

Discerning how to engage with AI

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About the AI and Catholicism Project

A curated guide to Catholic teaching, public statements, and thoughtful resources on artificial intelligence.

The AI and Catholicism Project explores Catholic teaching about artificial intelligence and its implications for human dignity, work, education, communication, and the common good. The goal is to provide clear resources for people who want to understand and engage the evolving conversation around AI from a Catholic perspective.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Open our hearts to *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Increase our understanding about AI and its implications.

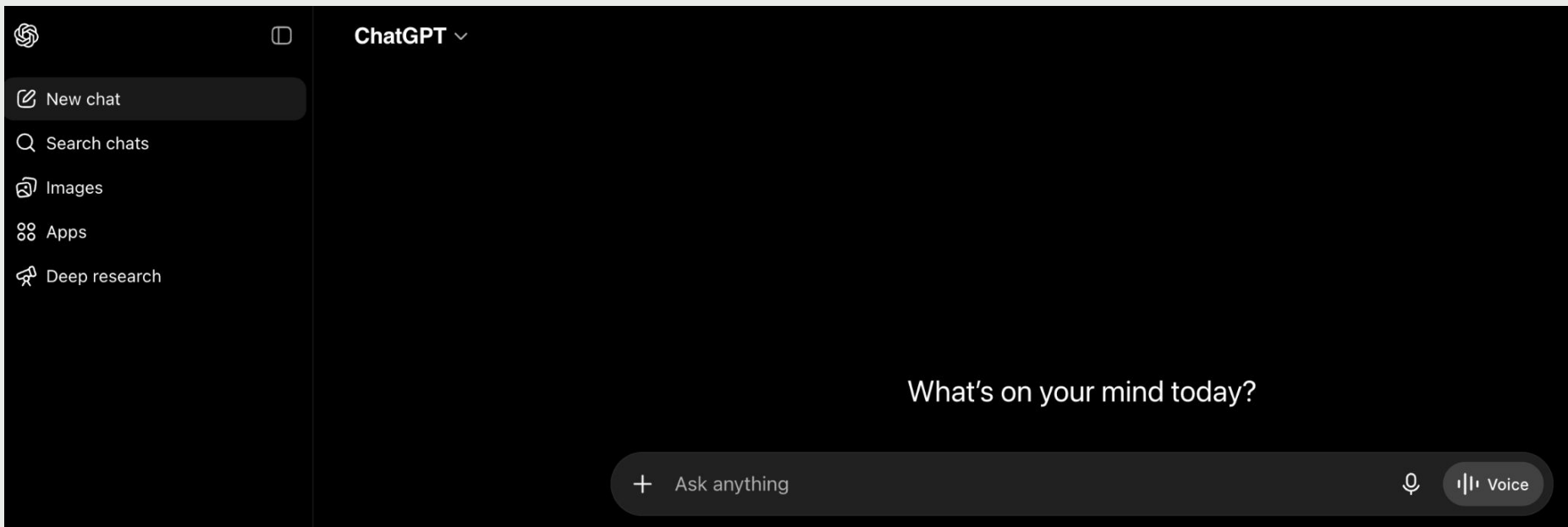
Give us wisdom as we engage with AI in our lives.

Amen.

AI, religion, spirituality, and discernment

AI?

- Generative AI
- General models



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◆ AI Overview

The Catholic Church views artificial intelligence as a remarkable product of human ingenuity but insists it must be guided by strict ethical principles. The core teaching emphasizes that **AI must always respect human dignity, serve the common good, and never replace human moral responsibility or authentic relationships**.  The Holy See +4

The Church's specific guidelines focus on several key principles:

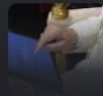
- **Human Dignity Over Efficiency:** AI must never reduce human beings to mere data, labor outputs, or instruments for profit. The human person must remain the center of all technological progress.  Toledo Catholic Diocese +2
- **No Moral Agency:** While AI can simulate reasoning, the Church stresses that it lacks a

