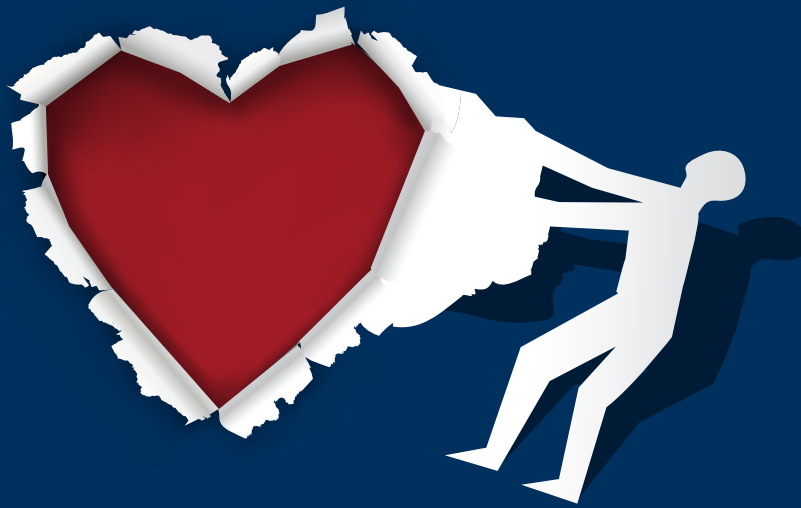


FEBRUARY 16–18, 2024



NEW YORK
ENCOUNTER X
2024

“TEARING OPEN THE SLEEPING SOUL”

GREGORY THE GREAT

What is happening to our humanity?

There is no shortage of reasons to ponder this question: daily images of gratuitous violence; an epidemic of suicide; feeling suffocated by the imposition of opposite ideologies and their language, starting in school; the potential threat of generative AI; a sense of paralysis in front of the future; suffering and evil devoid of meaning or redemption; general weariness, malaise, numbness, and lack of desire.

These signs suggest that our humanity is asleep. What can reawaken it?

“Something unexpected is the only hope.”
—Eugenio Montale, *Before the Trip*

When something wakes us up, things come alive again. If we pay attention to our experience, **these very same signs** reveal that what makes us human is irreducible. We are ill at ease with our apathy because we are made to desire. We feel lonely because we are made to be in relationship. We feel empty when we “check-out” because we are meant to be “checked-in.” We feel disappointed because to be born comes with a promise. We are afraid because we have something to lose. We feel suffocated because we are made to be free and to affirm what is true. And we feel lost because we are made for a purpose.

“Childhood memories ... tears of happiness ... the bitterness of parting ... a mother’s tenderness ... friendship ... sudden hope ... a fortunate guess ... melancholy ... unreasoning joy ... The machine may be able to recreate all of this! But the surface of the whole earth would be too small to accommodate this machine.”
—Vasily Grossman, *Life and Fate*

Join us on February 16–18, 2024, for a weekend of public discussions, exhibits, and live performances to verify that **our “soul” is still there, waiting to be rekindled.**

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Friday–Sunday
February 16–18, 2024

Metropolitan Pavilion
125 West 18th Street
New York City, NY 10011

- open to the public
- free of charge
- no registration required

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16



6:00 PM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

A Soul Waiting to Be Reawakened

The Encounter opens with poet **Christian Wiman** and classical pianist **Lio Kuok-Wai**

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9:00 PM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

'Silence is like fertile soil.'

An evening with the music of Arvo Pärt with **Ekmeles**, a vocal ensemble directed by **Jeffrey Gavett**, music director, **Malachi Provenzano**, violin, **Armando Ortiz**, violin, **Yeuk Sen Chan**, viola, **Umi Neal**, cello, **Miriam Conti Vanoni**, piano, curated by **Gabriele Vanoni**

PAVILION
AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17



9:30 AM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

The Power of Language

A presentation on the nature of language and the danger of ideologies with **Andrea Moro**, professor of general linguistics at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Pavia, Italy, and **Marguerite Peeters**, director of the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue Dynamics, Brussels, moderated by **Stephen Lewis**, professor of English, Franciscan University of Steubenville

PAVILION
AUDITORIUM

10:45 AM ET

IN-PERSON
ONLY

EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

'Who Shall I Say Is Calling?' Heartbreak and Mystery in the Work of Leonard Cohen

Presentation of the exhibit on Leonard Cohen with **Sean Wood**, curator

ALTMAN
AUDITORIUM

11:30 AM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

A Fundamental Difference?

A conversation on generative artificial intelligence and its foreseeable development, with **Jonathan Stokes**, co-founder and chief product officer at *Symbolic AI*, and **Jennifer Strong**, audio journalist and executive producer of *Shift*, moderated by **Davide Bolchini**, executive associate dean, Luddy School of Informatics, Indiana University

PAVILION
AUDITORIUM

12:45 PM ET

IN-PERSON
ONLY

AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES

A Problem to Be Solved or a Mystery to Be Lived?

