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## CLERGY

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**Deacons:** Deacon Ed Fierro  
Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2ND  
FEAST OF THE  
*Presentation of the Lord*

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

### WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

**Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados:** 5:30 p.m. (English)  
**Sunday/Domingo:** 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English)  
9:00a.m. (*Español*)

### WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

**Mon. to Sat.:** 8:15 a.m. (English)  
**Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. (*Español*)  
**Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)  
**Friday:** 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

**Baptism:** Call Office to Register for Classes

Classes offered 3rd Saturday of every month

**Spanish:** 10AM-12PM and English: 12PM-2PM

**Confessions in Church:** Monday - Friday: 7am-8am

Sat.: 4pm-5pm

**OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS**

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon Request

**Marriage:** Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months in advance and before setting a firm date.



Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



## RECENT EVENTS

1. Confirmation 2 Retreat on January 25-26

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DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

In Order to Condense the **Bulletin Prayer List**

We respectfully request that all who wish to have a name remain on the list, please email  
AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org  
no later than  
**February 18**

Let's celebrate  
**love & Friendship**  
IHM

Invites you and your family to a very special dinner and Dance  
February 14th  
6:00pm  
buy your tickets in advance!

**"My eyes have seen your salvation!" Luke 2:22-40**

What a joy to be able to celebrate once more the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; a celebration that should be pivotal for us Christians in our mission to present the light of Jesus to those who live in darkness. Although it may be us who remain in darkness, it may be us who still do not know Jesus, the Son of God.

This celebration is named Candle Mass, but it goes beyond the blessing of candles. "Candlemas" is a traditional name given to today's feast because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles developed. The lit candles symbolized Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." Lastly, this feast has been referred to as the "Feast of the Holy Encounter" because God, in the Person of Jesus, encountered Simeon and Anna in the Temple.

At the heart of this celebration is Jesus, who illuminates our lives with His presence. However, today I want to exalt the obedience of Mary and Joseph. They were faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses. Jewish Law prescribed two ritual acts that needed to take place for a firstborn son. First, the mother of a newborn son was ritually unclean for seven days, and then she was to "spend thirty-three more days in a state of blood purity" (Leviticus 12:2-8). During these forty days she was not to "touch anything sacred nor enter the sanctuary till the days of her purification are fulfilled." For this reason, today's feast has at times been called the "Purification of Mary."

But also, in today's Gospel there are two other models of faith and faithfulness to God. There was Simeon: "This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him." This is an opportunity to ask ourselves: How faithful and devout am I? Am I welcoming Jesus into my life, and being grateful to God for the gift of His son? Have I seen his salvation or am I still a slave of sin?

According to this passage there was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

This is another great example to follow; it does not matter how old you are, you too can be a servant of the Lord! She was a widow, with probably not much to offer financially speaking, but she offered her whole life—which was much more valuable than all the money in the world. She never left the temple. I am sure that she spent her life in prayer but also in action, as she was an active member of the church. What about you and me? Are we passive or active? Beginning with this, why do I come to church, to complain? To serve? To pray and worship? Day and night means that she consecrated her life to the Lord. You might say that this was because she did not have anything else to do! The problem with us today is that we always find a way to justify ourselves about why we don't serve the church. But the truth is that we still do not know him.

Finally, there are two essential categories that we need to take into serious consideration: praying and fasting. How many hours do I pray a day? Is my prayer reflected in my life in the way I act and the way I treat others? Do I fast or indulge myself with the pleasures of this life, while others do not even have enough to eat?

Simeon and Ana were not just hospitable and kind to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, but they were grateful and blessed God as the one who always fulfills his promises.

This Sunday, let us especially pray for our consecrated brothers and sisters as we celebrate the Sunday for Consecrated Life; that the Lord may bless them for their zeal for the salvation of souls and everything they have done for us.

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord!

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

**¡Mis ojos han visto tu salvación!" Lucas 2:22-40**

¡Qué alegría poder celebrar una vez más la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor; una celebración que debería ser fundamental para nosotros

Los cristianos en nuestra misión de presentar la luz de Jesús a quienes viven en la oscuridad. Aunque seamos nosotros los que permanezcamos en la oscuridad, tal vez seamos nosotros que aún no conocen a Jesús, el Hijo de Dios.

