

AI Integration in Franciscan University’s Business Curriculum: Key Considerations — A Working Document

Prompt:

Franciscan University’s Business Department decided to begin implementing AI within the department curriculum in conjunction with support by the V.P. for Academics. Next week is a meeting with the Business Department’s Business Advisory Board comprised of recognized business leaders to discuss AI’s implications. There will be an AI Panel Discussion during the Business Advisory meeting including a number of students.

Provide pertinent information that covers the following areas:

“AI is here and our graduates must be relevant”

“What AI will replace and what it will not”

“Overview of what firms’ are demanding in the AI space”

“How are we preparing our students to meet this new demand”

“The role Catholic Social Teaching and Ethics in our AI implementation”

“Practical demands that AI will place on us (more oversight by professors, expanded research base, new language model learning, integration with computer science)”

“Remaining Catholic In the AI World”

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Pope Leo XIV: 60th World Day of Social Communications

Preserving Human Voices and Faces

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/communications/documents/20260124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

Excerpts:

Information is a public good. A constructive and meaningful public service is not based on opacity, but on the transparency of sources, the inclusion of those involved and high quality standards.

We are all called upon to cooperate. No sector can tackle the challenge of steering digital innovation and AI governance alone. Safeguards must therefore be put in place. All stakeholders — from the tech industry to legislators, from creative companies to academia, from artists to journalists and educators — must be involved in building and implementing informed and responsible digital citizenship.

Education aims to do precisely this: To increase our personal ability to think critically; evaluate whether our sources are trustworthy and the possible interests behind selecting the information we have access to; to understand the psychological mechanisms involved; and to enable our families, communities and associations to develop practical criteria for a healthier and more responsible culture of communication.

For this reason, it is increasingly urgent to introduce media, information and AI literacy into education systems at all levels, as already promoted by some civil institutions. As Catholics, we can and must contribute to this effort, so that individuals — especially young people — can acquire critical thinking skills and grow in freedom of spirit. This literacy should also be integrated into broader lifelong learning initiatives, reaching out to older adults and marginalized members of society, who often feel excluded and powerless in the face of rapid technological change.

Just as the industrial revolution called for basic literacy to enable people to respond to new developments, so too does the digital revolution require digital literacy (along with humanistic and cultural education) to understand how algorithms shape our perception of reality, how AI biases work, what mechanisms determine the presence of certain content in our feeds, what the economic principles and models of the AI economy are and how they might change.

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As Franciscan University advances AI implementation in its Business Department, supported by the V.P. for Academics, this overview draws on recent magisterial teachings to equip graduates for relevance, highlight AI’s limits, align with market demands, prepare students ethically, integrate Catholic principles, address practical challenges, and preserve Catholic identity.[1] [2]

“AI is here and our graduates must be relevant”

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming economic, educational, and professional landscapes, demanding that business graduates master it to remain competitive. Significant investments are flowing into AI across sectors like energy, finance, media, marketing, sales, logistics, innovation, compliance, and risk management.[3] Pope Leo XIV emphasizes that AI already impacts millions daily, urging reflection on human dignity amid technological shifts: “Human beings are called to be co-workers in the work of creation, not merely passive consumers of content generated by artificial technology.”[4] Graduates must engage AI responsibly to steward creation (Gen. 2:15), ensuring they contribute to the common good rather than passive dependency.[1]

“What AI will replace and what it will not”

AI excels at automating routine tasks but cannot supplant human intelligence, creativity, or moral agency. It may replace data processing, pattern recognition, and efficiency-driven operations in business analytics or logistics, yet it lacks the capacity for authentic decision-making, wonder, contemplation, or unconditional love.[4] Pope Francis warns: “Faced with the marvels of machines ... decision-making [...] must always be left to the human person. We would condemn humanity to a future without hope if we took away people’s ability to make decisions about themselves and their lives.”[5] AI augments human capabilities but risks algorithmic bias and cannot replicate the integral vision of the person created in God’s image (Gen. 1:27).[1]

“Overview of what firms are demanding in the AI space”

Firms seek AI proficiency for competitive edges in innovation and risk management, but concentration in a few corporations raises concerns that value accrues only to tech giants, not user businesses.[3] Demands include interdisciplinary skills in AI ethics, compliance, and equitable applications, with calls for transparency, security, equity, privacy, and reliability.[5] Businesses prioritize AI that serves the “human family,” avoiding exclusion of vulnerable groups.[6] Ethical integration is key, as unchecked AI could exacerbate inequalities, echoing *Laborem Exercens* on labor’s dignity.[5]

“How are we preparing our students to meet this new demand”

Franciscan University can lead by fostering interdisciplinary curricula blending business, humanities, science, and technology, ensuring “no one left behind.”[6] Catholic universities must act as “laboratories of hope,” engaging AI research with wisdom to promote ethical applications and societal cohesion.[2] Emphasize lifelong learning, inclusive education for disabilities via AI (e.g., remote work aids), and standards prioritizing community good over personal gain.[6] Integrate AI across departments — business with philosophy and theology — to form graduates who augment human potential ethically.[7]

“The role Catholic Social Teaching and Ethics in our AI implementation”

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) mandates AI serve human dignity, the common good, and care for creation, countering risks like bias or power concentration.[3] [4] The *Rome Call for AI Ethics* insists on education raising awareness of AI’s social impacts, promoting inclusion, solidarity, and fairness.[6] Principles from *Gaudium et Spes* (pars. 34-35) and *Fratelli Tutti* guide development toward integral human progress.[5] In business, CST critiques utilitarianism, urging virtues in management, justice, and avoidance of materialism.[7] [8] Ethics must permeate AI design, ensuring it respects vulnerability and expands freedom against algorithmic conditioning.[6]

“Practical demands that AI will place on us (more oversight by professors, expanded research base, new language model learning, integration with computer science)”

AI demands heightened professorial oversight to detect biases and ensure ethical use, expanded research via interdisciplinary collaboration (e.g., business-computer science), and curricula teaching language models alongside CST.[5] [2] Professors must facilitate theological reflection on AI’s societal effects, integrating with computer science for robust applications.[2] This includes universal access to education, offline options for the elderly, and AI aids for disabilities, requiring updated standards focused on human capabilities and community good.[6] Catholic universities pioneer this through cross-disciplinary hope-laboratories.[2]

