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A conversation on this year's Encounter theme with **Archbishop Christophe Pierre**, Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., and **Fr. Erik Varden, O.C.S.O.**, Bishop of Trondheim, Norway

The 2023 Encounter, explores how—amidst growing uncertainty about how to face life, and especially the mystery of evil—many of us yearn to be seen and affirmed by someone in flesh and blood who defeats our loneliness. We long to be accompanied in life by a father or a friend who is certain of its meaning, and to discover our identity within this relationship. Bishop Erik Varden has reflected deeply on the most profound dimensions of our humanity in the course of his journey, as he describes in his book *The Shattering of Loneliness*.

Bishop Varden will explore this year's Encounter theme in conversation with Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Papal Nuncio to the U.S. They will help the audience appreciate the meaning and relevance of being in a relationship with "someone who knows me and, inexplicably, cares for me."