Esta celebración lleva por nombre Misa de Velas, pero va más allá del bendición de velas. "Candelaria" es un nombre tradicional que se le da a la actual fiesta porque ya en el siglo V, la costumbre de celebrar esta Se desarrolló una fiesta con velas encendidas. Las velas encendidas simbolizaban la muerte de Simeón. profecía de que Jesús sería "una luz para revelación a los gentiles". Por último, a esta fiesta se la ha denominado la "Fiesta del Santo Encuentro", porque Dios, en la Persona de Jesús, encontró a Simeón y Ana en el Templo.

En el centro de esta celebración está Jesús, que ilumina nuestras vidas con Su presencia. Sin embargo, hoy quiero exaltar la obediencia de María y José. Eran judíos fieles que obedecían la Ley de Moisés. Ley judía prescribió dos actos rituales que debían realizarse para un hijo primogénito. Primero, la madre de un hijo recién nacido era ritualmente impura durante siete días,

y luego debía "pasar treinta y tres días más en estado de sangre pureza" (Levitico 12:2-8). Durante estos cuarenta días ella no debía "tocar nada sagrado ni entrar en el santuario hasta los días de su purificación se cumplen". Por esta razón, la fiesta de hoy ha sido llamada en ocasiones la "Purificación de María".

Pero, además, en el Evangelio de hoy hay otros dos modelos de fe y fidelidad a Dios. Estaba Simeón: "Este hombre era justo y devotos, esperando el consuelo de Israel, y el Espíritu Santo estaba sobre a él." Esta es una oportunidad para preguntarnos: ¿Cuán fiel y devoto soy? ¿I? ¿Estoy dando la bienvenida a Jesús a mi vida y agradeciendo a Dios por el regalo?

de su hijo? ¿He visto su salvación o sigo siendo esclavo del pecado?

Según este pasaje también hubo una profetisa, Ana, la hija de Fabuel, de la tribu de Aser. Ella era avanzada en años, habiendo vivido siete años con su marido después de su matrimonio, y luego quedó viuda hasta los ochenta y cuatro años. Ella nunca abandonó el templo, pero adoraban noche y día con ayuno y oración.

Este es otro gran ejemplo a seguir; no importa la edad lo eres, ¡tú también puedes ser siervo del Señor! Ella era viuda, con Probablemente no haya mucho que ofrecer financieramente hablando, pero ella ofreció todo su vida, que era mucho más valiosa que todo el dinero del mundo. Ella Nunca abandonó el templo. Estoy seguro de que pasó su vida en oración, pero también

en acción, ya que ella era un miembro activo de la iglesia. Qué pasa contigo y yo? ¿Somos pasivos o activos? Empezando por esto, ¿por qué vengo a iglesia, para quejarse? ¿Para servir? ¿Orar y adorar? Día y noche significa que ella consagró su vida al Señor. Se podría decir que esto fue ¡Porque no tenía nada más que hacer! El problema con nosotros hoy es que siempre encontramos una manera de justificarnos sobre por qué no servimos

la iglesia. Pero la verdad es que todavía no lo conocemos.

Finalmente, hay dos categorías esenciales que debemos tener en cuenta Consideración seria: oración y ayuno. ¿Cuántas horas rezó al ¿día? ¿Mi oración se refleja en mi vida en la forma en que actúo y en la forma en que trato?

¿Otros? ¿Ayuno o me entrego a los placeres de esta vida, mientras

¿Otros ni siquiera tienen suficiente para comer?

Simeón y Ana no sólo fueron hospitalarios y amables con Jesús, María y José, pero estaban agradecidos y bendecían a Dios como quien siempre cumple sus promesas.

Este domingo oremos especialmente por nuestros hermanos consagrados y hermanas mientras celebramos el Domingo de la Vida Consagrada; que el Señor pueda bendicelos por su celo por la salvación de las almas y por todo lo que lo has hecho por nosotros.

¡Feliz Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor!