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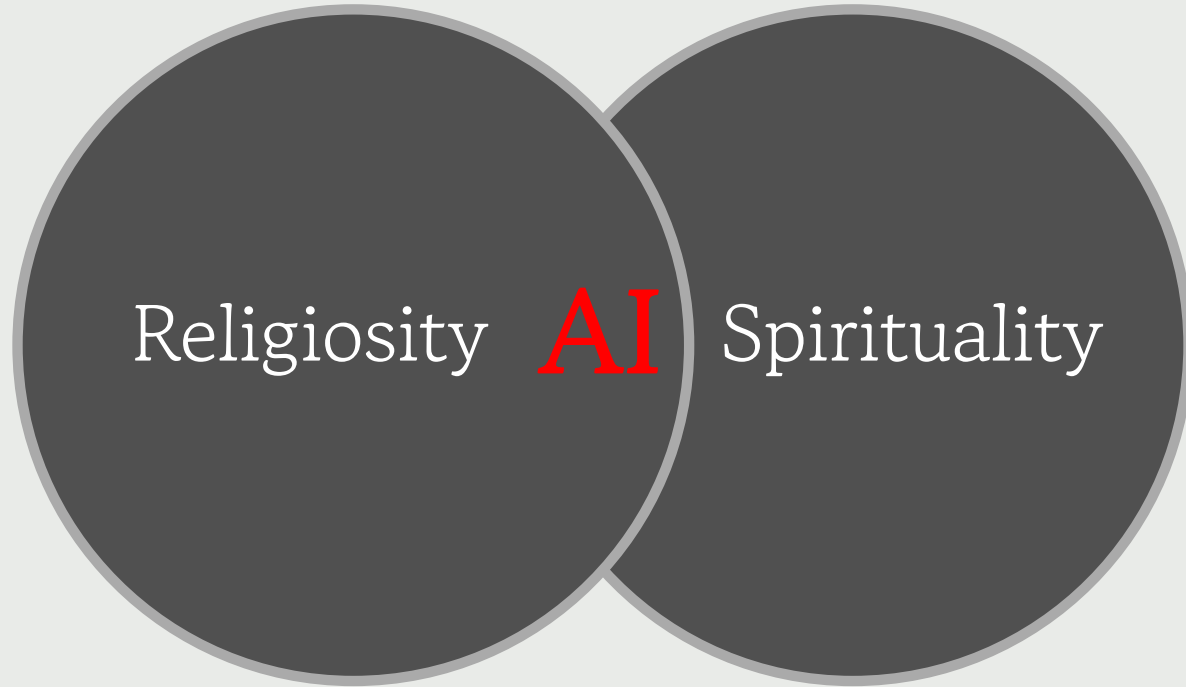
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Pope Leo XIV - *Magnifica Humanitas*



Discernment

“As believers, we have no ready-made ideas about how to respond to the unforeseen questions that history sets before us today. Our task is rather one of walking alongside others, **listening attentively and seeking to link experience and reflection.** As believers, we ought to allow ourselves to be challenged, so that the word of God and our faith tradition can help us interpret the phenomena of our world and identify paths of humanization, and thus of loving evangelization, that we can travel together.”

Pope Francis, Meeting with the Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (28 February 2020)

How can *you* discern how
to engage with AI in your
day-to-day?

Laying the ground for discernment

EXPERIENCE

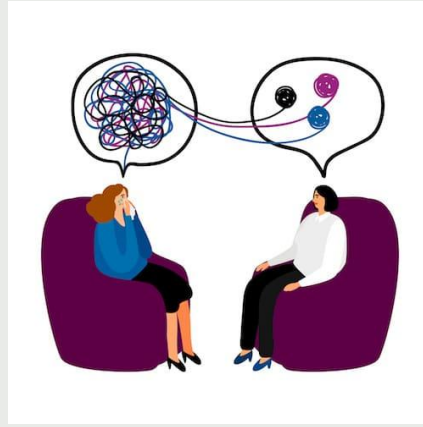


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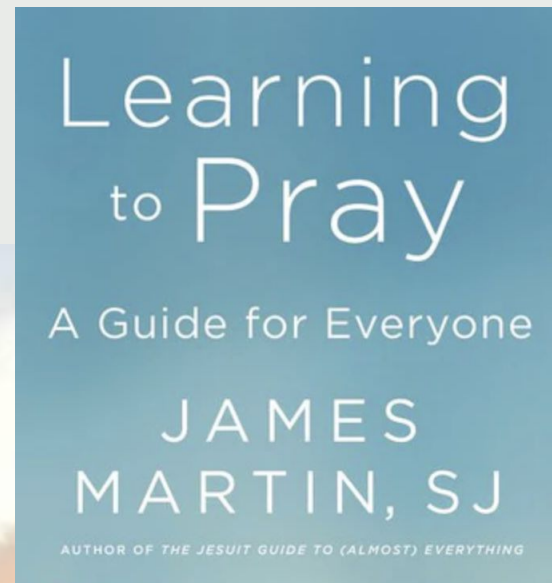
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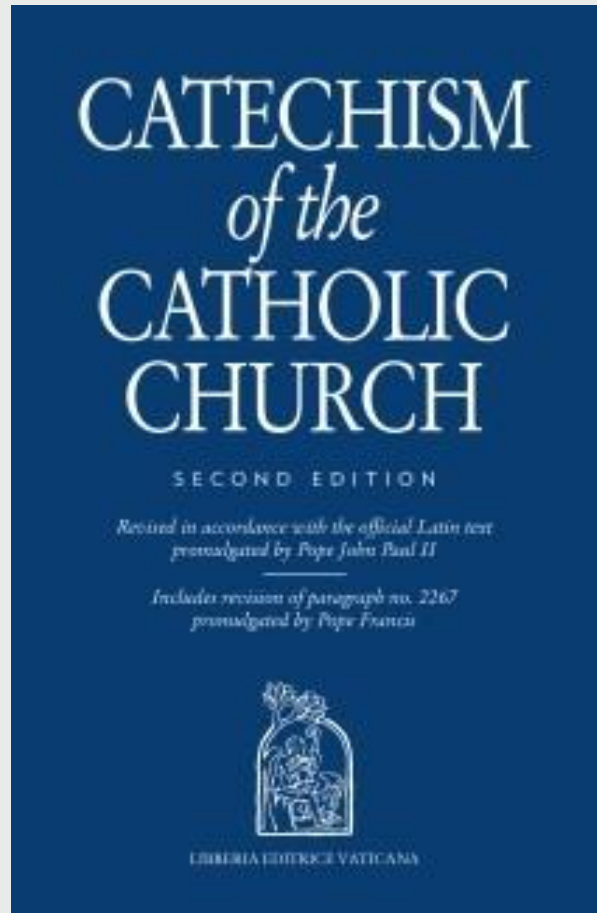
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Guidelines for discernment



