

Quick recap

This was the third and final session of a three-week webinar series focused on Pope Leo's encyclical "Lumen Fidei" and its discussion of artificial intelligence and technology. The session featured presentations from three speakers: Michelle from the Maryland Catholic Conference who highlighted key quotes about AI's limitations and the need for human moral judgment, David from Loyola College who presented both the potential benefits of AI including medical research, education, and translation services, and Father Ryan who delivered the closing presentation on building a "civilization of love" through five paths: disarming words, practicing justice, seeing with victim's eyes, maintaining healthy realism, and reviving dialogue. The small group discussions that followed centered on questions about developing humility and patience to mend broken relationships and identifying which of five challenges for building peace was most needed, with participants expressing appreciation for having a young priest engaged with these technology issues and suggesting the need for more multigenerational conversations involving younger people who will face AI challenges in the future.

Next steps

Collaboration

- Group (led by Scott): Consider organizing more multigenerational conversations about AI, possibly inviting high school and college students to share their experiences and perspectives.

Summary

Meeting Prayer Reading Assignment

The meeting was scheduled to start at 7 o'clock, with Scott giving attendees a few more minutes to join before beginning the session.

AI and Technology Ethical Discussion

The group concluded their third and final session on artificial intelligence and technology, focusing on key insights from the encyclical document. Michelle from the Maryland Catholic Conference presented important quotes emphasizing that AI cannot replace human moral judgment and personal responsibility, and highlighted the need for human engagement in technological processes. She outlined several ways for participants to get involved, including through the Maryland General Assembly, Catholic Charities, and local community initiatives. The session ended with an introduction to David from Loyola College who was scheduled to present next.

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AI Benefits and Ethical Implementation

David presented on the positive aspects of AI, highlighting examples like protein folding research that could lead to cancer cures, AI-assisted medical diagnostics, and real-time language translation capabilities. He emphasized the need for balance in AI development, noting that while AI offers significant benefits, it requires careful consideration and ethical implementation. The discussion concluded with Scott introducing small group conversation questions about developing humility and patience for mending relationships, and identifying one of five paths to responsibility from the Pope's letter.

Building Civilization of Love Challenges

Scott facilitated a discussion about developing humility and patience to mend broken relationships, asking participants to identify which of five challenges related to building a civilization of love was their greatest concern. The five challenges included disarming harmful words, building peace through justice, adopting victim perspectives, cultivating healthy realism, and reviving dialogue and multilateralism. After some technical difficulties with breakout rooms and connecting participants, the meeting returned to discussing these questions with a two-minute warning given for the session to end.

AI and Civilization of Love

The group discussed Pope Leo's encyclical on building a civilization of love in relation to AI technology. Father Ryan presented five paths to achieve this: disarming words, practicing justice in small things, seeing with the eyes of victims, staying realistic and hopeful, and keeping dialogue open. Participants expressed appreciation for the discussion and suggested involving younger people, particularly college students and high school students, in future conversations about AI and its impact on society. The conversation ended with a prayer for wisdom in using technology to serve humanity.