Atentamente,

Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIones DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

### VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, February 1

- 5:30 PM † Souls of knights of Columbus Brothers Mel Torres and Frietze (by Les Flores and Family)  
† Peggy Kaczmarek

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO, February 2

- Malachi 3:1-4 / Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40  
7:30 AM † Marie Bosselait (by Paul Bosselait)  
† Shelly Burke  
Brandon and Grayson Thomas (Happy Birthday by Nana Otero)  
9:00 AM(Sp) † Ernesto, Gerardo y Gilberto Fierro (por su familia)  
† Manuel, Michael y Eloy (por Les Flores y familia)  
† Donald y Carmen Morales (por Manny Morales)  
11:00 AM † Victor Vega (by Frances V. Gonzales)  
† Felix and Lupe Vega (by Frances V. Gonzales)  
† Pablo de Santiago (Eternal Rest by Bertha Burciaga)

### Monday/Lunes, February 3

Hebrews 11:32-40 / Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 / Mark 5:1-20

- 8:15 AM † Jenny and Barbie Morales (by Manny Morales)

### Tuesday/Martes, February 4

Hebrews 12:1-4 / Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 / Mark 5:21-43

- 8:15 AM † Eddie and Jennifer Morales (by Manny Morales)  
6:00 PM(Sp) Por nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes  
Por nuestra hermana carmelita Fatima

### Wednesday/Miércoles, February 5

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 / Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a / Mark 6:1-6

- 8:15 AM For the firefighters in California

### Thursday/Jueves, February 6

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 / Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 / Mark 6:7-13

- 8:15 AM For the priests and religious vocations  
6:00 PM(Sp) Dolores Gallardo y Uziel Fulton (por Guadalupe Gallardo)

### Friday/Viernes, February 7

Hebrews 13:1-8 / Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc / Mark 6:14-29

- 8:15 AM † Flavio and Rosa Benavides (by Nancy Cotto)

### Saturday/Sabado, February 8

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Mark 6:30-34

- 8:15 AM For our immigrant brothers and sisters

*Need to speak with a professional about family issues, personal problems, or the loss of a loved one?*

## Free Catholic Counseling

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico & the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have partnered to offer this service to our community

Days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Location: IHM Parish Office

Cost: COMPLETELY FREE!

For more information,  
call the IHM office at: (575)524-8563

Or reach out directly to

Claudia Fuentes at: (575)386-7652

## WHAT IS HAPPENING



**Thursday**

**02 / 06 / 25**

## Door Raffle

Raffle Day  
March 7th  
2025

Aprox.  
Measurements  
25.5x86.5  
inches



Made in Mexico

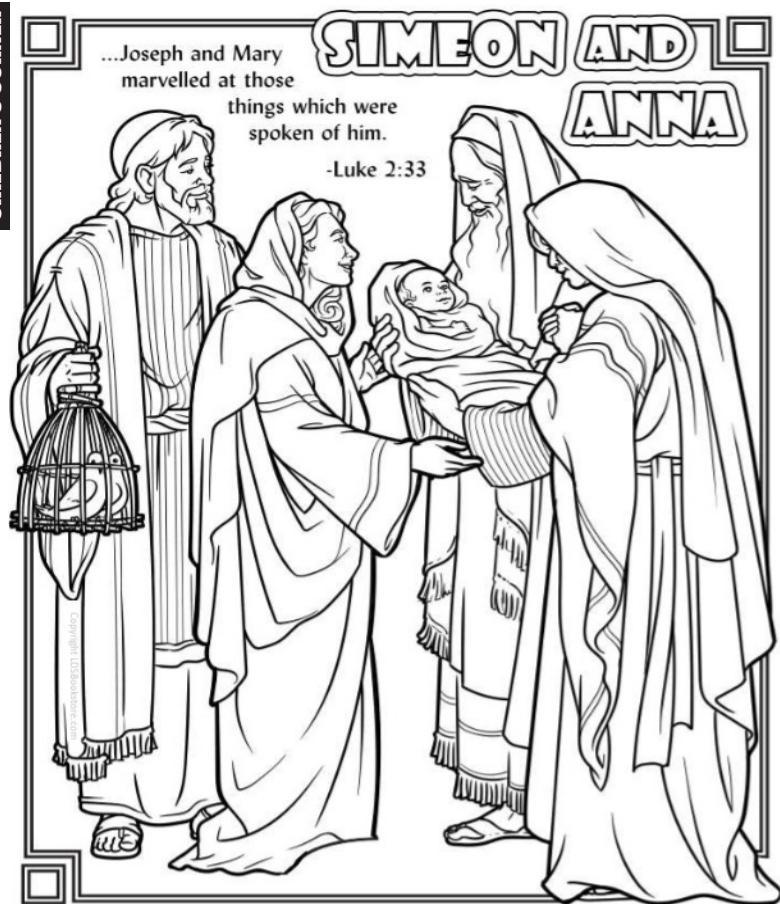
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for  
sale  
Now  
available  
at the  
office