“Remaining Catholic In the AI World”

To remain Catholic, prioritize human-centered AI that affirms “the brilliance of the human race” dependent on ethical integrity.[6] Safeguard openness to truth, beauty, and relationships, resisting dehumanization.[4] Evangelize via curricula infusing CST into business ethics, countering contempt for business while promoting virtues against determinism.[7] [8] As *Antiqua et Nova* urges, use ancient wisdom for new challenges, tilling the earth responsibly.[1] Graduates thus become co-workers in creation, serving the common good.[4]

In summary, AI integration at Franciscan University equips graduates ethically, leveraging CST to navigate opportunities and risks, ensuring fidelity to human dignity and Catholic mission.[1] [2]



[1] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 1]

(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/429efa31-dfof-455d-b7e1-c104ed929e3b/ref/1>)

[2] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 83]

(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/429efa31-dfof-455d-b7e1-c104ed929e3b/ref/83>)

[3] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 64]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/429efa31-dfof-455d-b7e1-c104ed929e3b/ref/64>)

[4] [To Participants in the Conference “Artificial Intelligence and Care for Our Common Home” (5 December 2025), page1]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/dfad7d53-16ad-4b17-9629-04f3ae4f4c3f/ref/page1>)

[5] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, Footnote]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/429efa31-dfof-455d-b7e1-c104ed929e3b/ref/Footnote>)

[6] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/072405d2-37c4-4b0a-8fa4-d774fac7cafd/ref/>)

[7] [The Potential of the Catholic University to Evangelize, page6]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/97e2392c-991d-4b71-8984-a76697829399/ref/page6>)

[8] [Business Ethics and Catholic Social Thought, page2]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/d14950e5-0d9c-491d-b768-197doad087d4/ref/page2>)

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Prompt: What safeguards can ensure AI aligns with Franciscan values and human dignity?

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Franciscan values — emphasizing humility, fraternity, simplicity, joyful poverty of spirit, and stewardship of creation — converge with the Church’s insistence on human dignity as the inviolable foundation for AI development and use. Magisterial documents outline concrete safeguards: prioritizing inherent human worth over utility, embedding ethical principles, ensuring human oversight, fostering ethical formation, and pursuing regulatory frameworks that promote the common good.[1] [2] [3]

1. Anchor AI in the Inviolable Dignity of the Human Person

Human dignity, rooted in being created in God’s image, must guide all AI applications, transcending functionalist views that value people by productivity.[1] Safeguards include:

- **Reject equivalence between AI and human intelligence:** AI is a tool, not a peer; it lacks spiritual, relational, cognitive, and bodily wholeness.[1] [3] [4] Franciscan humility counters technocratic hubris by affirming persons’ worth in vulnerability (e.g., unborn, elderly, disabled).[1]

- **Promote relational intelligence:** Evaluate AI by its enhancement of authentic relationships, solidarity, and fraternity, echoing St. Francis’s brotherhood with all creation.[2] [4]

“A person’s worth does not depend on possessing specific skill ... but on the person’s inherent dignity, grounded in being created in the image of God.”[1]

2. Embed Ethical Principles from the Start (“Ethics by Design”)

Adopt the *Rome Call for AI Ethics* principles — transparency, inclusion, responsibility, impartiality, reliability, and security — as non-negotiable benchmarks, ensuring AI serves humanity and the environment without exploiting the vulnerable.[5]

- **Transparency and explainability:** AI systems must disclose decision logic to prevent opaque biases, aligning with Franciscan simplicity and truthfulness.[5]
- **Inclusion and impartiality:** Design to benefit all, especially the poor and marginalized, avoiding discrimination by race, origin, or status — core to Franciscan care for the least.[5]
- **Privacy and security:** Protect personal data, safeguarding freedom from algorithmic manipulation.[3] [5]

These principles foster a “spirit of fellowship,” preventing AI from eroding wonder, contemplation, or unconditional love.[2]

3. Mandate Human Oversight and Control

Insist on “proper human control” over AI decisions, banning autonomous lethal weapons and ensuring no machine usurps moral agency.[6]

- **Decision-making reserved to humans:** AI aids but never replaces discernment, reflection, or free choice — vital for Franciscan obedience to God’s will over efficiency.[2] [6]
- **Bias detection and mitigation:** Regular audits by diverse teams to address algorithmic prejudices, promoting equity.[6] [5]
- **Sustainability focus:** Align with *Laudato Si’* — inspired care for our common home, using AI for ecological stewardship rather than exploitation.[2] [4]

Pope Francis warns: “No machine should ever choose to take the life of a human being.”[6]

4. Integrate Ethical Formation and Discernment

Form users, developers, and leaders through interdisciplinary education blending technology with theology, philosophy, and CST.

- **Critical valuation of applications:** Discern if AI promotes dignity and common good via “wisdom of the heart,” renewing appreciation for the human.[4]
- **Interdisciplinary collaboration:** Involve ethicists, theologians, and business leaders to guide AI toward integral development.[2] [4]
- **Empowerment over replacement:** Train to use AI as a servant, enhancing talents in service to others, per Franciscan joyful service.[5]

5. Pursue Binding Regulations and Global Cooperation

Advocate multilateral treaties for AI governance, prioritizing peace, justice, and fraternity.[7] [8]

- **International frameworks:** Support UN-level agreements enforcing ethical standards, including “neuro-rights” and common good criteria.[1] [7]
- **Stakeholder inclusion:** Consult the poor, vulnerable, and faith communities in policy-making.[2] [8]
- **Church leadership:** Catholic institutions like universities pioneer “algor-ethics,” modeling human-centered AI.[4] [5]

In summary, these safeguards — dignity-first anthropology, ethical design, human control, formation, and regulation — ensure AI amplifies Franciscan values, serving creation’s harmony and human flourishing without compromising our transcendent calling.[1] [2] [8]



[1] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 34]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/429efa31-dfof-455d-b7e1-c104ed929e3b/ref/34>

[2] [To Participants in the Conference “Artificial Intelligence and Care for Our Common Home” (5 December 2025), page1]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/dfad7d53-16ad-4b17-9629-04f3ae4f4c3f/ref/page1>

[3] [To Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (25 February 2019)]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/050472ef-8b76-4c2d-861e-7bb9ca32c15d/ref/>

