

My dear Newman.

I should have
written to you before to offer^{you} my best
congratulations on the new dignity
which has been conferred upon you,
but ^{that} there seems some uncertainty
as to the actual event. However
as I see by the Papers that it
concerns only the Irish members, you
do not disown the impeachment.
I must not lose any time in telling
you how sincere I rejoice in ^{your} the
honour, which though coming late
on this day must I feel assured
afford you much satisfaction.

I only hope it will not entail upon
you the work & fatigue of a long
journey to Rome at an ^{unpleasant} unkindly
time of the year. If however
you should accomplish that journey
I can imagine how ^{in any aircraft} deeply
interested you will be your visit to
that city after so long an interval
since you were last there -

I was in Rome the ^{last} year of
Pope Gregory's reign and at the
time of his death - & again nearly
30 years after - in 1855. There
were great changes & great ^{great} ^{changes} looking
up but still Rome - historical Rome
was little changed -

I deserv'd with you many years
while you have health & strength
to enjoy them, in your new position
and by G^d to be here me
Ever your aff^r

J. H. Pugh

Cardinal The Orotory
Neuman March 26. 1879

My dear Tom Ryder

Your letter is a
very kind one and I thank you
for it. I am indeed overpowered

by the kindness of friends & strangers

Don't measure my sense of

your friendliness by the length
of this answer, but believe me, whether
in few words or many, Yours affecly
John H. Neuman