**ENCHILADA  
FEST!**

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 7, 2025**



IHM CATHEDRAL 6-7 PM



### PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Hortencia Butler  
Juanita Mendoza  
Pat King  
Ernestina Rodriguez  
Freddy Castaneda, Jr.  
Benjamin Mendoza  
Dylan Wilson  
Daniel Telles  
Merlinda Moreno  
Pat Villines  
Tim Thomas  
Alice & Carlos Castro  
Mr & Mrs Emmanuel & Family  
Edward Frias  
Nellie Rigales Vigil  
Inez Fretze  
Leo Alirez  
Michael Rodriguez  
Roni Trevillo  
Gabriel Granillo  
Ed Fragoso,  
Mother Maria & Family  
Raymond Matlak  
Matilda Evaro  
Briana Telles  
Arturo Serna  
Angel Baker  
Danny Gamboa  
Frank Jimenez  
Felicia Krypnitz  
Everardo Meza  
Blanca Echevarria  
Jose Ignacio Garcia  
Amparo Espinosa  
Fatima Aguilar Ortiz

Donna & Jimmy Graham  
Yolanda Salas  
Marko Artem  
Virginia Mike Ortega  
Deacon Ed Misquez  
Sylvia Briseño  
Ralph Cadena  
Liz Garcia  
Alicia Romero  
Jimmy & Josh  
Mary Mayers  
Oscar Rico  
Mary Moyers  
Arcadio Garcia  
Jimmy Martinez  
Josh Willhite  
Ethel Vigil Ebner  
Caesar Lopez  
Sally Lozano  
Raymond Telles  
Richard Duran  
Lewie Chavez  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
Gabriel Gomez  
Albert Medina  
Silas & Bea Garcia  
Jeannie Lucero  
Priscilla Serna  
Lorraine D Matteo  
Les Flores Jr.  
Albert Chavez Sr.  
Msgr. Juan Moreno  
Daniel Jasso  
Isaiyah & Nayhem Jimenez  
Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Fretze  
Samuel Gutierrez  
Martha Legarreta  
Rena Carson  
Tammy Martinez  
Linda Salaz  
Vicki/Peter Alvarez  
Sandra Lucero  
Marissa Madrid  
Mary Benavidez  
Melissa Benavidez  
Jacob Villa  
Christopher Villa  
Terri Villa  
Bertha Lucero  
Sandra Ramirez  
Mary & Tony Gallegos  
Cassie Hamilton &  
Melinda Moreno  
Josh A Lucero  
Jim Hirsch  
Manuel Garcia  
Mr. and Mrs. Gino  
Delvillar  
Bill Chubb  
Carlos Armendariz  
Margie Armendariz  
Raquel Chubb  
Ruth Laguna  
Cathy Healthon  
Gloria Babb  
Elenor Misquez  
Jose Alfredo Trujillo Vargas  
Isabel Juarez  
Narciso Dominguez  
Manuela Estrada  
Mr & Mrs Jerome Fretze  
and family  
Lupe Mirabel  
Manuel Granillo

### Collections: 1-26-2025

1st Collection.....	\$5,823.00
2nd Collection.....	\$1,651.00
Mail-ins.....	\$679.00
Gift Shop.....	\$307.03
Office.....	\$1,965.00

### 2nd Collections:

Month of February: Religious Education  
February 2: IHM Saint Mother Teresa Ministry - our Ministry that helps the needy with utility bills, food pantry and clothing



## Mass Intentions

Pope Paul VI said,  
**"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer,"**  
and is said in communion with the ENTIRE Universal Church.

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Please Request Mass Intentions in the office  
AT LEAST 2 weeks in Advance



**IHM invites YOU TO**  
**Marzo/March 9-15, 2025**

**\$2,100 USD Per Person/ Por persona**

high quality hotel accommodations/  
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Salida de ch juarez, chih  
Destinos a: mexico df  
– puebla – Veracruz

Departure From ch Juárez  
Destinations to:  
Mexico City - Puebla  
- Veracruz

Call the IHM office for more information (575)524-8563

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# SAINT OF THE WEEK



## San Blas, obispo de Sebaste y mártir

Patrona de: Dolencias de Garganta y Veterinarios

Día festivo: 3 de febrero

San Blas fue obispo de Sebastea y médico que llegó a ser "médico de almas".

