



THE BLACK BOX TREASURES (#35)

There is an interesting term called the “black box theory”. It speaks about an object which can be analyzed in terms of its input and output, but there is no knowledge of its internal workings...

(The visit of John Henry Cardinal Newman in our library #35)

No, this is not John Henry Cardinal Newman in the picture to the left. This smiling young man is Michal Michalski C. R. our seminarian from the Polish Province, who spent three weeks in August with us in

the General House, helping to organize our new library. Thanks to his tremendous work the majority of the books have been catalogued. We have more than 3000 publications preserved in our library!

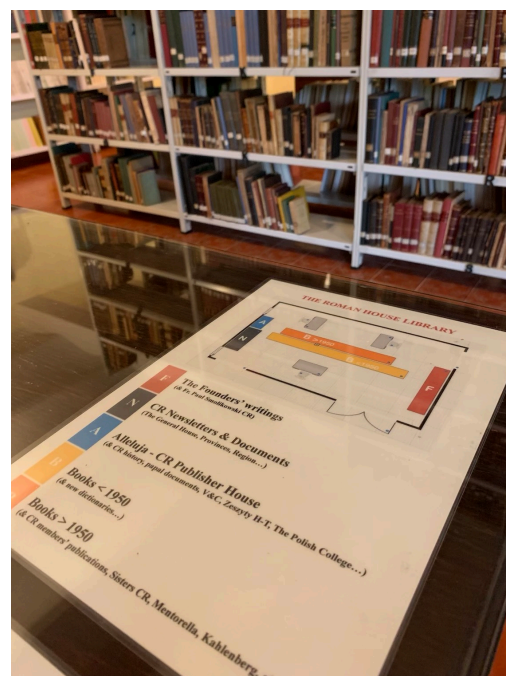
In the last newsletter I showed you the comic book from 1983 about the life of John Paul II, however today I would like to show you something even more special, a real treasure!

You are likely know of John Henry Newman (1801-1890), a theologian and poet, an Anglican priest who later became a Catholic priest and a Cardinal. His canonization is to take place on October 13, 2019 in Rome and would see him to be the first English person who has lived since the 17th century, officially recognized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. According to the press, one of the guests attending the canonization will be Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. Since his canonization is fast approaching I would like to familiarize you with the materials preserved in our library and archives about Newman. This newsletter and the next one are dedicated to this great man soon to be a saint.

After his conversion to Catholicism, Newman started his studies at the College of *Propaganda Fide* in Rome in 1846. The College was located at the southern end of the Piazza di Spagna, very close to the church of St. Claude. At that time it was the central headquarters of the Resurrectionists in the Eternal City. How well Newman knew our Fathers who were ministering there is difficult to say, however we have some indication that he met our men...

Newman gave his book (*Dissertatiunculæ Quaedam Critico-Theologicae*) to Fr. Jerome Kajsiewicz, C.R. (c. 1847) and in signing it he wrote, “For the Most Reverend Father Superior of St. Claude with respect and gratitude from the author”.

For security reasons, this book is not kept in our library but in a special locked place in our archives. Enjoy!



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