



Dear Newman Friends,

Blessed John Henry Newman once commented in a talk: "*Truth is never enforced except at the sacrifice of its propounders*" (*Lectures on the Present Position of Catholics in England*, London 1857, 403). This was not just a pious saying for this great English convert, but reality. In his long life he fought constantly and unwaveringly for the truth, bore witness to it, and, through suffering, misunderstanding and betrayal, paid a high price for his love of it. This is especially evident in the dramatic events of 1864, which prompted him to write his *Apologia pro vita sua*. Here you will find a detailed introduction to this most famous work of Newman:

<http://www.newmanfriendsinternational.org/newman/?p=757>

From our Centres of Newman Friends



The Centre of Newman Friends in Rome has noted with delight an ever growing interest in Newman. Students from various African countries, from India, China, the USA, France, Poland, Spain, Italy, Germany, Brazil, Argentina and Lebanon are now using the library there. Most of them are studying at one of the pontifical universities in Rome, writing their doctoral dissertations or license theses on one of the countless subjects found in Newman's writings.



Many pilgrims and visitors continue to be drawn to ***Newman's College in Littlemore, Oxford***, where he lived several years with some friends of his, and where he was received into the Roman Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi. There they find some of Newman's spirit still present and are touched by his nearness. We invite you to visit this Newman

place of pilgrimage:

http://www.newmanfriendsinternational.org/newman/?page_id=8

If you are unable to do this, we invite you to at least take a short virtual journey to Littlemore:

<http://www.newmanfriendsinternational.org/newman/?p=716>

The buildings of the *College* are already a couple of hundred years old. They had been used for several different purposes before being renovated as a place of pilgrimage for those who have a devotion to Newman and are interested in his life and works. As may be supposed in such an old building, repairs and restoration work are nearly constant. Added to these are the renovations necessary to keep up-to-date with the local regulations for such buildings. We are very grateful for any donation you can make to help ensure that the *College* can remain open for visitors and Newman Friends.

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We thank all who help us with their prayers, gifts and financial support. We hope that you will continue to be blessed with joy and interior strength through the help of Blessed John Henry Newman.

On behalf of the Centres of Newman Friends,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Hermann Geissler FSO". The script is cursive and fluid.

Fr. Hermann Geissler FSO

Director of the International Newman Centre, Rome