

NEW YORK
ENCOUNTER X

Longing for the Sea and yet *NOT* Afraid

We embark on the journey of life spurred by a promise of happiness in our heart. But then, fear of the unknown makes us hesitant, especially if the destination is not certain. Desire choked by fear appears to be the common experience of our time.

We strive to build relationships and overcome divisions, and yet we end up stifling true dialogue, due to preconceptions or conformity to the demands of political correctness. We dream of achieving greatness in some dimension of our lives, and yet we settle for a comfortable life. We ache for something new (and constantly check our smart phones in expectation), and yet we abhor events that are out of our control. We crave stability, but we are unsure that what is true today will still be true tomorrow. We strive to be more "mindful" in the present, and yet our mind is always fleeing from the here and now. We desire belonging, and yet we dread relinquishing our freedom. We long to encounter a lover, a friend, a father who will break through our radical solitude, and yet we are afraid of losing ourselves.

We long to sail on the sea of life and yet we are afraid of leaving our safe harbor.

What is the final word on man's desire? Is there an attraction capable of overcoming our fears and drawing us out to the open waters that our hearts yearn for?

We invite you to a weekend of public discussion, exhibits, and live performances to encounter people who are not afraid to follow the desire of their hearts.

"The 'I' finds itself again when it encounters a presence that brings this announcement: 'What your heart is made for does exist!'"
(L. Giussani)

**EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AND FREE OF CHARGE**

FOOD/DRINK

A restaurant on the fifth floor of the Metropolitan Pavilion will offer a variety of food and drink during the event.

TRANSPORTATION

The Metropolitan Pavilion is very close to 1, F, M subway lines. N, Q, R, L, 4, 5, 6 subway lines stop at Union Square (12-minute walk).

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
January 15-17, 2016

METROPOLITAN PAVILION

125 West 18th Street
(between Sixth and Seventh Aves)
New York, NY 10011

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www.newyorkencounter.org

Auditorium

ground floor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 | 6:00 pm

- **6:30 pm**
Spurred by the Promise of Happiness
The Encounter opens with poetry read by actress **Valerie SMALDONE**, music performed by pianist **Christopher VATH**, and a conversation with **Christian WIMAN**, Poet and Senior Lecturer, Yale Divinity School, and **Gregory WOLFE**, Editor of *Image*
- **9:00 pm**
"A Boat Longing for the Sea and yet Afraid"
(E. L. Masters)
A dialogue between Fear and Desire through timeless American poetry and songs with the **Shaw Street Collective**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 | 9:30 am

- **10:00 am**
The Quest to Reduce Extreme Poverty
Current trends in international development
Speakers:
 - × **Jackie ALDRETTE** | Managing Director, AVSI-USA
 - × **Chris BLATTMAN** | Professor of Political Science, Columbia University
 - × **Joakim KOECH** | Principal, Cardinal Otunga High School, Nairobi, Kenya
 - × **Paolo CAROZZA** (moderator) | Director of the Kellogg Institute at Notre Dame University
- **11:30 am**
Doing Business in Uncharted Waters
A dialogue on leading companies unafraid to explore new business horizons
Speakers:
 - × **Nancy ALBIN** | Co-founder of Los Angeles Habilitation House
 - × **Andreas WIDMER** | Director of the Entrepreneurship Programs, Catholic University of America
- **2:00 pm**
Crossing to the Other Shore
Stories of desire, sorrow, and forgiveness at the beginning of the Year of Mercy
Speakers:
 - × **Priscilla LA PORTE** | sister of Cadet Matthew La Porte, recipient of the Airman Medal for his heroic actions during the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech shooting
 - × **Joshua STANCIL** | former Inmate
 - × **Fr. Peter John CAMERON, OP** (moderator) | Editor-in-chief of *Magnificat*
- **4:00 pm**
Beyond the Pillars of Hercules
The adventure of space exploration
Speakers:
 - × **Tom JONES** | former Astronaut
 - × **Lindsay BLAKELY** (moderator) | Los Angeles Bureau Chief of *Inc.* magazine

- **6:00 pm**
"Setting Out on the Long Path of Renewal"
(Pope Francis)
Reflections on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home)*
Speakers:
 - × **Sean Cardinal O'MALLEY** | Archbishop of Boston
 - × **Jeffrey SACHS** | Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University
 - × **Rebecca VITZ CHERICO** (moderator) | Instructor in Spanish Studies, Villanova University
- **9:00 pm**
Psalms
An evening of original musical reflections on the ancient and timeless verse of the Poet-King David, performed by **Contemporaneous**, directed by **David BLOOM**; and **Ghostlight**, directed by **Evelyn TROESTER DEGRAF**

