

Dear Members of the St. John Henry Newman Association of America,

As your fellow member and president, I am continually reminded of the significance of our association as we deepen the appreciation of St. John Henry Newman's life, thought, and enduring influence. The St. John Henry Newman Association of America is a unique community where bright minds come together—guided by the Church and prayer—to share their zeal for our patron and for one another. With this mission in mind, I am excited to share three important updates as we enter a new chapter.

### 1. 2025 Annual Conference: Newman the Priest

I warmly invite you to our 2025 Annual Conference, which will take place at the beautiful Christ the King Catholic Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota—a peaceful setting just 40 minutes from the Twin Cities airport. This year's theme, "Newman the Priest," will guide our discussions as we explore Newman's pastoral heart, priestly identity, and profound spiritual insights.

#### Conference Details:

- Dates: July 24–26, 2025
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Deavel
- Special Guest: Archbishop Bernard Hebda (a lifelong Newman enthusiast), who will celebrate Friday's Mass and spend the evening with us
- Liturgical Music: Dr. Chris Wallace (organist) and Susanne Hoy (cantor) – both internationally recognized performers! They will provide music for daily prayer and daily mass throughout the conference.

The retreat center offers 50 private rooms with en-suite bathrooms, a spacious conference area, and beautiful prayer spaces throughout the magnificent lakefront property. Airport transportation will be available upon request (**please notify me by June 1**). Uber will take you to Buffalo but the area does not have return drivers available.

#### **Registration Deadline: July 7, 2025**

The retreat center requires a final headcount by this date. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in scholarship, reflection, prayer, and fellowship—bring a friend!

## 2. *Cor ad Cor*: Our New Journal

We are at a major turning point as we prepare to launch our new journal, *Cor ad Cor: A Journal of the St. John Henry Newman Association of America*. This publication will serve as a premier venue for exploring Newman's thought and legacy from both academic and devotional perspectives.

To make this endeavor a success, we need your help! We are currently calling for submissions of scholarly and reflective papers, as well as volunteers to serve as reviewers. Your contributions will help us establish a journal worthy of Newman's motto: "Heart speaks to heart."

If you are interested in submitting or volunteering, please contact our generous editor, Dr. Richard Bulzacchelli at [rbulzacchelli@udallas.edu](mailto:rbulzacchelli@udallas.edu)

## 3. Membership Renewal

If you haven't yet renewed your 2025 membership dues, a renewal form is enclosed. To streamline the process, we attempted an email-only renewal system, but it's clear that many of you appreciate having a hard copy or electronic payment as well.

You can renew your membership by returning the enclosed form or by sending electronic payment via Venmo (@Newman\_2019). If you prefer PayPal it will have to be sent to me directly and I will pay the association your dues (Ronald Snyder @rmbortho).

Membership benefits include:

- Biennial newsletters
- Biennial "Zoomin' with Newman" presentations featuring internationally renowned Newman scholars
- Future subscription to *Cor ad Cor*
- Early registration for our annual conferences

Your membership dues are vital to sustaining our association and ensuring that we can continue to foster serious engagement with Newman's legacy in both academic and spiritual contexts.

Thank You

Your support makes our work possible. I look forward to seeing you at the conference and receiving your contributions to *Cor ad Cor*!

With gratitude,

Ron Snyder

President, St. John Henry Newman Association of America