A conversation on death, suffering, and euthanasia with **Amanda Achtman**, author, and **Dulce Cruz-Oliver**, assistant professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, moderated by **John Zucchi**, professor of history, McGill University

ALTMAN
AUDITORIUM

2:00 PM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

A Torn Open Wound

A conversation on the war between Israel and Hamas, its worldwide impact, and any conceivable road to peace, with **Shadi Hamid**, *The Washington Post* columnist and editorial board member, and **Jacob Siegel**, senior editor at *The Tablet*, moderated by **Everett Price**, foreign policy advisor

PAVILION
AUDITORIUM

3:15 PM ET

IN-PERSON
ONLY

EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.'

The Pedagogy of Fr. Luigi Giussani

Presentation of the exhibit on Fr. Giussani's pedagogy with **Amy Hickl**, exhibit curator, and **Carmine Di Martino**, professor of philosophy, State University of Milan, Italy

ALTMAN
AUDITORIUM

4:00 PM ET

IN-PERSON
+ONLINE

Still Awake!

A presentation on this year's Encounter theme accompanied by Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete's clarity, prescience, and wit, with greetings by **Cardinal Seán O'Malley**, Archbishop of Boston, and a conversation with **Jakub Grygiel**, professor of politics, Catholic University of America, **Fr. Ryan Mann**, pastor of St. Basil the Great Parish, Cleveland, moderated by **Stephen Sanchez**, president of the Albacete Forum

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AUDITORIUM

5:15 PM ET

IN-PERSON
ONLY

EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

Armenia: Ancient Culture, Enduring Faith

Presentation of the exhibit on Armenia, its roots, and identity, with **Robert Bagdazian**, curator

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6:00 PM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	What Beauty Can Do to the Soul A conversation on the power of art to rekindle our humanity, with Patrick Bringley , writer, and J.F. Martel , author, moderated by Jonathan Fields , composer	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
7:15 PM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	EXHIBIT PRESENTATION 'The intelligence can only be led by desire.' The Journey of Simone Weil Presentation of the exhibit on Simone Weil, with Carlo Lancellotti , curator	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
8:00 PM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES Born With a Promise Stories of unusual friendships and surprising human connections, with Kanihya Glover , founder of Broken Concrete, and Salvatore Snaiderbaur , founder of One City Mission, New York	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
9:00 PM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	A Singing Heart An evening of singer-songwriters performing live	PAVILION AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18



8:30 AM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	Holy Mass Mass for the 19 th anniversary of Fr. Luigi Giussani's death, celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan , Archbishop of New York, with the Choir of New York Encounter directed by Sebastian Modarelli , music director at the Co-Cathedral of St. John, Rochester, Minnesota	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
10:15 AM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES Fratelli Tutti A conversation on Pope Francis' encyclical <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , with Ametz Arzallus Antia , poet and co-author of <i>Little Brother: A Refugee's Odyssey</i> , and Mrs. Tawakkol Karman , 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner, moderated by Cardinal Christophe Pierre , Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., introduced by Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, O.F.M. , Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
11:30 AM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	Made to Be Free A conversation on education in light of Fr. Luigi Giussani's pedagogy with Hans van Mourik Broekman , principal of Liverpool College, U.K., and Aaron Riches , professor of theology, Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, moderated by Amy Hickl , dean of faculty, Notre Dame Academy School, Los Angeles	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
12:45 PM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES Irreducible Humanity Stories of faith in dramatic circumstances around the world with Fr. Don Bosco Darsi , founder of Talitha Cumi Unnati, Gunadi, India, Fr. David Michael de Penha , missionary priest from Burma, and Msgr. Mark Nzukwein , Bishop of Wukari, Nigeria, moderated by Msgr. Earl K. Fernandes , Bishop of Columbus, Ohio	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
2:00 PM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	An Incurable Wound? Eye-witness accounts of the life of Christians in the Holy Land with Alessandra Buzzetti , TV journalist in Jerusalem, Fr. David Grenier, O.F.M. , commissary at the Franciscan Monastery of The Holy Land in America, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa , Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fr. Gabriel Romanelli , pastor of Holy Family Catholic Parish in Gaza, and other Christians from Gaza and the West Bank, moderated by Riro Maniscalco , Encounter's president	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
3:15 PM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES Can the Soul Remain Open When Life Settles in? A conversation on the questions, hopes, ideals, and concerns of today's young adults with Tara Isabella Burton , author, and Fr. Patrick Gilger , assistant professor of sociology at Loyola University Chicago, moderated by Stephen Aduato , writer and educator	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
4:15 PM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	Beyond Left and Right A discussion on the nature, role, and future of the U.S. Supreme Court with Stephanos Bibas , Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Jeffrey Pojanowski , professor of law, Notre Dame University, moderated by Giuliana Carozza Cipollone , lawyer and former clerk at the Supreme Court	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
5:30 PM ET IN-PERSON +ONLINE	From Death Into Life Stories of forgiveness and hope, with Gilbert King , journalist, and Rachel Muha , founder of the Brian Muha Foundation, with concluding remarks by John McCarthy , dean of the School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
7:30 PM ET IN-PERSON ONLY	Alive Again Final night of celebration and songs with the Encounter volunteers	PAVILION AUDITORIUM