La gente solía acudir a Blaise con sus problemas. Una vez se le acercó una pobre anciana cuyo cerdo había sido robado por un lobo. Blaise ordenó al lobo que devolviera el cerdo, lo cual hizo, vivo y ileso, ante el asombro de todos.

En 316, el gobernador de Capadocia y de la Pequeña Armenia, Agrícola, arrestó al entonces obispo Blaise por ser cristiano. De camino a la cárcel, una mujer puso a sus pies a su único hijo, que moría asfixiado con una espina de pescado. Blaise curó al niño. Cuando llegó a Sebastea, la mujer se le acercó y le trajo dos finas velas de cera en un intento de disipar la oscuridad de su celda a oscuras.

Mientras estaba en la cárcel, golpearon a Blaise con un palo y le desgarraron la carne con peines de hierro, pero él se negó a renunciar a su fe. Finalmente fue decapitado.



## St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste & Martyr

Feast Day: February 3

Patron Saint of: Throat ailments and Veterinarians



Saint Blas was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor who became a "physician of souls."

People used to come to Blaise with their troubles. He was once approached by a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did - alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was chocking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child. When he reached Sebastea, the woman came to him and brought two fine wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

While in jail, they beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs yet he refused to renounce his faith. He was eventually beheaded.

## New Vatican document examines potential and risks of AI

In a Note on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence, the Dicasteries for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Culture and Education highlight the potential and the challenges of artificial intelligence in the areas of education, the economy, labour, health, human and international relations, and war.

By Salvatore Cernuzio



The Pope's warnings about Artificial Intelligence in recent years provide the outline for "Antiqua et Nova," the "Note on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence," that offers the results of a mutual reflection between the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education. The new document is addressed especially to "those entrusted with transmitting the faith," but also to "those who share the conviction that scientific and technological advances should be directed toward serving the human person and the common good" [5].

In 117 paragraphs, "Antiqua et Nova" highlights challenges and opportunities of the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the fields of education, economy, work, health, relationships, and warfare. In the latter sphere, for instance, the document warns of the AI's potential to increase "the instruments of war well beyond the scope of human oversight and precipitating a destabilizing arms race, with catastrophic consequences for human rights" [99].

### DANGERS AND PROGRESS

Specifically, the document lists not only the risks but also the progress associated with AI, which it encourages as "part of the collaboration of man and woman with God" [2]. However, it does not avoid the concerns that come with all innovations, whose effects are still unpredictable.

### Distinguishing between AI and human intelligence

Several paragraphs of the Note are devoted to the distinction between AI and human intelligence. Quoting Pope Francis, the document affirms that "the very use of the word 'intelligence' in connection to AI can prove misleading... in light of this, AI should not be seen as an artificial form of human intelligence, but as a product of it" [35]. "Like any product of human ingenuity, AI can also be directed toward positive or negative ends" [40]. "AI could introduce important innovations" [48], but it also risks aggravating situations of discrimination, poverty, "digital divide," and social inequalities [52]. "the concentration of the power over mainstream AI applications in the hands of a few powerful companies raises significant ethical concerns," including "the risk that AI could be manipulated for personal or corporate gain or to direct public opinion for the benefit of a specific industry" [53].

### WAR

With reference to war, "Antiqua et Nova" stresses that autonomous and lethal weapons systems capable of "identifying and striking targets without direct human intervention are a "cause for grave ethical concern" [100]. It notes that Pope Francis has called for their use to be banned since they pose "an 'existential risk' by having the potential to act in ways that could threaten the survival of entire regions or even of humanity itself" [101]. "This danger demands serious attention," the document says, "reflecting the long-standing concern about technologies that grant war 'an uncontrollable destructive power over great numbers of innocent civilians; without even sparing children'" [101].

### HUMAN RELATIONS

On human relations, the document notes that AI can lead to "harmful isolation" [58], that "anthropomorphizing AI" poses problems for children's growth [60] and that misrepresenting AI as a person is "a grave ethical violation" if this is done "for fraudulent purposes." Similarly, "using AI to deceive in other contexts—such as education or in human relationships, including the sphere of sexuality—is also to be considered immoral and requires careful oversight" [62].

### ECONOMY AND LABOUR

The same vigilance is called for in the economic-financial sphere. "Antiqua et Nova" notes that, especially in the field of labour, "while AI promises to boost productivity... current approaches to the technology can paradoxically deskill workers, subject them to automated surveillance, and relegate them to rigid and repetitive tasks" [67].

