2022 Newman Lecture  
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‘Education in the large sense of the word’: Newman’s idea of human flourishing at university  

Summary: Why should we listen to Newman? What has he got to say to today’s students at the Newman Centre? Newman’s educational classic The Idea of a University is widely recognized as the most influential book written on the nature and purpose of a university education. But most readers are unaware that Newman set up a university in Dublin, Ireland, almost single-handedly, that he acted as its first rector, and that he ran one of the collegiate houses that were emblematic of his pastoral approach to education. His rich idea of residential life fills out the strict idea of a university and helps to create the ideal conditions for genuine human flourishing.
Bio: Paul Shrimpton gained his BA and MA from Balliol College, Oxford, and has taught at Magdalen College School, Oxford, since 1981, other than for four years, when he worked in London. He began researching the educational ideas of John Henry Newman in 1990 and in 2000 completed his PhD, which he published as A Catholic Eton? Newman's Oratory School (2005). He has also undertaken extensive archival research on Newman's practical contribution to university education, which was published as The ‘Making of Men’: the Idea and Reality of Newman’s University in Oxford and Dublin (2014). He has given talks and papers on Newman and education, as well as on Newman and the laity. His Conscience before Conformity: Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose resistance in Nazi Germany, appeared in February 2018 on the 75th anniversary of the White Rose trials and executions. His critical edition of Newman's university papers, My Campaign in Ireland, Part I appeared last May; Part II will appear in spring 2021.