

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 | 6:00 PM

- **6:45 PM | "Life Belongs to Something Greater"** (Msgr. Luigi Giussani)
The human heart's cry in witnesses, poetry, and music, with opening remarks by **Msgr. Lorenzo ALBACETE**, theologian, and staged readings by **Tony HENDRA**, writer and author
- **9:00 PM | "We the People..."**
A journey through time with music, readings, and images on the emergence of the spirit of the American people

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 | 9:30 AM

- **10:00 AM | Hoping against Hope**
An eyewitness account by **Fr. Samir Khalil SAMIR**, Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Saint Joseph, Beirut, about the current suffering and challenges of Christians in the Middle East, and the role of the Christian people in overcoming hatred and division
- **11:30 AM | Václav Havel: Champion of the Heart, Builder of a Nation**
Homage to the playwright and first President of the Czech Republic with **Martin PALOUS**, President of the Václav Havel Library Foundation
- **2:00 PM | Is It Possible to Work this Way?**
A presentation of a new approach to work, business, profit, and competition
Speakers:
 - ✕ **Michael NAUGHTON** | Director of the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought, University of Saint Thomas
 - ✕ **Bernhard SCHOLZ** | President of Companionship of Works, an international network of 35,000 profit and not-for-profit entities
- **3:30 PM | Lost?**
A discussion on youth alienation and the need for education in the wake of the Newtown and Boston tragedies
Speakers:
 - ✕ **Fr. José MEDINA** | Teacher and U.S. coordinator of Communion and Liberation
 - ✕ **Pedro NOGUERA** | Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education, New York University

- **5:30 PM | That Hidden Companionship: Stronger than Loneliness**
A conversation on the essence of personhood
Speakers:
 - ✕ **Fabrice HADJADJ** | Writer and philosopher
 - ✕ **David SCHINDLER** | Dean Emeritus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute at Catholic University of America
- **9:00 PM | "A Choir Is the Place Where the 'I' and the People Meet"** (Msgr. Luigi Giussani)
An evening of traditional and folk songs performed by choirs from Italy, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, and Ukraine
Tickets \$20 | Open seating

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 | 8:30 AM

- **9:00 AM | Holy Mass**
Celebrated by **Archbishop Carlo Maria VIGANÓ**, Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., with the Choir of Communion and Liberation
- **11:00 AM | "Go Out, Head for the Periphery" (Pope Francis)**
Face to face with **Cardinal Sean O'MALLEY**, Archbishop of Boston, on his experience of the Church and her love for the human person, led by **Msgr. Lorenzo ALBACETE**
- **2:00 PM | Abraham: The Birth of the "I," the Birth of a People**
A Jewish and Catholic perspective on the correlation between belonging and individual identity
Speakers:
 - ✕ **David FLATTO** | Associate Professor of Law, Religion, and History at Penn State Law
 - ✕ **Fr. Richard VERAS** | Pastor of the Church of Saint Rita, New York
- **3:30 PM | Ferenc Fricsay: The Greatness of the Person**
A screening of conductor Ferenc Fricsay's last rehearsal of Smetana's "The Moldau," recorded shortly before his death, presented by **Jonathan FIELDS**, musician

- **5:00 PM | From "I" to "We": The Time of the Person, the Origins of a People**
Fr. Peter CAMERON, O.P., Editor-in-Chief of *Magnificat*, engages **Fr. Julián CARRÓN**, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, on this year's New York Encounter theme
- **9:00 PM | Big Sound Juice**
A musical celebration to end the New York Encounter weekend. A night dedicated to all NYE attendees and volunteers and to the joy of making music. Featuring the NYE House band and Saxophonist **"Blue" Lou MARINI**.

EXHIBITS

THE FACE OF JESUS: FROM THAT GAZE, THE HUMAN PERSON IS BORN

The exhibit retraces the events of the most ancient portraits of Christ, called acheiropoietos (i.e., not made by human hands) and, in particular, of the Veil of Manoppello, Italy, visited in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI during his first papal trip. Recent studies have re-opened the question of whether this veil, because of its unique features, might be the one used by Veronica to wipe Jesus' face on His way to Calvary. The exhibit will document how the desire to see the Face of God, which characterizes the Old Testament, has been present in the life of the Church throughout the centuries and is still the object of modern man's profound nostalgia.

Guided Tours:

Friday: 8:00 PM | 9:15 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM | 11:15 AM | 12:30 PM

1:45 PM | 3:00 PM | 4:15 PM | 5:30 PM | 6:45 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM | 12:15 PM | 1:30 PM | 2:45 PM

4:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:15 PM | 8:30 PM

HUMANITY: THE STRANGEST THING IN THE COSMOS

An exhibit on Walker Percy, American novelist and essayist, and his enduring fascination with the human person

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We live in a time of uncertainty. We like to think that we live in a peaceful, ordered society, but again and again we have discovered that the darkness of blind violence can envelop us at any time, like in the Newtown or Boston tragedies. We take comfort in our general prosperity, but we have an uneasy feeling that the current economic crisis, with its high unemployment rate, is different from others in the past, and that things may get worse rather than better. We cherish our freedom, but we worry about the manipulation of democracy by powerful, apparently invincible forces. Such uncertainty seems to cast a cynical doubt on the ideals that define a human culture: the exaltation of the person, the pursuit of happiness, the commitment to build, and the pride of belonging to a people.

How can we fight back?

"When ... the grip of a hostile society tightens around us to the point of threatening the vivacity of our expression, and when a cultural and social hegemony tends to penetrate the heart, stirring up our already natural uncertainties, then **the time of the person has come.**" (Msgr. Luigi Giussani)

What is the person? Who are we, really? What do we cry out for? Who can answer?

New York Encounter invites you to a weekend of public discussions, exhibits, presentations, and live performances exploring the nature of the person and the flourishing of that person in belonging to a people. Our hope is that New York Encounter itself can give witness to the life of a people whose heart has been reawakened by an encounter with a human presence.