### HEALTH

The Note also dedicates ample space to the issue of healthcare. Recalling the "immense potential" in various applications in the medical field, it warns that if AI were to replace the doctor-patient relationship, it would risk "worsening the loneliness that often accompanies illness" [73]. It also warns that "the integration of AI into healthcare also poses the risk of amplifying other existing disparities in access to medical care," with the risk of "reinforcing a 'medicine for the rich' model, where those with financial means benefit from advanced preventative tools

and personalized health information while others struggle to access even basic services" [76].

## EDUCATION

In the field of education, "Antiqua et Nova" notes that "AI presents both opportunities and challenges." If used prudently, AI can improve access to education and offer "immediate feedback" to students [80]. One problem is that many programmes "merely provide answers instead of prompting students to arrive at answers themselves or write text for themselves", which can lead to a failure to develop critical thinking skills [82]. The note also warns of the "biased or fabricated information" and "fake news" some programmes can generate [84].

## FAKE NEWS AND DEEPFAKES

On the subject of fake news, the document warns of the serious risk of AI "generating manipulated content and false information" [85], which becomes worse when it is spread with the aim of deceiving or causing harm [87]. "Antiqua et Nova" insists that "Those who produce and share AI-generated content should always exercise diligence in verifying the truth of what they disseminate and, in all cases, should 'avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, that debase the goodness and intimacy of human sexuality or that exploit the weak and vulnerable'" [89].

## PRIVACY AND CONTROL

On privacy and control, the Note points out that some types of data can go so far as to touch "upon the individual's interiority, perhaps even their conscience" [90], with the danger of everything becoming "a kind of spectacle to be examined and inspected" [92]. Digital surveillance "can also be misused to exert control over the lives of believers and how they express their faith" [90].

## COMMON HOME

On the topic of the care of creation, "Antiqua et Nova" says, "AI has many promising applications for improving our relationship with our 'common home'" [95]. "At the same time, current AI models and the hardware required to support them consume vast amounts of energy and water, significantly contributing to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and straining resources" [96].

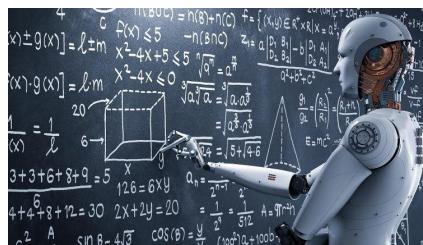
## THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Finally, the Note warns against the risk of humanity becoming "enslaved to its own work" [105]. Artificial intelligence, "Antiqua et Nova" insists, "should be used only as a tool to complement human intelligence rather than replace its richness" [112].

## La IA, una herramienta que no sustituye la riqueza del ser humano

Puntos firmes del nuevo documento sobre inteligencia artificial de los Dicasterios para la Doctrina de la Fe y para la Cultura.

Andrea Tornielli



Lo que induce a error es, en primer lugar, el nombre. El de la llamada «Inteligencia Artificial» es uno de esos casos en los que el nombre ha contado y sigue contando mucho en la percepción común del fenómeno. La Nota «Antiqua et nova» de los Dicasterios para la Doctrina de la Fe y para la Cultura recuerda ante

todo que la IA es un instrumento: realiza tareas, pero no piensa. No es capaz de pensar. Por tanto, es engañoso atribuirle características humanas, porque es una «máquina» que permanece confinada a la esfera lógico-matemática. Es decir, no posee una comprensión semántica de la realidad, ni una capacidad genuinamente intuitiva y creativa. Es incapaz de reproducir el discernimiento moral o la apertura desinteresada a lo que es verdadero, bueno y bello, más allá de cualquier utilidad particular. En resumen, carece de todo lo que es verdadera y profundamente humano.

La inteligencia humana es, en efecto, individual y al mismo tiempo social, racional y afectiva. Vive a través de relaciones continuas mediadas por la corporeidad insustituible de la persona. Por tanto, la IA sólo debe utilizarse como herramienta complementaria de la inteligencia humana, y no pretender sustituir en modo alguno su riqueza peculiar.

