



# MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

*On safeguarding the human person  
in the time of Artificial Intelligence*

## Today's new issues (res novae):

- Artificial Intelligence
- Digitalisation
- New technological capabilities

### Risks:

- ⚠ Concentrated power (often in private hands)
- ⚠ Automated decision-making
- ⚠ Loss of human control



“What direction should we choose as people and as a human community?” MH 4

## TWO ROADS AHEAD OF US:

### Babel

Humanity without God  
Uniformity  
Dehumanisation

### Jerusalem

God at the centre  
Diversity as a source of richness  
Brotherhood / Collaboration



“Never has humanity had such power over itself.” MH 6

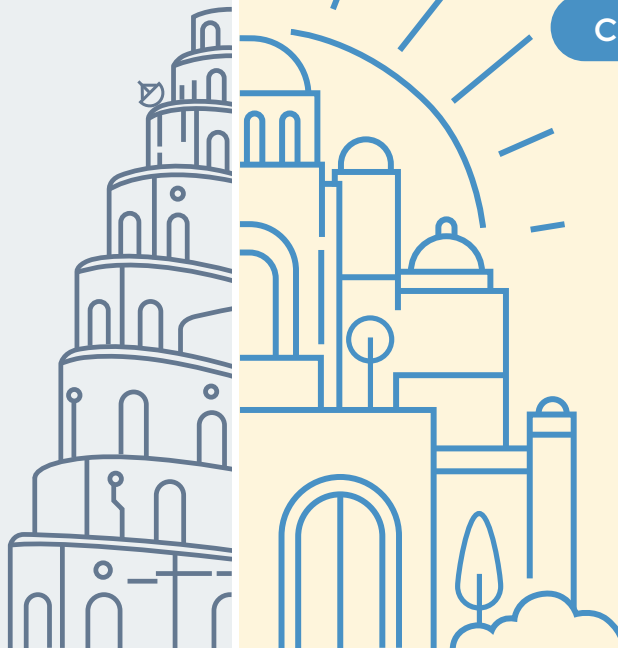
## The Tower of Babel Syndrome

Profit before people

Reducing people to mere data

Growing inequalities

Loss of dignity



## Choose “Nehemia's way”

build together

Dialogue

Listening

Inclusion

Shared responsibility



“No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing.” MH 13

## 4 PILLARS FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

1 Relationship with God

2 Accepting human limitations

3 Shared responsibility

4 Language that unites



“When human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace.” MH 15

**Let us not build another Tower of Babel;  
let us become builders of communion!**





## FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHING



“Embodying God’s love in the concrete events of life.” MH 47

### THE FOUNDATIONS

#### Person = image of God



“Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation.” MH 50

#### Human Dignity

- It is **innate** (not earned)
- It is **infinite**
- It applies to **everyone**

#### The value of human rights

- **Universal**
- **Inviolable**
- Grounded in **dignity**



### THE PRINCIPLES

to guide today’s world in the face of its challenges

#### The common good

The good of all is greater than the sum of the good of each individual

#### The universal destination of goods

So that they may sustain the lives of everyone

#### Subsidiarity

Helping without taking over

#### Solidarity

None is saved alone

#### Social justice

Providing dignified conditions for all

## INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

the concrete way in which these principles are put into practice in history

### THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSON

- 1 economic | 2 social | 3 spiritual | 4 environmental

Development is genuine only if it concerns the whole person and all people



“Do technological innovations truly help individuals and populations to become more humane and fraternal, while respecting our common home and future generations?” MH 85

Social doctrine is not theory; it is concrete action.  
*Building a more just and fraternal society is possible!*





**THE GREATNESS OF THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE FACE  
OF THE PROMISES OF AI**

**The risk of the technocratic paradigm**

- Efficiency —→ ⚠ becomes the sole criterion
- Profit —→ ⚠ guides decisions
- AI —→ ⚠ accelerates the problem
- Person —→ ⚠ reduced to performance

**Artificial Intelligence**

**What it does**

- Processes data
- Recognises patterns
- Is fast and powerful

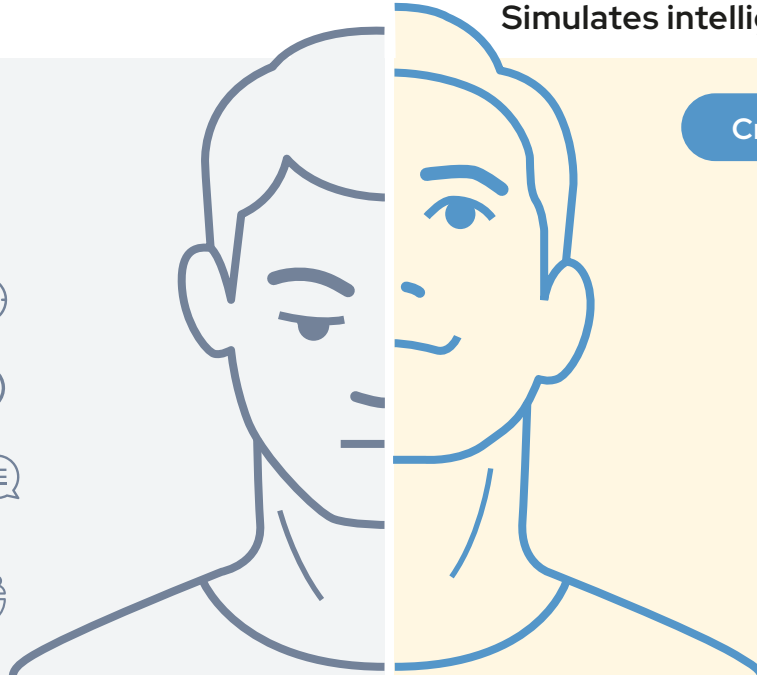
**What it does NOT do**

- ⚠ Has no consciousness
- ⚠ Does not love, does not suffer
- ⚠ Is not responsible

