

13 March 2019

Dear Friends of the Oratory,

This year is special in a couple different ways. This summer will be our **THIRTIETH ANNUAL ORATORY THEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL**. Thirty years and hundreds of different participants—we are grateful for the support from all of you. As in the past summers, the foundation for the Summer School is laid in our annual **INTRODUCTORY SURVEY OF *THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH***. Each year we examine crucial topics discussed in the Catechism. The lectures are very well suited to anyone involved in teaching catechism classes or RCIA, school teachers, or anyone who wants to come to a deeper knowledge and appreciation of his faith. The specific topics covered are listed on the application form.

The second reason for rejoicing this year is the upcoming canonization of ***CANONIZATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN***. In 2010 we had a special session of our summer school to mark his beatification, and now we turn our attention back to this most famous of English converts in thanksgiving for his canonization—a great blessing to the Oratory, the Church in England, and the Church throughout the world. There are so many different aspects of his life to investigate that we welcome this opportunity to return our attention to Newman.

**The first session will be 1-5 July and the second session 8-12 July.**

The cost for each session, which includes lunch for the five days, will be **\$175 per person**. For those who would like to avoid traveling each day, simple accommodation is available in the Oratory's Seminary Residence. The rooms are single, with shared bathrooms, and have access to simple cooking facilities and the Seminary Chapel. The cost for a room is \$75 per person, per week, and participants are responsible for bringing their own bedding for a single bed. (Still one of the great bargains of the Western World.)

Please feel free to copy the enclosed Application Form and pass it on to other people you think might benefit from the Introductory Survey, or **both** of the session. We have, for all the years of our existence, depended heavily upon the good will of our past participants to help us in spreading the word. You can mail your application, or fax it to me, or apply online at [summerschool@oratory-toronto.org](mailto:summerschool@oratory-toronto.org) (sending payment under separate cover). I look forward to hearing from you, and even more to spending some time studying our faith with you this summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Saint Philip,

Father Paul Pearson, The Oratory