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*Keynote Presentation  
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*Encuentro: A Call for Our Time*

Religious Life in the United States stands at the threshold of a profound transformation. This keynote address will explore *Encuentro* as the call which holds the promise for the future of our life form in the Church and our world. To answer this call, religious communities need to address the issues that emerge when we encounter the "other", the unnamed "isms" which distance us from the places of *Encuentro*. Holding the tension of *Encuentro* will open the possibility for Pope Francis' hope of a reconciled diversity that will "Wake up the World".



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