

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Dear Mr. McGonagle,

Thank you very much for your letter expressing your continued interest in my forthcoming book. I do, indeed, have you in mind almost daily as I now devote full time to the project, and you must forgive me for not having written to you sooner to tell you my good news. I was fortunate to receive a Mellon Faculty Fellowship at Harvard for a year starting this July. My proposal to the Mellon Committee was to finish my first book. I have enclosed a copy of the proposal for your interest, since I did mention you in it and am very grateful that I was able to.

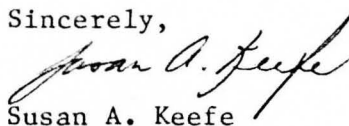
Thus, I am very glad to hear that you are still interested, and I would very much like to see it published by Catholic U. Press. In my proposal I said that the nature of the book is somewhat technical and I would need a full year to be able to prepare new, critical editions of some of the Carolingian baptismal expositions that have never been published.

I have a lot of editorial questions that I was hoping to ask you about, that might save me a lot of time in typing out the text. I had thought to wait until I got settled at Harvard. Perhaps I could send you a sample of a baptismal tract with its apparatus criticus in order to get your advice about how to type out the variants of the tracts I have not yet completed, the way your press would eventually have to set them out?

Not having done this before, I would be greatly appreciative of any advice or suggestions you could give me regarding the typing of the book, especially regarding footnotes and apparati critici, that would make your task easier. If it is agreeable to you, may I get back to you in the months ahead with specific problems?

Thank you once again for your letter. Your thoughtfulness in writing and assuring me of your continued interest is a great boost for me in the work ahead.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Keefe