

“This Urge for the Truth”

NEW YORK—The **2022 New York Encounter**, an annual three-day public cultural event featuring panel discussions, artistic performances, and special exhibits, will take place February 18–20, 2022, at the Metropolitan Pavilion. The main events will also be live-streamed via YouTube and available, free of charge, on the Encounter website.

- In a world turned upside down by the pandemic, polarization, online media, and more, the **2022 theme**, “This Urge for the Truth,” invites us to cultivate whatever vestige is left of our seeker’s soul, which is that which makes us human. During a time of mounting fear and anxiety, we are faced with radical questions on politics, race, gender, suffering, death... These have not been resolved by myriad subjective interpretations and, indeed, we wonder how to know what is real and who to trust. Accompanied by panelists, exhibits, and other pilgrims who come to the Encounter, we gain the courage to be open to, and celebrate, the relentless desire for truth.
- The participants who will unpack this theme and enliven the inquiry from various angles include journalists and social commentators, university deans and professors, scientists and economists from diverse realms of expertise, and many others seeking positive change in today’s society. They will address such topics as the veracity of the media, the shifting ground of capitalism and America’s role in global politics, the fruit of – and the dissolution of – trust in science, the interplay between truth and reconciliation in the penal system, and much more.
- Now in its 14th year, the **Encounter** aims to give witness to a new, flourishing life, generated by faith. Supported by the work of **hundreds of volunteers**, it catalyzes intense engagement among people from all walks of life whose common ground is that of inquiry, the desire for dialogue, and, ultimately, judgments that bring hope.

Highlights:

- Saturday, February 19, at 11:30 am
“Journalism is in the service of truth” (Oriana Fallaci)
A conversation on truth in journalism with **Patrick Radden Keefe**, writer and investigative journalist, and **Thomas Rosenstiel**, former executive director of the Associate Press Institute.
- Saturday, February 19, at 6:00 pm
Can we ever know what is real?
A conversation on the erosion of trust in science, and the price we pay, with **David Brooks**, *New York Times* editorialist, and **Francis Collins**, former director of the National Institutes of Health.
- Sunday, February 20, at 2:00 pm
‘Without truth, there is no reconciliation’
A face-to-face conversation with **Bryan Stevenson**, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative.
- Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 pm
Body and identity
A presentation on gender theory and its social implications with **Abigail Favale**, Dean of the College of Humanities, George Fox University, and **Helen Joyce**, executive editor for *The Economist’s* events business.