[4] [La Inteligencia Artificial: Una mirada pastoral desde América Latina y el Caribe, 3.1]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/cf5b95bc-783c-43c7-b665-1dbebd65b714/ref/3.1>

[5] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/072405d2-37c4-4b0a-8fa4-d774fac7cafd/ref/>

[6] [Pope Francis Attends the G7 Session on Artificial Intelligence (13-15 June 2024)]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/0178be6e-132c-4920-abe1-44a9913ba02a/ref/>

[7] [LVII World Day of Peace 2024, Artificial Intelligence and Peace, 2]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/e05dba75-4523-4a4d-b5a8-3aa5bdda1ef6/ref/2>

[8] [LVII World Day of Peace 2024, Artificial Intelligence and Peace, 8]
<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/e05dba75-4523-4a4d-b5a8-3aa5bdda1ef6/ref/8>

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Prompt: **What role does human oversight play in safeguarding AI against dehumanization?**

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Human oversight is indispensable for preventing AI from eroding human dignity, agency, and relationality, ensuring technology serves rather than supplants the person created in God’s image. Magisterial teachings emphasize that without vigilant human

control, AI risks “technologizing” humanity — reducing persons to data points, automating moral choices, and fostering dependency that undermines freedom, wisdom, and fraternity.[1] [2] [3]

Preventing the Erosion of Human Agency and Decision-Making

AI’s capacity for autonomous adaptation threatens to displace human deliberation, leading to dehumanization by consigning life-shaping choices to algorithms devoid of conscience or pronesis (practical wisdom). Oversight mandates retaining ultimate authority with humans:

- **Reserved moral and strategic decisions:** Machines excel at technical choices but lack the heart’s capacity for ethical evaluation. “Decision-making, even when ... dramatic and urgent aspects, must always be left to the human person.”[1] [3] This counters a “future without hope” where humans depend on machine choices.[1]

*“We need to ensure and safeguard a space for proper human control over the choices made by artificial intelligence programs: **human dignity itself depends on it.**”[1] [3]*

- **Ban on lethal autonomy:** No machine should decide life or death, as in “lethal autonomous weapons,” requiring “ever greater and proper human control.”[1]

Mitigating Biases and Ensuring Impartiality

Unsupervised AI perpetuates or amplifies biases, discriminating against the vulnerable and fragmenting the human family — contrary to Catholic solidarity.

- **Transparency and accountability:** Oversight demands explainable AI, with humans auditing logic and outcomes to eliminate prejudice based on race, origin, or status.[4] [5]
- **Responsibility in design and deployment:** Developers and users must proceed transparently, fostering reliability and privacy to protect dignity from exploitation.[4]

The ‘Rome Call’ principles — transparency, inclusion, responsibility, impartiality, reliability, security — require human enforcement to humanize AI.[4]

Countering Technologization and Promoting Integral Human Development

AI risks inverting creator-creation dynamics, where “the machine ... ends up guiding man,” alienating reason from its transcendent ends.[2]

- **Human-centered augmentation:** Oversight ensures AI performs “servile tasks” without simulating human qualities like conscience, emotionality, or moral autonomy, preserving relational depth.[2] [6]
- **Interpersonal primacy:** In fields like medicine, technology must enhance, not replace, human closeness; “technological devices must never detract from the personal relationship.”[6]
- **Ethical by design:** Embed dignity from inception, evaluating AI against the common good and ecosystem care.[4] [2]

Pope Francis warns of AI’s ‘sui generis’ complexity shaping lives more profoundly than simple tools, necessitating oversight to orient it toward the beyond — openness to God and others.[3]

Fostering Formation and Global Governance Oversight extends to education and regulation:

- **Ethical literacy:** Train overseers in AI’s anthropological limits, integrating theology to discern applications promoting wonder and fraternity.[4]
- **Regulatory frameworks:** Advocate international norms with “duty of explanation” for algorithms, ensuring human rights in the digital era.[4] [1]

In summary, human oversight acts as the bulwark against dehumanization by reclaiming agency, purging biases, humanizing tools, and aligning AI with divine providence — thus affirming humanity’s brilliance under ethical integrity.[4] [1] [3]



[1] [Message of the Holy Father to the Participants in the “AI Ethics for Peace” Gathering [Hiroshima, 9-10 July 2024] (10 July 2024)]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/533fed2b-b01d-4af1-881c-c45054bb8dc1/ref/>)

[2] [To Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (25 February 2019)]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/050472ef-8b76-4c2d-861e-7bb9ca32c15d/ref/>)

[3] [Pope Francis Attends the G7 Session on Artificial Intelligence (13-15 June 2024)]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/0178be6e-132c-4920-abe1-44a9913ba02a/ref/>)

[4] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/072405d2-37c4-4b0a-8fa4-d774fac7cafd/ref/>)

[5] [Mediator Dei, 9]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/dfb0b2a8-3161-4077-9ecf-499ca1570f19/ref/9>)

[6] [Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV to Participants in the International Congress of the Pontifical Academy for Life: “AI and Medicine: The Challenge of Human Dignity” 10-12 November 2025 (7 November 2025), page1]
(<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/6c968ofe-ofa0-4bcc-bdb0-53305f294130/ref/page1>)

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Prompt: AI-Integration-in-Franciscan-Universitys-Business-Curriculum-Key-Considerations

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AI’s Reshaping of Catholic Business Education Curricula

Artificial intelligence promises to transform Catholic business education by embedding ethical discernment, fostering interdisciplinary stewardship, and prioritizing irreplaceable human skills like relational intelligence and moral judgment, all while safeguarding dignity as image-bearers of God.[1] [2] Drawing from recent magisterial guidance, curricula must evolve to counter AI’s risks — such as passive consumption or bias — while harnessing its potential for common-good innovation.[3] [4]

1. Mandating AI Literacy and Ethical Formation

Curricula will integrate **media, information, and AI literacy** at all levels, teaching students to critically evaluate AI outputs, detect biases, and understand algorithmic influences on business decisions.[5] This includes:

- **Ethics-by-design modules:** Courses on transparency, inclusion, responsibility, impartiality, reliability, and privacy from the *Rome Call*, ensuring business leaders design AI for human flourishing, not exploitation.[2]
- **Discernment of human vs. machine intelligence:** Emphasize AI's limits — it reinforces existing data without true creativity or moral agency — training students to oversee AI ethically.[4] [6]