**Simulates intelligence, but is not human**

**Risks of AI**

- Speed  
less critical thinking
- False objectivity  
hides bias
- Simulated relationships  
illusion
- Concentrated power  
everything in the hands of a few



**Criteria for a more humane AI**

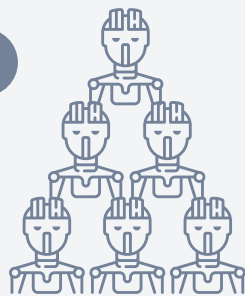
- Human dignity
  - The common good
  - Social justice
  - Reliability
  - Transparency
- IA is not neutral, it reflects values and choices**

“To disarm AI does not mean rejecting technology, but preventing it from dominating humanity.” MH 110

“The quality of a civilization is measured not by the power of its means, but by the care it is able to offer.” MH 114

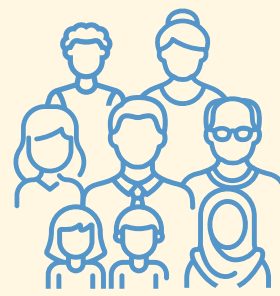
**The myths of transhumanism**

- Humans as something to be optimised, ‘enhanced’
- Removing limitations
- Transcending humanity
- Human-machine fusion



**The true human being:**

- Relationship
  - Vulnerability
  - Care
  - Love
- A limitation is not a flaw: it is what makes us human**



“For an algorithm, an error is a flaw to be corrected; for a person, however, it can be a catalyst for profound change.” MH 128

**AI should make life more human,  
not more efficient.**





## SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TRANSFORMATION

### TRUTH

An essential common good for civic life

Digital technologies and AI **are changing communication**

#### RISKS

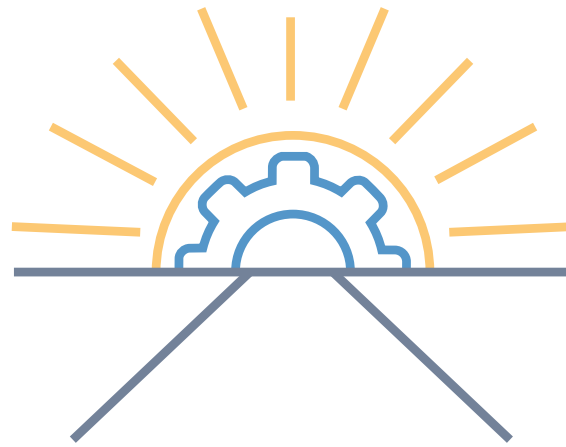
- Disinformation
- Manipulation
- Increased control - totalitarianism

#### RESPONSIBILITY

- Critical education
- Transparency
- Responsible use of technologies



“The search for truth is an essential element of democracy, which is itself a means of contributing to the common good.” MH 134



### WORK

Contributes to the dignity of the person and to social participation

#### RISKS

- Job insecurity
- Inequalities
- Workers monitored or replaced by machines

#### RESPONSIBILITY

- Protection of work
- Continual formation
- More human innovation



“AI frequently forces workers to adapt to the speed and demands of machines, rather than machines being designed to support those who work.” MH 150

### FREEDOM

AI and digital technologies are also increasingly shaping behavior

#### RISKS

- Digital addictions
- Control through data
- New forms of slavery

#### RESPONSIBILITY

- Fair rules
- Shared responsibility
- Education



“Freedom in the digital age is not merely a matter of interiority but also a public concern.”

MH 171

IF TECHNOLOGY  
DOMINATES

the human person  
becomes a means

IF IT IS GUIDED BY  
WISDOM

it becomes **human  
development**

**The dignity of the person must be  
the criterion of all progress!**





**BUILDING THE CIVILIZATION OF LOVE**  
Technology, war, and responsibility in the digital age

A constantly growing connection between  
**technology, power, and violence**

**Culture of Power**

- Normalization of war
- Logic of the “strongest”
- Economic interests (weapons)

**Risks of technology:**

- Automated decisions
- Unclear responsibility
- Citizens reduced to “data”



**Peace** = the fundamental condition  
of the common good

**Civilization of Love**

- Justice + Charity
- Fraternity among peoples
- Universal common good

**Role of technology:**

- Serves the human person, not the other way around
- Fosters real relationships
- Builds community



“No algorithm can make war morally acceptable.” MH 198

**What is not working**

- ⊗ Weak multilateralism
- ⊗ Politics based on force
- ⊗ Disinformation
- ⊗ War economy

**What we can do**

- ✓ Disarm words
- ✓ Build justice
- ✓ Listen to victims
- ✓ Have balanced realism (no cynicism, no naïveté)
- ✓ Dialogue and diplomacy



“Nothing is lost with peace, whereas with war everything can be lost.” MH 219

The civilization of love is born from **small daily actions**  
We cannot change everything,  
but we can do our part.

No technological transformation can be fully embraced without a **conversion of the heart** and without a concrete practice of **justice, solidarity, and care for the most vulnerable.**

**“The Magnificat” as a key for interpretation:** upending power and recognizing the value of humility.

**Let us become “builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel”!** (MH 16) so that humanity may not lose its magnificence and the world may recognize, in the human heart, the place where God desires to dwell.

