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## *International Symposium*

# *The Primacy of God in the Life and Writings of Blessed John Henry Newman*

**22-23 November 2010**

**Aula Magna  
Pontifical Gregorian University  
Piazza della Pilotta, 4 00187 Rome**

## **22 November 2010: Contemporary Theology**

### **9.00 a.m. – First Session: Seeking God**

Introduced and presided by Archbishop Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints

Welcome of Fr. François-Xavier Dumortier, S.I.  
Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University

9.15 a.m.     **Un appassionato ricercatore di Dio**  
Fortunato Morrone, Istituto Teologico Calabro

9.45 a.m.     **Cristo e il volto del Dio uno e trino**  
Rino la Delfa, Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia

Discussion – Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. **Newman on Councils and their Aftermaths**

Ian Ker, University of Oxford

11.30 a.m. **Newman's Pedagogy of Faith Formation**

Michael Paul Gallagher, S.I., Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

Discussion

#### **4 p.m. – Second Session: Contemporary Challenges**

Introduced and presided by Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education

4.15 p.m. **Self-Assurance in the Faith: The Question of God in a Secular Culture**

Wilhelm Tolksdorf, Intern. Deutsche John Henry Newman Gesellschaft

4.45 p.m. **L'attualità filosofica di John Henry Newman**

Michele Marchetto, Scuola Superiore Internazionale di Scienze della Formazione, Venezia

5.15 p.m. **Newman and Religion**

Terrence Merrigan, Catholic University of Leuven

Discussion

### **23 November 2010: Spirituality and Mission**

#### **9.00 a.m. – Third Session: At the Sources of Life**

Introduced and presided by Cardinal Ivan Dias, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples

9.00 a.m. **Prayer: a “duty” with a view to acquiring a “privilege”**

Keith Beaumont, Association française des Amis de John Henry Newman

9.45 a.m. **Callista, Rome and England: The Hunger for God in the Empire**

Bernadette Waterman Ward, University of Dallas, Texas

Discussion – Coffee Break

11.00 a.m.    **“At present, let us do what lies before us”:** **Some Insights from John Henry Newman for Developing a Spirituality of the Laity**  
Donna Orsuto, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

11.30 a.m.    **Newman and Providence**  
Kathleen Dietz, F.S.O., Gannon University, Erie, PA

Discussion

#### **4.00 p.m. – Fourth Session: Called to Mission**

Introduced and presided by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales

4.15 p.m.    **Newman’s Witness to Holiness**  
Roderick Strange, Pontifical Bede College, Rome

4.45 p.m.    **Newman’s Preaching *coram Deo*. “We see but the skirts of God’s glory”:****Newman’s Witness to the Revelation and Mystery of God**  
Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe (Church of England)

5.15 p.m.    ***The Unseen World: un nuovo film su Newman***  
Liana Marabini, Principality of Monaco

Discussion

6.15 p.m.    Conclusion by Fr. Hermann Geissler, F.S.O.  
Director of the International Centre of Newman Friends

John Henry Newman (1801-1890), who will be declared blessed by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010, is one of the most profound Christian thinkers of modern times and continues to touch the minds and consciences of people today. As a passionate seeker after the Truth and tireless promoter of human and Christian culture, as a true father of souls and a faithful son of the Church he linked depth of thought with a moving testimony of life, always giving primacy to God.

This Symposium aims to show the meaning and actuality of his search for God (First Session) taking into account some contemporary challenges (Second Session) and giving value to his deep spirituality (Third Session) that calls to mission (Fourth Session). The lecturers, chosen from among the most renowned Newman scholars at an international level, address in different ways the great question of God that moves the hearts of men and women of all times.

**There will be simultaneous translation.**

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