

World Day of
Social Communications

Preserving Human Faces and Voices




Pope Leo XIV chose to emphasise the importance of preserving “the uniquely human capacities of empathy, ethics and moral responsibility”. Faced with the immense potential generated by the digital revolution driven by artificial intelligence, “the challenge is to ensure that humanity remains in control”, the Dicastery for Communication stated in a press release.

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This, in a way, sums up the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 60th World Day of Social Communications in 2026. In the current context, according to the press release from the Dicastery for Communication, “*technology is influencing interactions as never before – from algorithms that select content in news feeds to artificial intelligence that writes texts and entire conversations*”.

Although humanity now has at its disposal possibilities that were unimaginable just a few years ago, these effective and far-reaching tools cannot replace uniquely human capacities such as empathy, ethics and moral responsibility.

Leo XIV went on to say, “*humanity stands at a crossroads, faced with the immense potential generated by the digital revolution driven by artificial intelligence*”, emphasising the importance of developing artificial intelligence with “*responsibility and discernment*”.

“*AI must therefore not be regarded as a person; it must not be deified; it must not replace human relationships, but must be used solely as a tool complementary to human intelligence*”.

In the same vein, the Dicastery points out, public communication “*requires human judgement, not just data patterns*”. And the challenge is to “*ensure that humanity remains in control*”. This is why it is urgent “*to introduce media literacy into education systems, alongside literacy in AP*”. “*As Catholics, we can and must contribute so that everyone – especially young people – ac-*

quires the ability to think critically and grows in freedom of mind,” states the Dicastery for Communication. Machines “*must be instruments at the service of human connection and life, and not forces that erode the human voice*”.

Rev. Gilles Grandmont is leaving us, again



Over the past three years, on secondment from the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, Father Gilles has ministered to the communities of St. Francis Xavier in Mattice and Holy Name of Jesus in Hornepayne, whilst also serving as an assistant priest at Hearst Cathedral. In addition, he has assisted Bishop Tremblay in the preparation and organisation of special projects such as pilgrimages and the blessing ceremony for the new church in Attawapiskat, which is due to take place later this year.

In less than a month, on 15 June, Father Gilles will return to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

Thank you, Gilles, for your ministry amongst us. May the Lord continue to bless you through the people you meet, and may the Lord, in turn, bless them through you.

A few weeks ago, Bishop Tremblay met with the communities of Mattice and Hornepayne to discuss the future of pastoral ministry with them. To be continued.