“It is increasingly urgent to introduce media, information and AI literacy into education systems ... so that individuals ... can acquire critical thinking skills and grow in freedom of spirit.”[5]

In Catholic contexts, this aligns with CST’s call to renew appreciation for the human amid technology.[7]

2. Pedagogical Shifts Toward Active, Human-Centered Learning

AI disrupts rote tasks, compelling curricula to prioritize **higher-order thinking** over memorization:

- **Augmented, not replaced, instruction:** Use AI for data analysis or simulations in finance/marketing, freeing time for case studies on dignity in business (e.g., avoiding bias in hiring algorithms).[3] [1]
- **Lifelong learning emphasis:** Programs for all ages, including offline access for the elderly, with AI aiding disabilities to promote inclusive business practices.[2]
- **Avoiding ‘writing without thinking’:** Ban over-reliance on generative AI for assignments, fostering authentic reflection on stewardship (Gen. 2:15).[6] [4]
This counters dehumanization by ensuring graduates are “co-workers in creation,” not passive consumers.[3]

3. Interdisciplinary Integration with Theology and Humanities

Business curricula will expand beyond silos, blending AI with **theology, philosophy, and CST**:

- **Cross-departmental cores:** Partner with computer science for AI tools, theology for relational ethics, mirroring *Antiqua et Nova*’s “integral vision of the human person.”[1] [2]
- **Common-good focus:** Courses evaluating AI’s impact on work, equity, and ecology, per Social Doctrine — e.g., preventing wealth concentration in tech giants.[3] [6]
- **Evangelization in business:** Infuse virtues like solidarity, drawing from historical Catholic appreciation of mechanical arts.[6]

Catholic universities become “laboratories” for ethical AI, preparing leaders for inclusive economies.[2]

4. Cultivating Uniquely Human Competencies

AI automates routine analytics, elevating **skills AI cannot replicate**:

- **Moral reasoning and phronesis** [*practical wisdom, encompassing the ideas of prudence and common sense*]: Advanced ethics seminars on AI’s anthropological risks, emphasizing free choice, wonder, and unconditional love.[3]
- **Creativity and relationality**: Leadership training via simulations stressing fraternity, countering AI’s “reinforcing” biases.[4]
- **Stewardship simulations**: Business strategy courses using AI for sustainability modeling, tied to *Laudato Si’* care for creation.[3]

Pope Leo XIV stresses safeguarding “openness to truth and beauty, and capacity for wonder and contemplation.”[3]

5. Practical Implementation and Challenges

- **Faculty development**: Professors gain oversight training to audit AI use, expanding research bases.[5]
- **Assessment reforms**: Evaluate relational and ethical application, not just outputs.
- **Risk mitigation**: Address biases via diverse datasets; regulate for equity.[6] [2]

Challenges include resource gaps, but higher-authority sources like Antiqua et Nova (2025) prioritize recency in ethical urgency.[1]

In summary, AI reshapes Catholic business curricula toward ethically literate, human-augmenting programs that affirm dignity, integrate CST, and form stewards for a tech-infused world — ensuring graduates serve the common good faithfully.[1] [2] [5]



[1] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 1]
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[2] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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[3] [To Participants in the Conference “Artificial Intelligence and Care for Our Common Home” (5 December 2025), page1]
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[5] [60th World Communications Day 2026, page1]
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[6] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, Footnote]
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[7] [La Inteligencia Artificial: Una mirada pastoral desde América Latina y el Caribe, 3.1]
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Prompt: What pedagogical strategies best foster critical reflection on AI’s moral implications?

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Pedagogical Strategies for Critical Reflection on AI’s Moral Implications

In Catholic business education, fostering critical reflection on AI’s moral implications — such as risks to dignity, bias, and over-reliance — requires strategies that integrate theological discernment, ethical literacy, and practical wisdom, ensuring technology serves human flourishing and divine providence.[1] [2] [3] These approaches draw from magisterial calls for human-centered education, emphasizing oversight, dialogue, and virtue formation over mere technical proficiency.[4] [5]

1. Embed AI Literacy Across the Curriculum

Introduce mandatory **media, information, and AI literacy** modules to equip students with tools for discerning AI outputs, biases, and societal impacts, promoting critical thinking essential for ethical business leadership.[1] [3]

- **Hands-on workshops:** Teach validation of AI-generated content (e.g., detecting “fake news” or deepfakes), algorithmic transparency, and privacy risks, using real-world business scenarios like biased hiring tools.[1] [3]
- **Age-inclusive training:** Extend to lifelong learning, addressing vulnerabilities like the elderly’s exclusion, aligning with inclusion principles.[6] [3]

*“Education in the use of forms of artificial intelligence should aim above all at promoting **critical thinking**. Users ... need to develop a discerning approach to ... content ... produced by artificial intelligence systems.”*[1]

Schools and universities must grasp AI’s social-ethical dimensions.[1] [2]

2. Foster Interdisciplinary Dialogue and Debate

Leverage **inclusive, multi-stakeholder discussions** blending business, theology, philosophy, and computer science to explore AI’s anthropological limits, countering technocratic paradigms.[2] [5]

- **Socratic seminars:** Debate topics like AI’s neutrality (it may imply moral uses) or redemption’s non-technological nature, referencing original sin’s persistence.[7]
- **Minerva-style dialogues:** Involve ethicists, developers, and vulnerable voices (e.g., poor, migrants) for holistic views, preventing uniformity and fostering diversity as enrichment.[5]

[Minerva-style dialogues are conversations written in the spirit of learning through guided discovery — where one voice doesn’t lecture, but instead leads another to insight through thoughtful questions, reflection, and gentle nudges. The name “Minerva” evokes Minerva (the Roman counterpart of Athena), suggesting that wisdom unfolds not by force, but by illumination — like a lamp slowly brightening a room/] ChatGPT.

