

Faith in the risen Christ is the supreme act of human intelligence, grasping reality with honesty and affection, lovingly affirming it.

- Monsignor Luigi Giussani,
founder of Communion and Liberation

The Pittsburgh Encounter is a weekend-long cultural festival sponsored by Saint Paul Cathedral and the Pittsburgh, PA and Steubenville, OH communities of the ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation. Through a series of thought-provoking and fascinating presentations and exhibits, attendees will explore the method of knowledge that faith involves - indirect knowledge through a witness - and its central role in a flourishing, truly human culture. All events are free and open to the public, and will take place in Synod Hall, adjacent to Saint Paul Cathedral (125 North Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213)

Shedule:

Friday 7PM:

- + Welcome and Introduction
- + "Can a Cultured Man, A European of Our Days, Believe, Really Believe in the Divinity of the Son of God, Jesus Christ?: Reason, Certainty, and Faith in Light of Dostoevsky's Question," Massimo Robberto, Full Scientist, The Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, MD.

Saturday 9AM:

- + Guided tours of the exhibits available: "The Earth: a Human Habitat" and "The Certainty of Cardinal Newman: Conscience and Reality."

Saturday 9:30AM:

- + Introduction to the exhibit: "The Earth: A Human Habitat," Timothy Dolch, Post-doctoral Researcher, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Oberlin College.

Saturday 11AM:

- + Panel Discussion: "Faith, Culture, and Certainty in the Life and Thought of Blessed Cardinal Newman." Panelists: John Crosby, Franciscan University; Rev. Michael Darcy, C.O., The Pittsburgh Oratory.

Saturday 4PM:

- + Panel Discussion of Monsignor Luigi Giussani's book, "At the Origin of the Christian Claim." Panelists: Very Rev. Kris D. Stubna, STD; William Wright, Duquesne University.

Saturday 6PM:

- + Mass in Saint Paul Cathedral

Sunday 9AM-12PM

- + Guided tours of the exhibits available

Sunday 2PM:

- + "Poetry Points to the Infinite: Reading and Discussion of Faith and Poetry," featuring poets Ewa Chrusciel, Elisabeth Beasley Kramp, and Stephen Kramp.

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Exhibit on Blessed Cardinal Newman:



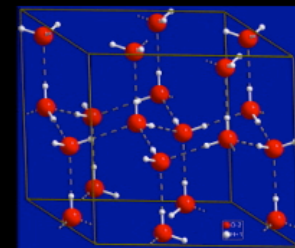
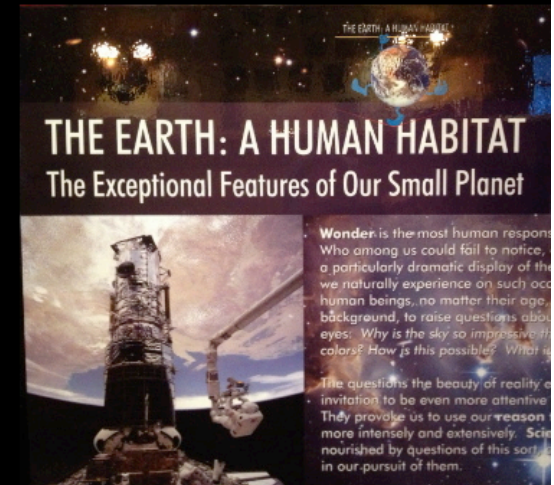
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The Pittsburgh Encounter is directly inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's declaration of a Year of Faith from October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013, and draws its energy from the example of such Communion and Liberation-sponsored cultural events as the annual Meeting for Friendship Among Peoples (Rimini, Italy) and the annual New York Encounter. As its name implies, The Pittsburgh Encounter understands Christian faith as "the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new and decisive direction" (Pope Benedict XVI, "Deus Caritas Est"). It seeks "to aid both the encounter with Christ through authentic witness to faith, and the ever-greater understanding of its contents" (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Note with pastoral recommendations for the Year of Faith").

The Earth: A Human Habitat (Exhibit):



The molecular structure of ice