that you feel that my visit with Father O'Donnell did some good. I am very grateful to your for your hospitality. If I can be of any further assistance, let me know.

I would have the following suggestions with regard to future Religion-in-Life programs:

1/ See that the priests are fully scheduled; if the priest is not scheduled to meet groups, there is nothing for him to do - he wastes this valuable time.

2/ Try to schedule one meeting of all Catholics with the priests.

3/ Emphasize that the priests are on campus not merely to speak to miscellaneous groups; they are present as priests available to the Catholics for spiritual consultation, vocational guidance, confessions, etc. Schedule regular confession times.

4/ Be aware that we may now have afternoon and evening Masses. Try to find the most convenient time for most, and schedule the Mass at that time. Advertise the Mass as a "special Mass" - give it some glamor. It is to be a dialogue Mass or the priests will explain the Mass as it progresses.

5/ Have as one announced objective that all Catholics receive Holy Communion during Religion-in-Life week.

Generally speaking, you should develop a clearly defined program (there is much material and experience from other campuses). This program should be determined upon in its general outline in the spring in meetings of the officers. In the fall, a handbook, listing all spiritual facilities and programs should be gotten into the hands of the students at the earliest possible date - especially freshmen. Definiteness - confidence - this is our program - come on in, the water's fine - this should be the attitude of the Newman Club. With such planning, as the years pass, the Newman Club will come to mean something clearly
definite to the incoming future generations of Catholic students. It will have an accepted place in the life of the University. There are many fine young people who come to the University each year - if they are given an opportunity to express themselves in a Catholic way through a clearly defined program, you will work a good portion of them into a positive program of which all will be very proud.

It would seem to me to be important that in your basic organization you would try to find one key person in each residence hall or fraternity. This person would be your "contact" who would come to executive meetings, take part in developing the program, have it explained to them and, in turn, interpret it to their group. If a meeting of such people were held prior to Religion-in-life, they would supply the personal contact to emphasize our aims and participation. This personal contact is vital to the success of any program.

I know that these things are easier to write than they are to put into action. But we must have objectives; then, when we head toward them with confidence, patience and high motives, God will bless our efforts.

I gave your best wishes to Father Kline. He remembered you and was happy to know that you are a Catholic leader on the campus.

With kindest personal wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. George D. Mulcahy