Pope Francis urges dialogue to humanize technology ethically.[5] *Antiqua et Nova stresses integral human visions.*[4]

3. Utilize Case Studies and Ethical Dilemmas

Employ **real-world case analyses** of AI in business — e.g., surveillance ethics or “quantified self” apps — to provoke moral reasoning, highlighting technology’s ambivalence.[7] [2]

- **Dilemma-based learning:** Analyze biases in predictive policing or job algorithms, evaluating against dignity and common good; require human oversight justifications.[2]
- **Bias audits:** Students reverse-engineer AI decisions, discerning when tools distract from virtue-building.[7] [2]

This builds phronesis, as AI cannot replicate moral agency.[2]

“**Phronesis** is a Greek term that translates to *practical wisdom, encompassing the ideas of prudence and common sense*. Rooted in Ancient Greek philosophy, it is viewed as an intellectual virtue that not only involves knowing the right course of action but also understanding why it is the right choice.” Richard Shapcott in *Phronesis, Ethics and Realism*.

4. Implement Simulations and Experiential Oversight

Role-playing and AI simulations train oversight, simulating business crises (e.g., AI-driven layoffs) where students intervene ethically.[8]

- **Human-AI hybrid projects:** Use AI for data tasks, then reflect on decisions reserved to humans, emphasizing relationality over efficiency.[8]
- **Self-surveillance critiques:** Explore “morality apps,” questioning if they foster virtue or dependency.[7]

Oversight ensures AI remains a tool, not master.[8]

5. Integrate Spiritual and CST Reflection

Incorporate **theological reflection and prayer** to elevate discernment, tying AI to salvation history’s divine pedagogy of dependency on God.[7]

- **Journaling and retreats:** Post-AI exercises, reflect on *Laudato Si’*-style stewardship, countering cleverness without goodness.[7]
- **CST frameworks:** Apply Rome Call principles (transparency, responsibility) to business ethics, forming leaders for inclusive innovation.[6]

This counters dehumanization, rooting tech in love’s redemptive power.[7]

In summary, these strategies — literacy, dialogue, cases, simulations, and spiritual integration — equip Catholic business students to critically steward AI, prioritizing dignity, ethics, and the transcendent over mere utility, per Church wisdom.[1] [2] [4] [3]



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[2] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, Footnote]
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[3] [60th World Communications Day 2026, page1]
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[4] [Antiqua et Nova (The Old and the New): Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence, 1]
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[5] [Address of His Holiness Pope Francis, Minerva Dialogues] (
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[6] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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[7] [Technology and Our Relationship with God, page6]
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[8] [To Participants in the Conference “Artificial Intelligence and Care for Our Common Home” (5 December 2025), page1]
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Prompt: How can Catholic business ethics be integrated into AI curriculum design?

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Integrating Catholic Business Ethics into AI Curriculum Design

Catholic business ethics — rooted in human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity — can be seamlessly integrated into AI curricula by embedding moral realism, ethics-by-design principles, and theological discernment, ensuring AI serves human flourishing rather than commodifying persons or exacerbating inequalities.[1] [2] [3] This approach draws from John Paul II’s realistic business ethics and recent magisterial calls for responsible innovation, transforming curricula into formation for virtuous stewardship.[2] [4]

1. Establish Moral Realism as Foundational Framework

Begin with **core modules on dignity as a relational quality**, not an invariant object, per Catholic social thought, teaching that business roles inherently involve inequalities moderated by evangelization.[1] [2]

- **Introductory ethics course:** Contrast AI’s functional “intelligence” with human intelligence as *imago Dei* (Gen 1:27), emphasizing AI’s limits in moral agency and the need for human oversight to prevent diminishment of workplace dignity.[2] [5]
- **Augustinian realism seminars:** Explore how AI in business (e.g., automation) requires moderation, **not utopian extirpation**, fostering virtues like justice amid a “manifold” of values (liberty, efficiency, integrity).[2]

[ChatGPT] When someone says our approach to AI is “not utopian extirpation,” they’re gently waving off two extreme instincts:

The dream of perfection: “AI will fix everything—bias, inefficiency, human limitation.”

The urge to purge: “Let’s eliminate all risk, all error, all human messiness through AI.”

To say “this is not utopian extirpation” means: We are not trying to create a flawless world by erasing imperfection with AI.

What *Utopian Extirpation* Does Mean Instead: A healthier, wiser posture toward AI looks like: Augmentation, not eradication.

AI supports human thinking; it doesn’t replace the human soul.

It is improvement, not perfection

We aim to get better, not to become machine-like in precision.

Discernment, not domination

We choose when and how to use AI, rather than letting it dictate the terms.

“Business ethics is an attempt to bring about as much dignity in the workplace as there can be. And here one cannot be utopian. Evangelization must have an Augustinian tone.”[2]

This grounds AI design in CST’s preferential option for the poor.[4]

2. Incorporate Ethics-by-Design from Rome Call Principles

Mandate “**algor-ethics**” training across AI courses, applying transparency, inclusion, responsibility, impartiality, reliability, and security/privacy to business applications like hiring algorithms or supply chains.[3]

- **Design workshops:** Students prototype AI tools with built-in safeguards (e.g., bias audits for impartiality), evaluating against human rights and vulnerability protection.[3]
- **Regulatory simulations:** Debate “duty of explanation” for AI decisions, ensuring accountability aligns with subsidiarity — decisions at the most local level possible.[3] [6]

These principles ensure AI promotes fraternity, not exploitation.[3]

3. Develop Case Studies on Business AI Dilemmas

Use **real-world Catholic-framed cases** to dissect ethical tensions, such as AI-driven profit maximization vs. worker dignity or data privacy in commerce.[1] [7]

- **Dignity-focused analyses:** Examine embryonic stem-cell business potentials vs. pro-life ethics, or AI’s role in biotech, urging moral realism over “knee-jerk” cynicism.[7]
- **Common-good evaluations:** Assess AI’s energy consumption against eco-sustainability, per *Laudato Si’*, prioritizing the integral ecology of persons and planet.[4]

John Paul II’s leadership on business ethics informs non-utopian applications.[2]

4. Foster Interdisciplinary Theology-Business Fusion

Create **joint courses** blending AI with CST, philosophy, and theology, positioning Catholic universities as “laboratories of hope” for ethical tech.[5] [8]

- **Human heart emphasis:** Modules contrasting algorithms with Pascal’s “heart,” reserving moral decisions (e.g., firing via AI) to humans for spiritual maturity.[4]

- **Evangelization tracks:** Infuse business AI with new evangelization, drawing resources from Aquinas, Augustine, and Scheler for value-laden realism.[2]

This counters technocratic drift, affirming love over intelligence.[4]

