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To Celebrate Irish Heritage Month Cluny is pleased to Host a Special Lecture by:

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Monday, March 9, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

Cluny School Auditorium, 75 Brenton Rd, Newport

The Rise of Catholicism in Newport, 1880-1950

In 1800 there were scarcely any Catholics in Newport, but by the mid-19th Century their numbers had risen dramatically, driven by immigration from Ireland. By 1880, the city's one Catholic parish had grown so large that it had to be divided. Over the next seven decades, the Catholic Church continued to expand its presence in Newport, with the establishment of two more parishes, several convents, four elementary schools, an orphanage, two rest homes, a retreat house and a college. Many of these establishments were housed in what had once been the mansions of the city's summer colonists. By 1950, Catholicism had become a dominant force in the City by the Sea.

Reservations Requested. Contact: Ann Arnold (401) 841-5493 or tpm1@earthlink.net

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