

The Oxford Movement, St. Augustine's Prayer Book and You

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Plan for Today

- Why are we here and why this topic?
- What is the connection to the Order of the Holy Cross?
- Why should we talk about the Oxford Movement?

My story about Holy Cross

- How did I get there?
- Looking at the Prayer Book, why all the references to Mary and the Stations of the Cross?
- When and how was the Order of the Holy Cross established?
- Oh, The Oxford Movement

The Oxford Movement

AKA Tractarian Movement

- 1833 - 1900
- Participants: High Church
- Context: Anglo-Catholicism, Church of England
- Key People: John Keble, Henry Parry Liddon, Henry Edward Manning, St. John Henry Newman, E.B. Pusey

Now what?

- Keep in mind that:
 - Luther wrote his treatises in 1517
 - The 30 years war 1618-1648: when the future Holy Roman emperor Ferdinand II, in his role as king of Bohemia, attempted to impose Roman Catholic absolutism on his domains, and the Protestant nobles of both Bohemia and Austria rose up in rebellion. Ferdinand won after a five-year struggle.
- And on it goes....



Description of Oxford Movement

- Centered at the University of Oxford
- Sought renewal of “catholic” or Roman Catholic, thought and practice within the Church of England in opposition to the Protestant tendencies of the church.
- Immediate cause was the change that took place in the relationship between the state and the Church of England from 1828 - 1832. Laws that required members of municipal corporations and government-office holders to receive the “Lord’s Supper” in the Church of England were repealed, and a law was passed that removed most of the restrictions formerly imposed on Roman Catholics.



Tracts for the Times (1833 - 41)

- The ideas of the movement were published in 90 Tracts for the Times, 24 of which were written by John Henry Newman, who edited the entire series.
- Those who supported the Tracts were known as “Tractarians”, who asserted the doctrinal authority of the catholic church to be absolute, and by “catholic” they understood that which was faithful to the teaching of the early and undivided church.
- They believed the Church of England to be such a catholic church.

John Henry Newman

1801 - 1890

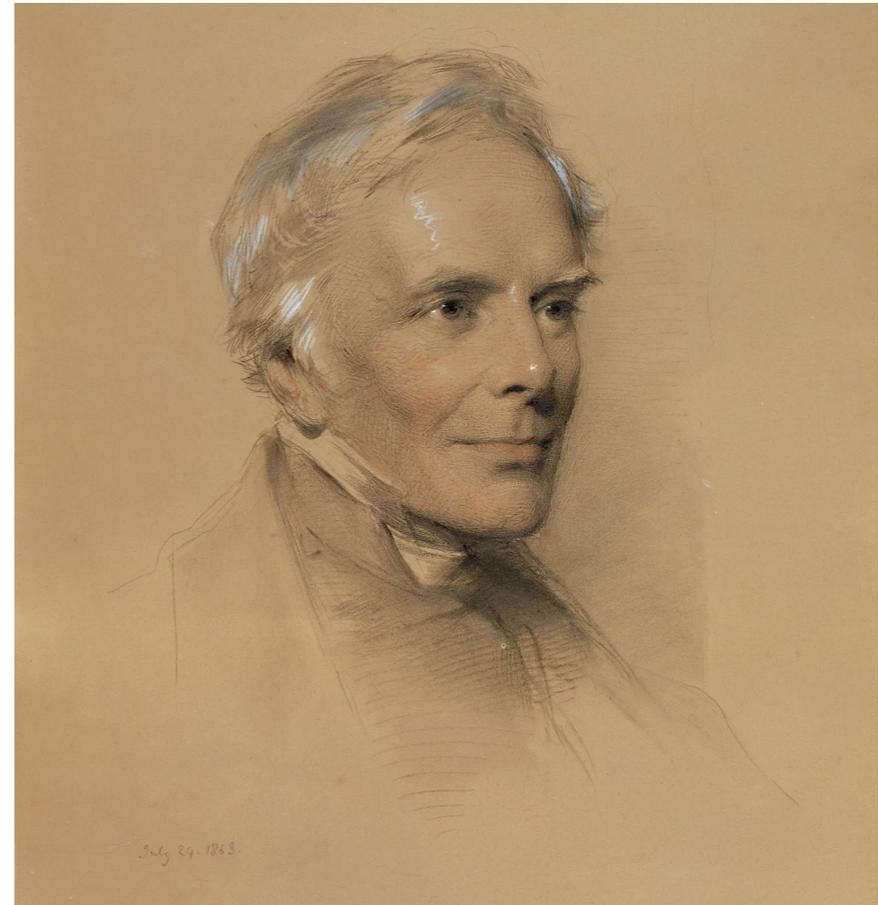
- Revived emphasis on the dogmatic authority of the Church of England after the pattern of the original “catholic,” or universal, church of the first five centuries.
- By 1845 he came to view the Roman Catholic Church as the true modern development from the original body.
- Received in the RC church on October 9, 1845. Named a cardinal in the Roman Catholic church.



John Keble

1792 - 1866

- Educated at Oxford
- 1827 - published The Christian Year, a volume of poems for the church year.
- This book did more than any other to promulgate the ideas of the High Church movement.
- 1833 - Became known as a leader of the Oxford Movement, which is considered to be initiated by his sermon on July 14, 1833 in the university chapel.



