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Dear Mr. Maniscalco,

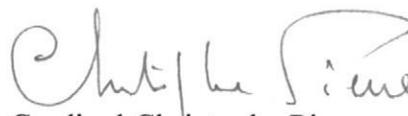
I forward you the following message on the occasion of the New York Encounter, which will take place in New York from February 13 to 15, transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See, on behalf of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV sends greetings and good wishes to those taking part in this year's edition of the New York Encounter, organized by Communion and Liberation. The Holy Father is encouraged by the conference's timely theme, "Where Everything is Waiting for You," and its focus on the deep desire of all people to find a place where they truly belong. He trusts that through these days of dialogue and fraternity, all participating will thus be better equipped to foster authentic human relationships in a time often marked by impersonal transactions due to digital interactions and artificial intelligence. Indeed, even when we might feel isolated, we are never truly alone, for as His Holiness recently reminded us, "every time and every place in our lives is permeated by [God's] presence and his love" (*Angelus*, 25 January 2026). In this regard, he likewise prays that all present will discover anew that those who belong to Christ are not strangers, but rather are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (cf. *Eph 2:19*). Pope Leo XIV is confident that, with this in mind, all attending will then seek to transform their neighborhoods, workplaces, and parish communities into places of true encounter and welcome. Assuring those gathered of his spiritual closeness, the Holy Father gladly invokes upon all Almighty God's blessings of wisdom and joy.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
*Secretary of State*

With prayers and best wishes for a fruitful Encounter, I remain

Sincerely Yours,

  
Cardinal Christophe Pierre  
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