

"This Urge for the Truth"

"The Tooth that nibbles at the soul" (Emily Dickinson)

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New York Encounter 2022 opens with poetry and music, with **Matthew Cossack**, baritone, **Andrea Domenici**, jazz pianist, **Radoslava Jasik**, classical pianist, and **Vaneese Thomas**, singer

Our being-what the Bible calls "heart," that is, courage, tenacity, shrewdness, effort-is a thirst for truth and happiness. There is no work, from the humble one of the housewife to the brilliant one of the designer, that can escape this reference in search of full satisfaction, of human fulfillment: thirst for truth, which starts from curiosity to delve into the mysterious enigma of search and thirst for happiness, which starts from instinct and expands to that dignified concreteness that alone saves instinct from being corrupted into a false and ephemeral breath. It is this heart that mobilizes anyone, whatever business they carry out. All life is obligated by this logic: there is no other source of energy that obliges and enables more than this one to look after the work in which one is committed, in its even more minute aspects.

~ Fr. Luigi Giussani, excerpt from L'io, il potere e le opere