

## **Introduction**

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*,

Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical:

*'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the  
Time of Artificial Intelligence.'*

He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity,

promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

*Magnifica humanitas* has an underlying premise: technology is not  
“a force antagonistic to humanity” (4), nor is it “inherently evil” (9).

However, “technology is never neutral, because it takes on the  
characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.”

## **Prayer for Wise and Humane Use of AI**

God, Creator of all,

You formed us in Your image and endowed us with an inherent  
dignity that no machine or algorithm  
can ever replicate.

In this era of rapid technological advancement, grant us the  
wisdom to value every person not for their efficiency,

but for who they are: Your beloved children.

Protect the vulnerable, the sick, and the marginalized.

Guide our hearts so that we may always place the  
human person at the centre of our choices.

Giver of wisdom and truth,

Guide the minds that shape these tools of power.

Let knowledge never outpace compassion,

Nor innovation forget the human face.

Teach us to use intelligence—human and artificial—

To heal, not harm;

To uplift, not exploit;

To serve, not control.

Guard every person’s dignity,

Every voice, every story, every life—

So that no one is reduced to data,

And all are seen as sacred.

May our work reflect Your justice and mercy,

And may our choices honour one another

In truth, responsibility, and love.

Guide us in our Loreto Education Community  
to fully inform ourselves about both  
the gifts and challenges AI brings.

Help us to respond by using such resources,  
ethically and wisely, in right relationship with all.

We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



#### **GUIDING AND GUARDING IN THE USE OF MEDIA**

**A MARY WARD SCHOOL TODAY  
DEVELOPS RESPONSIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAYS  
TO ENABLE THE YOUNG TO ENGAGE SAFELY AND ETHICALLY  
WITH SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY.  
THIS ENSURES THE INTEGRITY OF RELATIONSHIPS  
WHILE ENHANCING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING  
AND CREATING GLOBAL DIGITAL CITIZENS.**

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### **OPENING REFLECTION**

***The creative intelligence of humanity is a gift that can alleviate suffering  
and open up new possibilities, but it must remain ordered toward the  
common good, justice, the care of the vulnerable and creation  
(Magnifica Humanitas, 129).***

