

Sister's Spin

Back to School, 2022

How fitting it is that this new school year at Newman and our area schools will begin on the feast of the Assumption. While this feast is relatively new in the life of our Church, (proclaimed definitively in 1950, making it only official for 72 years), it has been celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches since 400 A.D.

It is also fitting that the patron of this school, St. John Henry Cardinal Newman, had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother and gave a homily on this particular feast. It is not known if he gave this homily before his conversion to Catholicism or after, but in reading it, one definitely can see that Newman felt that this event--Mary's Assumption--was certainly the best way for our Lord to show His great love for His mother. She, who carried Him, nursed Him, walked with Him through His death and Resurrection, who was sinless, should have no need to lie in a grave and have her body decay as that of sinners do. As we celebrate this feast and the opening of this school year, we come to Our Lady to intercede for us, asking for her intercession on all our area schools and keeping our needs close to her heart.

In case you are interested in reading Cardinal Newman's homily, just type in Cardinal Newman and the Assumption of Mary. It is not too long and gives much food for thought!

-Sister Marcianne

