

AI & Faith: A Catholic Discussion Guide

Exploring Artificial Intelligence Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching

Group Size: 3-6 students Duration: 30-45 min Grades: 8-12

The Scenario

Your school is considering adopting an AI tool that writes personalized prayers for students based on their mood and daily challenges. The AI uses data from their journal entries and social media. As a group of Catholic student leaders, you've been asked to advise the principal. **Should your school adopt this tool? Why or why not?**

Round 1: Imago Dei

1. Can an AI truly "pray"? What makes human prayer different from AI-generated text?
2. Does using AI for prayer respect or diminish human dignity?
3. What does it mean that we are made in God's image — and how does that relate to AI?

Round 2: Moral Conscience

1. Is it ethical for an AI to read students' journals and social media to generate prayers?
2. Who is responsible if the AI generates something harmful or theologically incorrect?
3. How should we apply the virtue of prudence to adopting new technology?

Round 3: Communion

1. Would AI-generated prayers bring students closer together or isolate them?
2. What role does community play in authentic prayer? Can AI replace a prayer partner?
3. How might this tool affect the relationship between students and their chaplain?

Round 4: Wonder & Awe

1. If AI can generate a prayer in seconds, does it reduce the mystery and beauty of prayer?
2. What is lost when we automate something sacred?
3. How do we preserve silence and contemplation in an AI-driven world?

YOUR GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION



Adopt
with these conditions:



Modify
change these aspects:



Reject
for these reasons:

GROUP NOTES