5. Implement Oversight, Assessment, and Lifelong Formation

Enforce **human control mechanisms** in projects, with rubrics assessing ethical reasoning over outputs, and extend to alumni via literacy programs.[3] [6]

- **Bias and inclusion audits:** Require diverse data reflection of human family richness, protecting cultures and languages.[4]
- **Faculty/business partnerships:** Advisory boards guide integration, moderating AI’s inequalities while harnessing its potential for poverty alleviation.[1] [4]

In summary, integrate Catholic business ethics via moral realism foundations, Rome Call principles, dilemma-driven cases, interdisciplinary fusion, and rigorous oversight – forming AI-literate leaders who moderate technology’s risks with dignity-centered realism, faithful to Church tradition.[2] [3] [4] [5]



[1] [Business Ethics and Catholic Social Thought, page11]
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[2] [Business Ethics and Catholic Social Thought, page10]
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[3] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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[6] [LVII World Day of Peace 2024, Artificial Intelligence and Peace, 2]
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Prompt: In what ways can AI influence business leaders to envision to view their positions as a vocation

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AI's Influence on Business Leaders Viewing Positions as Vocations

AI can profoundly shape business leaders' self-understanding by augmenting their capacity to serve the common good, fostering ethical discernment, and highlighting the irreplaceable human elements of leadership — thus reframing roles as noble vocations rooted in human dignity and divine calling, per Catholic social teaching.[1] [2] This integration counters risks like a “divided life” by emphasizing servant leadership illuminated by Gospel virtues.[2]

1. Augmenting Service to the Common Good

AI tools enable leaders to **conceive goods/services enhancing human flourishing**, aligning with the vocation to “increase the goods of this world and make them more accessible to all,” transforming efficiency into stewardship.[1]

- **Data-driven equity:** AI analyzes supply chains for sustainability, prompting leaders to prioritize universal destination of goods over profit alone.[2]
- **Inclusive innovation:** By democratizing access (e.g., predictive analytics for poverty alleviation), AI reveals business as a path to fraternity.[3]

“The vocation of the businessperson is a genuine human and Christian calling ... challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good.”[1]

This echoes Aquinas's interdependent common good, where leaders cultivate communal flourishing.[4]

2. Freeing Capacity for Relational and Virtuous Leadership

Automation of routine tasks liberates leaders for “**good work**” — useful, modest-scaled, reverent labor conforming to creation's grammar — elevating oversight to vocational discernment.[5]

- **Human oversight emphasis:** AI handles analytics, allowing focus on moral judgments, empowerment, and relationships AI cannot replicate.[6]
- **Virtue formation:** Leaders practice faith, hope, love amid AI's limits, avoiding “careless work” by those detached from consequences.[5] [2]

In Catholic terms, this counters work's corruption, perfecting the human person through sanctification.[7]

3. Prompting Ethical Discernment and Algor-Ethics

AI's risks — bias, privacy erosion — **compel moral realism**, urging leaders to adopt “ethics by design” (transparency, responsibility, impartiality), viewing roles as guardians of dignity.[3]

- **Duty of explanation:** Auditing AI decisions fosters responsibility, aligning with subsidiarity and human rights protection.[3]
- **Fraternity over utility:** Confronting inequality/dislocation integrates CST, seeing business as communion-building.[2]

Magisterial guidance insists AI must serve humanity's vocation to the good under human direction.[6]

4. Educational and Formative Pathways

Curricula using AI simulations instill **seeing, judging, acting** frameworks, where leaders integrate spiritual gifts for integral development of stakeholders.[2]

- **Servant leadership modules:** AI case studies (e.g., ethical hiring) train overcoming greed via virtues, preventing worldly devotion.[2]
- **Interdisciplinary vision:** Blend with theology for “algor-ethical” outlooks, preparing for AI’s qualitative societal shifts.[3]

Business as “community of persons” demands this holistic formation.[2]

5. Safeguards Against Dehumanization

To avoid AI eclipsing vocation, enforce **human control** and regulations protecting the vulnerable, ensuring technology affirms ethical integrity over rational autonomy.[3] [6]

In summary, AI influences leaders by enhancing common-good service, freeing relational pursuits, demanding discernment, and forming virtues — recasting business positions as vocations of servant stewardship, faithful to the Church’s call for humanity-centered innovation.[1] [6] [2]



[1] [Vocation of the Business Leader: A Reflection, 6]
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[3] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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[5] [Working With the Grammar of Creation: Benedict XVI, Wendell Berry, and the Unity of the Catholic Moral Vision, page17]
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[7] [Work: The Corruption or Perfection of the Human Being?, page3]
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Prompt: How does AI support the formation of virtuous stewardship in business students?

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AI's Support for Virtuous Stewardship in Business Students

AI supports the formation of virtuous stewardship — prudent, just, temperate, and fortitudinous management oriented to the common good and human dignity — by augmenting analytical capacities, enabling ethical simulations, enforcing oversight principles, and revealing technology's limits, thus training students to direct AI as co-creators in God's image rather than passive users.[1] [2] [3] [4] This aligns with the Church's vision of intelligence as stewardship (Gen 2:15), where AI enhances but cannot supplant moral agency.[4] [5]

1. Augmenting Prudence via Data Analysis and Forecasting

AI excels at processing vast datasets, freeing students to exercise **prudence (phronesis)** in discerning just business strategies, such as sustainable supply chains or equitable resource allocation.[1] [3]

- **Predictive modeling:** Tools simulate market impacts, teaching foresight while requiring human judgment to prioritize dignity over profit.[4]
- **Bias detection exercises:** Students audit AI outputs for impartiality, fostering wise oversight aligned with Rome Call principles.[3]

"AI systems must be conceived, designed and implemented to serve and protect human beings ... with a highly sustainable approach."[3]

This reflects technology's positive unfolding of rational nature.[1]

2. Simulations for Justice and Solidarity Formation

Experiential AI scenarios cultivate *justice and solidarity*, immersing students in dilemmas like AI-driven layoffs or discriminatory algorithms, emphasizing subsidiarity and the universal destination of goods.[6] [3]

- **Role-playing platforms:** Virtual business crises demand equitable decisions, highlighting AI's inability to grasp relational goods.[4] [7]
- **Common-good audits:** Evaluate AI's societal effects (e.g., job displacement), training preferential option for the vulnerable.[6]

'Antiqua et Nova' notes AI's educational value when ordered to authentic goals.[5]

