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Blessed John Henry Newman (d. 1890)

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John Henry Newman: The Via Media Comes Full Circle

A Spiritual Soulmate of the Royal Martyr

August 11, 2019 will mark the 129th anniversary of the repose of a man who, as has been said, spent half his life attacking the Roman Catholic Church and then the other half within it, asking for forgiveness for having done so.

On October 13th, Pope Francis will formally enter the name of John Henry Newman into the Roman canon of the Saints. A controversial figure throughout much of his life, Newman's spiritual and intellectual struggles aimed at finding the truth set a great example to us all in contemporary times where, as in his day, so much about belief and morality are tinged with the ambiguous indifference of relativity.

Newman's age was markedly different from our own in many respects. Yet his courageous opposition to the liberal groupthink of his time stands as an enduring



rebuke to anyone for whom the abandonment of the uncompromising demands of the Gospel of Christ before the sneers of the various “isms” of today appears as inevitable.

Beginning as an Evangelical, Newman morphed into an Anglican Tractarian leader as he drank deeply of the waters of ecclesial Tradition and patristics. Rather than repudiate the spiritual “lights” that he experienced along the way of his spiritual journey, he preferred to “build” upon them as he established a solid, long-lasting spiritual edifice that invited both respect and ridicule from his contemporaries.



Nevertheless, even the attacks levelled at him were used by Newman to deepen his inner vision, such as his “Apologia pro Vita Sua” occasioned by Charles Kingsley’s criticisms.

In the end, there can be no doubt that Newman found his enduring, spiritual home in the Via Media of the Anglican spiritual tradition and he brought the central theological pulses of that tradition along with him into the Roman Communion.

The Private Prayers of Lancelot Andrewes remained by Newman’s bedside throughout his life. Like the Tractarians, Ronald Knox and many others, Newman fostered devotion to King Charles the Martyr, both as an Anglican and a Roman Catholic. (The image of the Royal Martyr appears to feature in one photo of his private chapel along with that of other Saints.)

Most of all, Newman especially shared King Charles’ aversion for liberalism in the religious, ecclesial sphere along with the lackadaisical moral principles that are spawned by it.

When Pope Francis declares John Henry Newman a saint, he will be canonising the totality of what Newman stood for in his fundamental Anglican identity.

After all, a Saint John Henry Newman would only have been possible as a result of the historic sacrifice in defence of uncompromising Catholic principles of such Anglican luminaries as King Charles the Martyr, Archbishop William Laud, Nicholas Ferrar and others. And when, as it is to be hoped, the veneration of these is extended throughout the entire Catholic Church one day, it will largely be because of the life and witness of John Henry Newman. Sancte Johannis Henricus Newman, ora pro nobis!

- Alexander J. Roman, Ph.D., Obl.S.B., OL, Member, Board of Trustees
and Canadian Representative

NOTE: This page’s picture is a statue of the Royal Martyr at Glamis Castle in Scotland

Thanking Our Supporters in This Life

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Society is able to keep its dues low: the last dues increase was 11 years ago (2008). Some 38% of our annual budget is supported by non-dues contributions, i.e., for our Annual Mass and our General Fund. For this we are grateful and give thanks.

Last month we talked about publicly thanking members for their contributions, using both donor lists and a roster of Benefactors. However, currently we are also individually giving Society supporters a Society-pertinent token of thanks. During this fiscal year we have already given a DVD of our 2015 Annual Mass to several types of supporters, at this point totaling around four dozen –

- + new Life Members,
- + anyone who recruits (including personally sponsorship of) a new member,
- + a member who prepays dues for one or more years that includes the second year beyond the current (now = 2021), and
- + one who makes a contribution of \$100 or more to the Annual Mass or General Fund.

The plan is to continue to share copies of this DVD so long as they last, and then to look at other appropriate ways to express personal thanks. So if you put yourself on the above list, the Society will thank you in this tangible way!

Also talked about last month was another important form of financial support to the work of the Society – **planned giving and similar legacy gifts**. We'll have more to say on this topic in the coming months, but in the meantime all members simply are encouraged to **remember** the Society in our wills or other planned giving: this will make a difference in our future! To do this, please contact the Treasurer/Administrator at membership@skcm-usa.org.

... And in the Next Life

Please remember in your prayers **The Rev'd Canon James R. Daughtry** of Melbourne FL, **Earl (Baron) Fain IV** of Charleston SC, and **Harlie D. Youngblood** of Oak Park IL, whose deaths have occurred or been made known to the Society in recent weeks. A former member, Fr Daughtry was Rector of St Paul's K Street in Washington, DC from 1974 to 1989 and celebrated and preached for the 1985 Annual Mass there. Baron Fain served on the SKCM-AR Board of Trustees from 2014-2017 and lately had been a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Youngblood, who died a year ago, was a Society member from 2008 to 2018.

*Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
they believed in the light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.*

Are You Interested in a Society Scarf?

We've been talking about adding a **ladies' scarf** to our Society goods list for a year or two. The news is that we are now beyond the "special order" or inquiry stage and into final design with our vendor! Details: English silk scarf with an equestrian picture of the Royal Martyr ... a first-rate item of the same quality as similar products out there ... price expected to be under \$200, perhaps as low as \$160 ... an ideal Christmas present!

Our next step: ascertaining interest – we need to hear from you to determine the size of the initial run and the price. ***So, if you are seriously interested in obtaining a Society scarf, please email skcm@skcm-usa.org no later than 15 August.*** We hope to be able to add the scarf to the goods list in time for the first dues notice/contributions invitation this fall.



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