



# 'TEARING OPEN THE SLEEPING SOUL'

(Gregory the Great)

February 16–18, 2024 | METROPOLITAN PAVILION | 125 West 18th Street, NYC

PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16



**6:30 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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AUDITORIUM

**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

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AUDITORIUM

**10:45 AM 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, and **Annie Thompson**, Professor of English, St. John's College, Santa Fe

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AUDITORIUM

**11:30 AM ET**

IN-PERSON  
+ONLINE

### A Fundamental Difference?

A conversation on generative artificial intelligence and its foreseeable development, with **Jon 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

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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

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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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<b>6:00 PM ET</b> IN-PERSON +ONLINE	<b>What Beauty Can Do to the Soul</b> A conversation on the power of art to rekindle our humanity, with <b>Patrick Bringley</b> , writer, and <b>J.F. Martel</b> , author, moderated by <b>Jonathan Fields</b> , composer	PAVILION AUDITORIUM
<b>7:15 PM ET</b> IN-PERSON ONLY	<b>EXHIBIT PRESENTATION</b> <b>'Who Shall I Say Is Calling?' Heartbreak and Mystery in the Work of Leonard Cohen</b> Presentation of the exhibit on Leonard Cohen with <b>Sean Wood</b> , curator	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
<b>8:00 PM ET</b> IN-PERSON ONLY	<b>AWAKENING THE SOUL SERIES</b> <b>Born With a Promise</b> Stories of unusual friendships and surprising human connections, with <b>Kanihya Glover</b> , founder of Broken Concrete, and <b>Salvatore Snaiderbaur</b> , founder of One City Mission, New York, moderated by <b>James Parker</b> , dean of student life, St. Mary's Ryken High School, Maryland	ALTMAN AUDITORIUM
<b>9:00 PM ET</b> IN-PERSON +ONLINE	<b>A Singing Heart</b> An evening of singer-songwriters performing live	PAVILION AUDITORIUM

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18



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