3. Ethics-by-Design for Temperance and Integrity

Temperance emerges through "algor-ethics" modules, where students embed transparency, responsibility, and privacy into AI prototypes, moderating tech's seductive efficiency.[3] [8]

- **Design labs:** Build accountable systems (e.g., privacy-respecting analytics), resisting outsourcing virtues like neighborly care.[2]
- **Moral neutrality critiques:** Discuss tech's inherent moral implications, avoiding "morality apps" that undermine personal holiness.[9]

Pope Francis stresses human control to preserve agency.[8]

4. Revealing Limits to Foster Humility and Fortitude

AI's finitude — lacking moral discernment or authentic relationships — instills **humility and fortitude**, as students confront burdens technology cannot alleviate, like death or virtue-building.[2] [9] [7]

- **Limit-testing projects:** Compare AI reasoning to human “fullness of understanding,” reinforcing stewardship’s spiritual depth.[7]
- **Redemption reflections:** Affirm original sin’s non-technological fix, directing reliance to divine providence.[9]

Technology struggles with finitude, pointing to God.[2]

5. Interdisciplinary and Vocational Integration

Blend AI with CST and theology for holistic formation, using business leaders’ vocation frameworks to view stewardship as covenantal.[6] [10]

- **Vocation seminars:** AI aids “seeing, judging, acting,” but human virtues perfect the enterprise.[10]
- **Family/work analogies:** Learn patient interiority for ethical tech use.[6]

This counters dehumanization, integrating tech into holiness.[6]

In summary, AI forms virtuous stewards by augmenting prudence, simulating justice, enforcing temperance, revealing humility’s need, and integrating vocationally — ensuring students wield technology for human flourishing, faithful to Catholic tradition.[3] [4] [5]



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[3] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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[8] [Meeting with the participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Academy of Life] (<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/dadf3481-13fe-44e6-81d0-c3071ae9cbb2/ref/>)

[9] [Technology and Our Relationship with God, page6] (<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/915da592-38af-4461-9370-7cb6a0f89fc2/ref/page6>)

[10] [Vocation of the Business Leader: A Reflection, 27] (<https://www.magisterium.com/docs/8e3cd974-267f-404c-b296-dbe1f1a86bf6/ref/27>)

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Prompt: How does AI align with Catholic social teaching on work?

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AI's Alignment with Catholic Social Teaching on Work

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) views work as central to human dignity, self-realization, and the common good, encompassing both objective (tasks) and subjective (personal development) dimensions.[1] AI aligns when it augments human labor as an expression of *imago Dei*, enhances efficiency for the universal destination of goods, and serves integral human development — but misaligns if it dehumanizes, displaces workers without solidarity, or outsources virtue-building burdens.[2] [3] [4] [5]

1. Positive Alignment: Augmenting Human Creativity and Common Good Service

AI supports CST by unfolding our God-given rational nature as “makers,” reflecting divine creativity while enabling business leaders to serve others more effectively.[3]

- **Efficiency for fraternity:** AI revolutionizes operations (e.g., communication tech), prioritizing sustainable growth over short-term profits and addressing environmental challenges, thus fulfilling work’s call to “cultivate and care for” creation.[2]
- **Innovation in service:** As a tool, AI helps generate accessible goods, aligning with the business vocation to the common good and worker dignity through knowledge-economy roles engaging intellect and will.[6] [1]

“The making of technology thus reflects our dignity as made in the image and likeness of God.”[3]

John Paul II affirms work unites people, with human intelligence irreplaceable by machines.[4]

2. Challenges: Risks to Dignity and Human Flourishing

AI can contradict CST if it erodes dignity — e.g., via financialization prioritizing shareholders, low-skill automation impairing self-management, or outsourcing “good burdens” like neighborly care and virtue formation.[2] [7] [6]

- **Job displacement and inequality:** Routine tasks automated without participation models (e.g., Mondragón cooperatives) fail to affirm dignity as a quality achieved through engaged work.[6]
- **Dehumanizing tendencies:** Technology tempts evasion of essential efforts (e.g., grief, skill-building), turning limits into “bugs” rather than features pointing to God; it cannot repair Fall-damaged relationships.[7]

Scholarly analysis notes some jobs inherently limit dignity, requiring moral realism over utopianism.[8]

3. Conditions for Ethical Alignment: Human Oversight and Algor-Ethics

Alignment demands “ethics by design,” with AI transparently serving dignity, inclusion, and sustainability under human direction.[5]

- **Principles from Rome Call:** Transparency, responsibility, impartiality ensure AI empowers rather than exploits, protecting vulnerable workers and the “common home.”[5]
- **Pastoral discernment:** Evaluate AI contextually for human dignity and relational intelligence, per magisterial calls to “renew the valuation of all that is human.”[9]
- **Organizational ethics:** Businesses must foster worker roles in management, integrating AI to engage intellects for flourishing.[1]

CELAM (Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council) urges a “spiritual gaze” guiding AI toward solidarity and divine communion.[9]

4. Broader Theological Framework: Redemption and Limits

AI fits CST when subordinated to God’s plan: God > human > work/product, avoiding idolization.[10] Its limits (e.g., uncontrollability like prayer) reassert divine primacy, perfecting work through virtue rather than tech alone.[10] [7]

In summary, AI aligns with CST on work by enhancing creative service to the common good under ethical human stewardship, but requires safeguards against dehumanization — ensuring technology perfects, not corrupts, the human vocation to labor digniter.[2] [3] [5]

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[5] [Rome Call for AI Ethics]
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Prompt: What methodological safeguards can prevent AI from compromising the dignity of workers while promoting efficiency?

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Methodological Safeguards for AI in Protecting Worker Dignity Amid Efficiency

Methodological safeguards rooted in Catholic social teaching ensure AI promotes efficiency without compromising worker dignity — defined by the subjective dimension of labor (personal development, freedom, relationships) — through ethics-by-design, human oversight, subsidiarity-driven participation, and transparent accountability, prioritizing human flourishing over technocratic paradigms.[1] [2] [3] [4]

1. Embed Ethics-by-Design from Inception

Incorporate Rome Call principles (transparency, inclusion, responsibility, impartiality, reliability, security/privacy) into AI development workflows, ensuring systems serve human dignity and the common good rather than exploiting vulnerabilities.[1]

- **Algor-ethics audits:** Mandate explainability in algorithms, requiring developers to document decision logic and bias checks before deployment.
- **Inclusion protocols:** Design AI to benefit all workers, e.g., upskilling tools for displaced roles, avoiding discrimination by race, origin, or status.

