

## **AI, Catholic Moral Views, Business, and the Human Person (ChatGPT)**

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**\*\*A Unified Thought for Your Panel Contribution\*\***

### **1. START WITH COMMON GROUND**

AI is not the enemy. It is a powerful expression of human creativity.

In business, it is already:

- \* increasing efficiency
- \* accelerating decision-making
- \* expanding analytical capacity

You can affirm this without hesitation:

> “AI is a remarkable tool, and it’s already creating real value in business.”

This earns you trust immediately. You are not resisting reality — you are engaging it.

### **2. NAME THE SHIFT (THE REAL ISSUE)**

Then gently deepen the conversation:

> “But the deeper question isn’t just what AI can do — it’s how it changes the way we make decisions about people.”

That’s your lane.

Because AI doesn’t just speed things up.  
It **\*\*reshapes how decisions happen\*\***:

- \* more centralized
- \* more automated
- \* more uniform

And that leads to your central concern.

### **3. INTRODUCE SUBSIDIARITY (SIMPLY)**

Don’t define it academically. Translate it.

> “In our tradition, there’s a principle called subsidiarity — it simply means decisions should stay as close as possible to the people they affect.”

Then connect it immediately:

> “AI naturally pushes in the opposite direction — it allows us to scale decisions across thousands of people at once.”

Now the room sees the tension.

#### 4. CLARIFY “SCALING” (SO YOU’RE UNDERSTOOD)

Keep it plain:

> “By ‘scaling,’ I mean taking one decision process and applying it broadly and consistently across many people.”

Then your key insight:

> “That works very well for processes. It becomes more complicated when it comes to people.”

#### 5. DRAW THE CRITICAL DISTINCTION

This is the heart of your argument:

> “Some things should scale — inventory, logistics, data processing.  
> But not every decision about a person should be reduced to a uniform system.”

Or even more simply:

> “We can scale efficiency. We have to be careful about scaling judgment.”

#### 6. NAME WHAT’S AT RISK (QUIETLY, CLEARLY)

If everything is scaled and centralized:

- \* context gets flattened
- \* responsibility becomes unclear
- \* people can be treated as profiles rather than persons

> “The further a decision moves from the person, the easier it becomes to make it without really seeing them.”

That line will land.

#### 7. ANTICIPATE THE PUSHBACK (AND INTEGRATE IT)

They will say: \*”This slows business down.”\*

You respond without resistance:

> “In some cases, it does. The real question is — \*which decisions should never be rushed?\*

Then bring balance:

> “We should absolutely use AI where speed adds value.  
> But where decisions affect people’s lives, responsibility matters as much as efficiency.”

Now you are not opposing business — you are \*\*refining it\*\*.

## 8. REFRAME IN BUSINESS TERMS

Speak their language:

> “This isn’t only an ethical concern — it’s also about trust, accountability, and long-term risk.”

- \* Who owns the decision?
- \* Who answers for it?
- \* What happens when the system gets it wrong?

> “AI scales decisions — but it can also scale mistakes.”

That will resonate.

## 9. OFFER A PRACTICAL PATH (VERY IMPORTANT)

You are not just raising concerns — you are guiding action.

> “One approach is to be intentional about where AI informs decisions and where human judgment must remain.”

Then make it concrete:

- \* Use AI for **pattern recognition and efficiency**
- \* Preserve human responsibility for **high-impact decisions about people**

Or:

> “Automate the repeatable. Protect the relational.”

That’s memorable and usable.

## 10. ROOT IT IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Now you gently widen the lens again.

This isn’t just operational — it’s moral.

- \* **Dignity** ? People are not data points
- \* **Subsidiarity** ? Keep decisions close to persons
- \* **Solidarity** ? Be mindful of who is affected or excluded
- \* **Common Good** ? Technology must serve more than efficiency

> “We’re not only asking what AI can do — but what it should do, and what we should remain responsible for.”

## 11. NAME THE LIMIT OF AI (WITHOUT DRAMA)

- > “AI can process and predict.
- > But it cannot take responsibility.”

That's the dividing line.

## 12. CLOSE WITH A UNIFYING THOUGHT

Bring it all together in one calm landing:

- > “AI is helping us move faster and operate at greater scale. That’s a real strength.
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- > The question is whether, in the process, we unintentionally distance decision-making from the human person.
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- > The principle of subsidiarity simply reminds us to be intentional — to keep human judgment where it belongs, especially in decisions that affect people’s lives.
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- > Because in the end, it’s not just about how efficiently we make decisions — but how responsibly we make them.”

### # ?? YOUR INNER COMPASS (IF THINGS GET MESSY)

If the conversation gets scattered, just return to this:

- \* Affirm AI
- \* Define scaling
- \* Protect the human
- \* Re-anchor responsibility

That’s your rhythm.

You’re ready.

Not because you have all the answers — but because you’re asking the right question, clearly and calmly:

- > **\*\*”Where must the human person remain at the center?”\*\***

Stay there, and everything you say will have weight.

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### **BENEDICTION OPTION 1 (Warm, Reflective, Franciscan Tone)**

Let us pray.

Loving God,  
source of all wisdom and creativity,

We thank You for the gifts of human ingenuity,  
for the tools we have developed,  
and for the desire to build, to improve, and to serve.

As we stand in a time of great technological change,  
grant us the grace to use these tools wisely—

never losing sight of the people they are meant to serve.

Help us to remember that no system, no model,  
no intelligence we create  
can replace the dignity of the human person  
made in Your image.

Give us the courage to act with integrity,  
the humility to question our own power,  
and the wisdom to know when to move quickly  
and when to pause and discern.

Teach us to be good stewards of what we have created,  
so that our work may always serve the common good,  
protect the vulnerable,  
and reflect Your justice and compassion.

And as we go forward from this place,  
may we carry not only new ideas,  
but a renewed commitment  
to lead with responsibility,  
to decide with care,  
and to always see the person before us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## BENEDICTION OPTION 2 (Shorter, More Direct)

Let us pray.

God of wisdom,

As we leave this conversation,  
help us to use the tools of our time  
with clarity, responsibility, and care.

May we never allow efficiency  
to overshadow dignity,  
nor speed to replace sound judgment.

Keep us mindful that behind every decision  
is a human person—  
known, valued, and loved by You.

Guide our work,  
strengthen our conscience,  
and help us to build a future  
that reflects both intelligence and compassion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## BENEDICTION OPTION 3 (Very Brief, If Time Is Tight)

Loving God,

Guide us as we use the tools we have created,  
that they may serve the good of all people.

Help us to act with wisdom,  
to lead with integrity,  
and to never lose sight of the dignity  
of every person we encounter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.