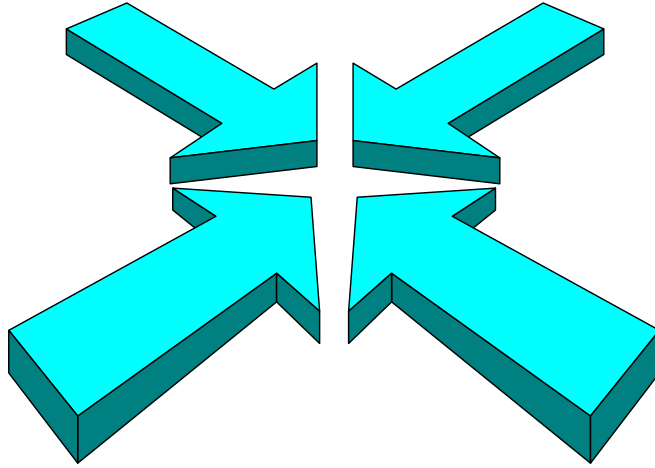


## DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT WEEKEND



Friday Mid-day

A prayer by John Henry Newman

**God beholds you. . . He calls you by name.**

**He sees you and understands you as He made you.**

**He knows what is in you, all your peculiar feelings and thoughts, your dispositions**

**And likings, your strength and your weakness**

**He views you in your day of rejoicing and in your day of sorrow.**

**He sympathizes in your hopes and your temptations.**

**He interests Himself in all your anxieties and remembrances, all the risings and**

**Fallings of your spirit.**

**He encompasses you round and bears you in His arms. . .**

**He notes your very countenance whether smiling or in tears. . .**

**He looks tenderly upon you, because He loves you.**

**He hears your voice, the beating of your heart and your very breathing.**

**You do not love yourself better than he loves you.**

**You cannot shrink from pain more than he dislikes your bearing it.**

**And if he puts it on you it is as you will put it on yourself, if you are wise,**

**For greater good afterward.**

1. *Can I fathom the love of God – that God really loves ME?*
2. *How God Loves and fashions me and calls me to Him and others in service (discipleship).*
3. *What are the “weakness”, the “fallings”, and the “pain” I have to deal with?*
4. *How does Newman’s prayer touch into my life?*