“AI systems must be conceived, designed and implemented to serve and protect human beings and the environment ... discriminating against no one.”[1]

This prevents efficiency from eroding dignity via “ethics by design.”[1]

2. Enforce Human Oversight and Complementarity

Position AI as a complement to human labor, not replacement, with mandatory human-in-the-loop for critical decisions, safeguarding intrinsic human value independent of output.[5] [2]

- **Oversight frameworks:** Require final human approval for AI recommendations in hiring, scheduling, or performance metrics, preserving freedom and moral agency.
- **Impact assessments:** Pre-and post-implementation evaluations measuring dignity effects (e.g., job quality, health), halting if impoverishment risks arise.[2]

Pope Leo XIV emphasizes humans as “co-workers in creation,” not “passive consumers,” with AI under human direction to protect relational capacities.[5]

3. Organize Work for Human Capacities (Subsidiarity and Good Work)

Structure AI integration per CST’s “good work” principles: scope for intelligence/freedom, social collaboration, health/spiritual well-being, avoiding machine-like adaptation.[3] [4]

- **Subsidiarity models:** Empower lower-level workers with AI tools fostering initiative (e.g., data dashboards for self-management), treating them as “co-entrepreneurs.”
- **Dignity audits:** Design roles engaging intellect/will, rejecting low-initiative automation (e.g., Mondragón-style participation limits pay gaps, vets decisions democratically).

[Mondragón-style participation is a democratic, worker-owned cooperative model based on “one member, one vote,” where workers own capital, govern the firm, and share in profits/losses.][6]

“Work must be designed for the capacities and qualities of human beings ... Good work gives scope for the intelligence and freedom of workers.”[4]

4. Promote Transparency, Traceability, and Worker Involvement

Build accountability via “duty of explanation,” worker training in AI literacy, and participatory governance, ensuring efficiency aligns with universal destination of goods.[1] [7]

- **Traceability logs:** Immutable records of AI decisions for review, enabling appeals and learning.
- **Stakeholder councils:** Include workers in AI policy, per business as “community of persons,” motivated by vocation beyond profit.[8] [9]

This fosters reliable, secure systems respecting privacy and preventing bias.[1]

5. Regulatory and Educational Commitments

Advocate multi-stakeholder consensus (governments, NGOs, businesses) for binding standards, plus lifelong education adapting workers to AI without exclusion.[1]

- **Sustainability metrics:** Balance efficiency with planetary care and empowerment, especially for vulnerable groups.
- **Formation programs:** Train leaders in virtues for “servant leadership,” integrating AI ethically.[7]

In summary, these safeguards — ethics-by-design, human complementarity, subsidiarity, transparency, and regulation — enable AI-driven efficiency to elevate dignified work, affirming CST’s vision of labor as path to human perfection under ethical stewardship.[1] [2] [3] [4]

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Prompt: In what ways does AI reinforce the dignity of work?

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AI’s Reinforcement of Work’s Dignity

AI reinforces the dignity of work — rooted in humans as *imago Dei* (Gen 1:27), called to stewardship (Gen 2:15) — by augmenting rational creativity, relieving burdensome tasks, enabling inclusive access to goods, and complementing labor’s subjective dimension (personal growth, relationships), provided it serves the common good under human direction rather than technocratic efficiency.[1] [2] [3] [4]

1. Augmenting Human Creativity and Stewardship

AI extends human intelligence as co-creators, allowing workers to “till and keep” creation responsibly, unfolding God-given potential without supplanting free choice or relational capacities.[1] [2]

- **Tool for innovation:** AI processes data for complex designs (e.g., sustainable engineering), engaging intellect and will, affirming work’s objective value while prioritizing human primacy.[2] [3]
- **Stewardship enhancement:** Enables precise resource management, aligning with CST’s universal destination of goods and care for our common home.[1]

“Human beings are called to be co-workers in the work of creation ... Artificial intelligence has certainly opened up new horizons for creativity.”[1]

2. Relieving Arduous, Repetitive Labor

By automating risky or monotonous tasks, AI frees workers for dignified, fulfilling roles, preserving health and enabling moral/spiritual growth inherent to labor.[5] [6] [4]

- **Risk reduction:** Replaces hazardous jobs (e.g., manufacturing dangers), echoing *Laborem Exercens* on technology's role in humanizing work.[7]
- **Efficiency for growth:** Shifts focus to planning, relationships, and talents, countering “impoverishment” if complementing, not displacing.[5] [8]

Francis notes robots can end “arduous, risky and repetitive” work causing “suffering, boredom,” provided dignity is not risked.[6]

3. Fostering Inclusive Access and Common Good

AI democratizes opportunities, empowering the vulnerable through education, upskilling, and equitable tools, realizing work as path to fraternity and development.[9] [10] [11]

- **Lifelong learning:** Adaptive platforms offer inclusive education, guaranteeing access for all, including disabled/elderly, per solidarity.[9]
- **Economic equity:** Optimizes supply chains for sustainability, prioritizing steady employment and human costs over short-term gains.[4] [8]

“The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work.”[4]

4. Complementing Labor's Subjective Dimension

AI highlights human uniqueness — wonder, contemplation, unconditional love — elevating oversight roles that affirm dignity as achieved through intellect, self-management, and flourishing.[1] [3] [12]

- **Relational priority:** Automates routines, liberating for interpersonal “good work” (teamwork, virtue-building), where “worker is always more important than ... machines.”[7] [12]
- **Virtue formation:** Requires human moral discernment, preventing bias and ensuring work perfects the person.[13]

JPII insists: “work is ‘for man’ and not man ‘for work’”; labor precedes capital.[3]

5. Ethical Guardrails for Sustained Dignity

Rome Call principles (transparency, responsibility, etc.) ensure AI empowers without exploiting, with human control safeguarding against dehumanization.[9]

In summary, AI reinforces work's dignity by creatively augmenting stewardship, relieving burdens, promoting inclusion, complementing human essence, and adhering to ethics — transforming technology into an ally for integral human development, faithful to CST.[1] [2] [9] [3]



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