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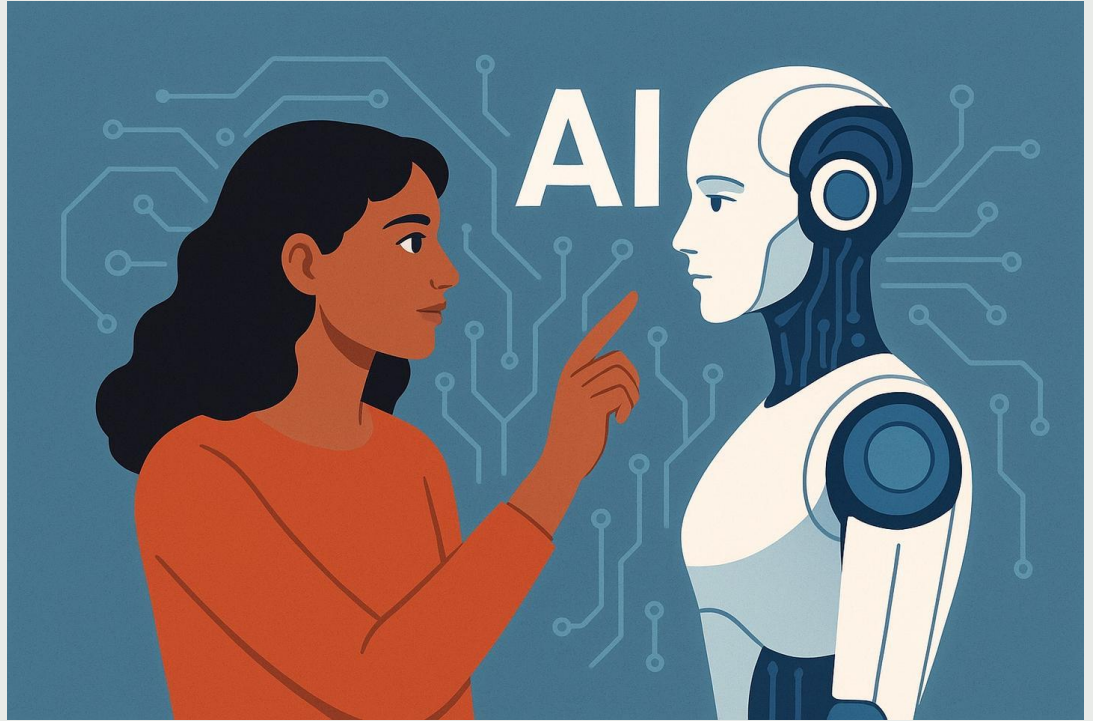
“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23



When he thought of worldly matters, **he found much delight; but after growing weary and dismissing them, he found that he was dry and unhappy.** But when he thought of going barefoot to Jerusalem and eating nothing but herbs and of imitating the saints in all the austerities they practiced, **he not only found consolation in these thoughts, but even after they had left him he remained happy and joyful.** [...] From experience he knew that some thoughts left him sad while others made him happy, and little by little he came to perceive the different spirits that were moving him.

_____ St Ignatius of Loyola, *A Pilgrim's Journey*, no. 8

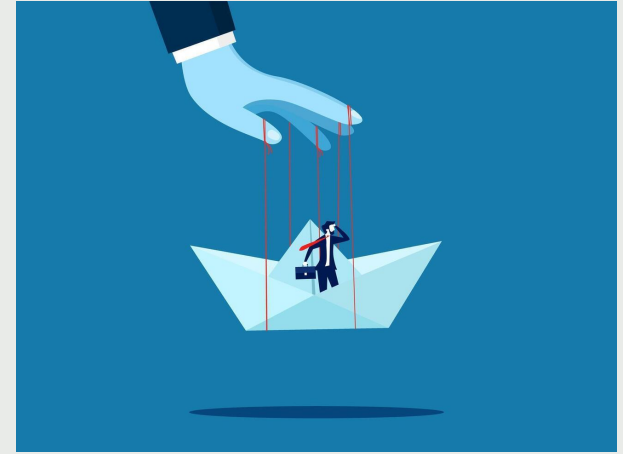
Human dignity



Common good



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