

# The Humanitas AI Compact

*Artificial Intelligence in the Service of Humanity*

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Across Africa, across the Global South, across every community that has received the costs of technological change before its benefits, the question of who artificial intelligence serves has never been more urgent. For the first time in history, a papal encyclical has placed AI at the centre of the Church's social teaching and called institutions of learning to respond. The poor, the sick, the migrants and the least among us will become, in the words of Pope Leo XIV, the cornerstone. Women are named here, Pope Leo XIV named them specifically, because their equal participation in learning and public life remains unrealised across much of the world. The goods of the digital age, knowledge, data, algorithms, AI itself, belong to all of humanity and must serve all of humanity. This Compact is our response: seven principles, seven commitments, one shared direction. We invite every institution of learning, wherever it is on earth, to join this response.

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## THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

i. **Human Dignity.** Every person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably

grounded in their being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance. No technology can give it. No technology can take it away.

ii. **Solidarity.** We are responsible for one another. AI that excludes any human being violates the bond that holds humanity together.

iii. **Subsidiarity.** Decisions about AI must be made closest to those affected.

Schools, universities, communities and associations must contribute to the discernment of choices that affect people's daily lives.

iv. **The Common Good.** The goal of all learning and technology is a world built not for the few but for the common good of all.

v. **The Universal Destination of Goods.** Algorithms, data, platforms and the benefits of AI belong to all of humanity. When these remain concentrated in the hands of a few, a new injustice is created that contradicts the first principle of the whole ethical and social order.

vi. **Truth.** Truth is a common good and not the property of those with power or

influence. The pursuit of truth is the defining purpose of all learning. AI must serve this pursuit, not replace it.

vii. **The Integral Person.** Learning forms whole human beings. No person can be reduced to just a data point, a digital profile, or a measurable output. The quality of a civilisation is measured by the care it is able to offer.

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## THE SEVEN COMMITMENTS

i. We commit to reviewing and renewing our programmes so that learning in the

age of AI forms whole persons, capable of reflection, discernment and conscience.

ii. We commit to equipping our students, staff and those we serve with genuine digital literacy: the capacity to understand AI, its possibilities, its limits and its meaning for human dignity.

iii. We commit to directing our AI-related work toward those most at risk of exclusion,

the poor, the sick, the displaced and, in particular, women and girls.

iv. We commit to guiding our AI-related work toward justice and peace, and to resisting the subordination of learning to purely economic or technical efficiency.

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v. We commit to forming a renewed educational alliance for the digital age, with families, communities, associations and institutions across the world, placing the human person and the common good at the centre of all we do.

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vi. We commit to using our institutional voice in the governance of AI, contributing to the discernment of choices that affect people's daily lives: in public discourse, policy processes and ethical frameworks.

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vii. We commit to the principle that the goods of the digital age belong to all of

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humanity and must not remain the privilege of the few. We will work, within our capacity, to advance this common good in everything we do.

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*The Humanitas AI Compact is inspired by Magnifica Humanitas, the Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIV (2026), and the tradition of the Church's Social Doctrine. To learn more or engage with the Humanitas AI programme, visit [humanitasai.org](https://humanitasai.org).*