Henry Parry Liddon

1829 - 1890

- Close friend and biographer of Edward Bouverie Pusey, and a major advocate of the movement's principles, which included an elaborated liturgy, a recovery of 18th C church discipline, and an emphasis on Classical learning.
- He used his post at Oxford to maintain and advance the movement, which had suffered a setback after the conversion in 1845 of its chief figure — Newman.



E.B. Pusey

1800 - 1882

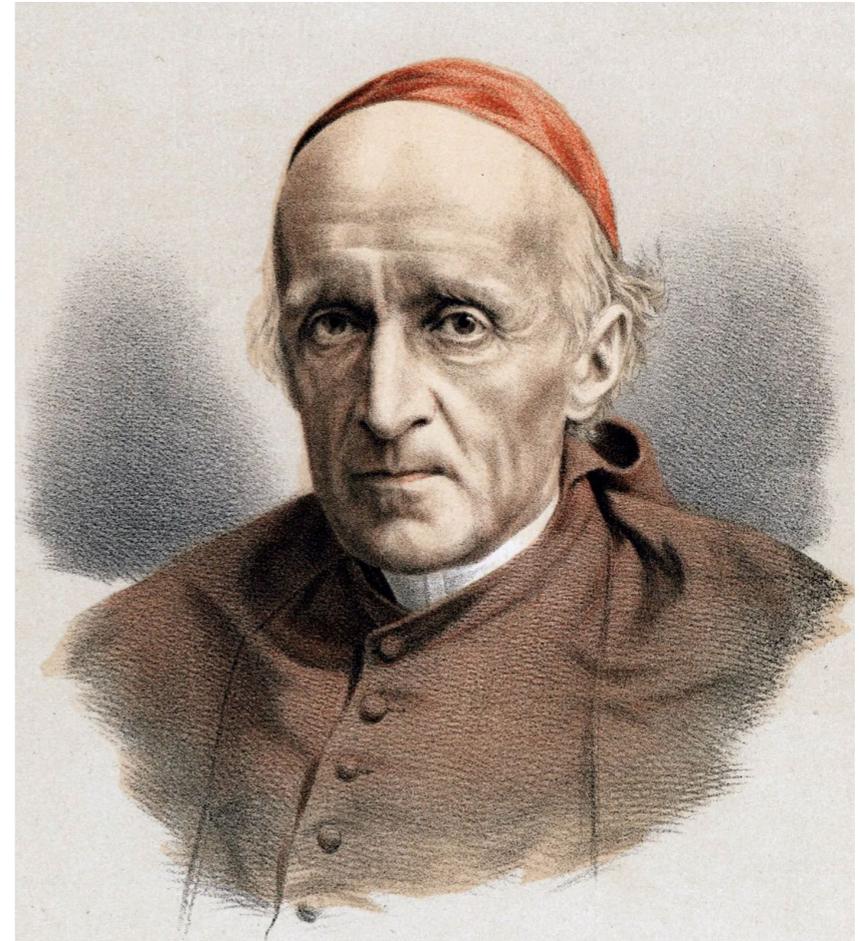
- Edward Bouverie Pusey
- He contributed a tract on fasting to Tracts for the Times in 1834, and a year later he wrote for the series an extensive tract on baptism.
- The hostility of university authorities was aroused in 1843 by his sermon asserting the doctrine of the real presence in the Eucharist, and he was suspended from university preaching for two years. The ensuing notoriety substantially helped the sale of the tracts. Newman, who edited them, wrote of Pusey: “He at once gave us a position and a name.”
- In 1845 he helped found in London the first Anglican sisterhood, which revived monastic life in the Anglican church.



Henry Edward Manning

1808 - 1892

- Manning's attraction to Roman Catholicism was based on his opposition to government interference in ecclesiastical affairs.
- He was received in the Roman Catholic church on April 6, 1851 and ordained priest on June 15, 1851 (his wife had died in 1837).
- He was elevated to Cardinal in 1875.



Monasticism in America

- The Crowley Fathers arrive in Boston in 1870. (Now SSJE)
- Three English sisterhoods had begun work here
 - Society of St. Margaret, Boston, 1871
 - All Saints Sisters, Baltimore, 1872
 - Community of St. John the Baptist, New York City, 1874

Order of the Holy Cross

- Began working with the Mission of the Holy Cross in 1881 when the Mission was 6 years old.
- Robert Dod, James Cameron and James Otis Sargent Huntington - Founders
- Dod was credited with establishing its first Rule and distinctive observances, and also for forming the first idea of community and carrying it through to reality.

Vows

- On November 25, 1884, James Otis Sargent Huntington, then 30, and an episcopal priest, knelt in a small convent chapel in New York City and vowed: “I desire for love of Jesus, to devote myself body, soul and spirit to the service of Almighty God in the religious life as a member of the Order of the Holy Cross, and to that end to take upon me of my own free will the vows of Religious Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.”

One response to the admission of Father Huntington to the new Order

- I am filled with sorrowful dismay at the transaction in which you have lately taken part. It is difficult, but by no means impossible thing to keep one's personal friendships un hurt by differences of opinion and belief, and if you find me in the future opposing with all my might the introduction into our Church of the ascetic theology and the practices and terminology associated with it, I hope that you will remember that I have written this and will believe that I am as truly actuated by principle in my hostility to as you are in your advocacy of the revival of monasticism.

Holy Cross at West Park

1902

