

## NEWMAN'S CAUSE FOR CANONISATION

### August 1890

Newman dies in Birmingham and countless testimonies appear about his sanctity.

### 1907

Future Archbishop of Birmingham, John McIntyre, wrote of his own 'hope that our Cardinal will be the first canonised saint of the Second Spring.'

### 1941

Fr Charles Callan brought the question of Newman's sanctity out into the open in an article in *America* magazine.

### 1942

The Archbishop of Toronto gives his *imprimatur* to the first prayer for Newman's beatification.

### 1945

Pope Pius XII speaks about Newman on the centenary of his conversion.

### 1958

Archbishop Grimshaw of Birmingham constitutes the Court needed for an Ordinary Process for Canonisation.

### 1959

Cause is reintroduced as an Historical Cause, and a Commission of experts assembled to gather the necessary documentary proof.

### 1975

Pope St Paul VI expresses hope that the Holy Year may be marked by the beatification of John Henry Newman.

### 1980

Newly reconstituted Historical Commission begins the task of gathering all the necessary proofs to complete the Diocesan process.

### 1986

Diocesan process completed and findings forwarded to the Holy See for examination. Father Vincent Blehl SJ takes on the role of Postulator and oversees the composition of the official case (*Positio*).

**1991**

Pope St John Paul II declares that John Henry Newman had exercised all of the Christian virtues in an heroic degree, and is henceforth to be known as 'Venerable'.

**2009**

Pope Benedict XVI recognises the healing of Deacon Jack Sullivan in 2001 as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Cardinal Newman, paving the way for his beatification.

**19 September 2010**

Beatification of John Henry Newman in Cofton Park in Birmingham by Pope Benedict XVI.

**13 February 2019**

Pope Francis recognises the healing of Melissa Villalobos in 2013 as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman, paving the way for his canonisation.