A pesar de los avances de la investigación y de sus posibles aplicaciones, la IA sigue siendo una «máquina» que no tiene responsabilidad moral, responsabilidad que recae en cambio en quienes la diseñan y utilizan. Por eso, subraya el nuevo documento, es importante que quienes toman decisiones basadas en la IA rindan cuentas de las elecciones que hacen, y que sea posible dar cuenta del uso de esta herramienta en cada etapa del proceso de toma de decisiones. Tanto los fines como los medios utilizados en las aplicaciones de la IA deben evaluarse para garantizar que respectan y promueven la dignidad humana y el bien común: esta evaluación constituye un criterio ético fundamental para discernir la legitimidad o no del uso de la inteligencia artificial.

Otro criterio para la evaluación moral de la IA, sugiere la Nota, se refiere a su capacidad para implementar la positividad de las relaciones del hombre con su entorno y con el medio natural, para fomentar una interconexión constructiva de individuos y comunidades, y para potenciar una responsabilidad compartida hacia el bien común. Para lograr estos objetivos, es necesario ir más allá de la mera acumulación de datos y conocimientos, esforzándose por alcanzar una verdadera «sabiduría del corazón», como sugiere el Papa Francisco, de modo que el uso de la inteligencia artificial ayude al ser humano a ser realmente mejor.

En este sentido, la Nota advierte contra cualquier subalternidad ante la tecnología, invitando a utilizarla no para sustituir progresivamente el trabajo humano -lo que crearía nuevas formas de marginación y desigualdad social-, sino como herramienta para mejorar la atención y enriquecer los servicios y la calidad de las relaciones humanas. Y también como ayuda para comprender hechos complejos y guía en la búsqueda de la verdad. Por tanto, contrarrestar las falsificaciones alimentadas por la IA no es sólo tarea de expertos en la materia, sino que requiere el esfuerzo de todos.

También debemos impedir que la inteligencia artificial se utilice como forma de explotación o para restringir la libertad de las personas, para beneficiar a unos pocos a costa de la mayoría, o como forma de control social, reduciendo a las personas a un conjunto de datos. Y es inaceptable que, en el ámbito bélico, se confíe a una máquina la decisión de acabar con vidas humanas: por desgracia, hemos visto cuántas y qué devastación causan las armas impulsadas por la inteligencia artificial, como se ha demostrado trágicamente en tantos conflictos actuales.

## 80th Anniversary Auschwitz Liberation: Never forget, never deny

27 January 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz, the German Nazi concentration and extermination camp in what was German-occupied Poland. Piotr Cywiński, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum speaks to Vatican Media about the importance of keeping memory alive and taking stock of responsibilities.

POPE: 'WE CANNOT IMAGINE IRAQ WITHOUT CHRISTIANS'



Pope Francis pens the preface to the book "The Christian Heritage in Iraq" by German journalist and theologian Matthias Kopp, spokesperson for the German Bishops' Conference (DBK) and consultor for the Dicastery for Communication. The book, published by Herder and currently available

in German, traces the history of Christianity in Iraq, with a focus on Pope Francis' journey to the country in 2021 and the Holy See's diplomacy in the region.

El Papa Francisco en la audiencia general del 22 de enero de 2025.

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El Papa: Abrámonos con generosa acogida al otro

El Santo Padre envía un mensaje a los asistentes a la VI Conferencia Internacional "Por el equilibrio del mundo" que se efectúa en La Habana, Cuba, del 28 al 31 de enero de 2025. En el marco del Año Santo, reflexiona sobre la esperanza y destaca las iniciativas que abren caminos para quienes viven en condiciones de penuria.

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"Los pobres y los enfermos, los jóvenes y los ancianos, los migrantes y los desplazados, incluso los privados de libertad, deben estar en el centro de nuestras consideraciones, para que nadie quede excluido y todos vean respetada su dignidad humana". Lo escribe el Papa Francisco en el mensaje dirigido a los participantes en la VI Conferencia Internacional "Por el equilibrio del mundo" que se realiza en La Habana, Cuba, del 28 al 31 de enero de 2025.





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Friday, February 14  
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### Ash Wednesday

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, March 5

English Mass: 8:15am, 12:10pm,  
3pm, 6pm

Spanish Mass: 7:30pm

### Season of Lent

March 5- April 17, 2025

### IHM Office Raffle

Drawing to be held  
March 7, 2025

\$10 Tickets on sale in the office

### Enchilada Fest

Friday, March 7, 2025  
(first Friday of Lent)

### IHM Rite of Election

Saturday, March 8, 2025  
2pm

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