Tickets: \$10/Open seating

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 | 8:30 am

- **9:00 am**
Holy Mass
Celebrated by **Sean Cardinal O'MALLEY**, Archbishop of Boston, with the **Choir of Communion and Liberation**, directed by **Christopher VATH**
- **11:00 am**
Longing for Freedom and Yet (Not) Afraid
A talk by **Fr. Julián CARRÓN**, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation
- **2:00 pm**
Longing for the Sea... and Leaving the Harbor
Eyewitness accounts of stories of immigration and welcoming
Speakers:
 - × **Msgr. Ronald MARINO** | Vicar for Migrant and Ethnic Apostolates Diocese of Brooklyn
 - × **Giulio PISCITELLI** | Photographer
 - × **Stephen SANCHEZ** (moderator) | Principal, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, New York
- **4:00 pm**
"Your Love is Better than Life" (Psalm 62)
A testimony on the life of Christians facing terror and death in the Middle East
Speakers:
 - × **Archbishop Amel NONA** | exiled Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq
 - × **A refugee family in Erbil, Kurdistan** (video)
 - × **Fr. Pier Battista PIZZABALLA, OFM** | Custos of the Holy Land
 - × **Marta ZAKNOUN** (moderator) | Journalist
- **6:00 pm**
Longing for You and With You not Afraid
Concluding remarks with **Maurizio MANISCALCO**, President of New York Encounter, and **John WATERS**, Author
- **8:30 pm**
Farther than the Farthest Stars
Final night of celebration in song with the volunteers

📍 Our Sunday Visitor Exhibit Hall second floor

EXHIBITS

A People, a Face, a Newness in Everyday Rubble

An Encounter with Christians in the Middle East

Presentation: January 15, 7:30 pm with **Archbishop Amel NONA**, exiled Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq; and **Marta ZAKNOUN**, Journalist

Generating Beauty:

New beginnings at the ends of the earth

Presentation: Jan 15, 8:15 pm with **Joakim KOECH**, Principal, Card. Otunga High School, Nairobi, Kenya, and **Abby HOLTZ**, High School Teacher in Maryland

“Siempre Adelante!” Keep Moving Forward!

The life and works of Junípero Serra, the saint who founded the California missions

Presentation: Jan 16, 3:15 pm with **Rose Marie BEEBE**, Professor of Spanish, Santa Clara University, and **Robert SENKEWICZ**, Professor of History, Santa Clara University

Explorers

A journey to the edge of the solar system and beyond

Presentation: Jan 16, 5:15 pm with **Maria Elena MONZANI**, Astrophysicist, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Little World and Minimal Stuff

Stories of extraordinary ordinary people told by **Giovannino Guareschi**, novelist, and **Enzo Jannacci**, songwriter

Presentation: Jan 17, 10:15 am with **Giorgio VITTADINI**, Professor of Statistics, State University of Milan, Italy

GUIDED TOURS for each exhibit are available every day. Please check the Encounter’s website for scheduled tour times.

📍 Conference Room fourth floor

MEET THE SPEAKER

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THE HUMAN ADVENTURE SERIES

PEOPLE AT WORK; THE WORKS OF A PEOPLE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

● 12:30 pm

**Heart and Education:
the Foundations of a Healthy Business**

A conversation organized with Salone del Mobile.Milano, the most famous international furniture trade show

Speakers:

James BIBER | Architect
Dario SNAIDERO | President, Snaidero USA
Roberto SNAIDERO | Chairman of Salone del Mobile.Milano

● 7:00 pm

The True Face of Personalized Medicine

A presentation organized by the Association of Medicine and the Person

Speakers:

Marc BEAUCHAMP | Orthopedic surgeon
Cristiano FERRARIO | Oncologist, Jewish General Hospital, Montreal

● 8:00 pm

Longing for the Sea... as Pixar Views It

A discussion organized by Crossroads on *Inside Out*

Speakers:

Peter FIELDS | Freshman at City College of New York
Naomi GENUARD | Mother
Margaret LARACY | Clinical Psychologist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

● 1:00 pm

The Fragmented Body

A presentation organized by the Well-Read Mom reading group on *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

Speakers:

Maura-Kate COSTELLO | PhD candidate, University of Maryland
Marcie STOKMAN | Well-Read Mom founder
Margaret STOKMAN | high school student

● 3:00 pm

A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are built for: Education in the 21st Century

A dialogue among educators and physicians organized by TeachCollab

Speakers:

Francesco BOIN | Rheumatologist, Director of the Scleroderma Clinic, UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco
Peter STOKMAN | Cardiologist, Minneapolis Heart Institute, Crosby
Carolina BRITO | Dean of Curriculum and Instruction, Cristo Rey High School, Boston