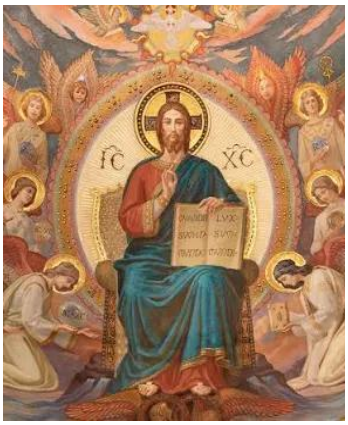
NEWS – US LAY ASSOCIATES
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While governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.
Long live Christ the King!



In 1925 Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King with his encyclical "*Quas primas"* ("in the first") aware that the growth of secularism and atheism which was putting Jesus and his law out of public life would result in discord among people and nations. This encyclical gave people hope at a time when in Mexico, Russia and some parts of Europe godless regimes threatened the church and its faithful. The encyclical gave Catholics hope that Christ the King shall reign forever. The teaching says: Jesus Christ "is very truth and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind."

We are called to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: He must reign in our minds….in our wills….in our hearts…..in our bodies…..and in our members. (Read *Quas primas, 33*)

In many parts of the world, religious freedom means believing whatever in private but not speaking anything that relates to our faith. **This feast encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith <u>in public</u>** – sermons preached at meetings and in churches, public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, processions, speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves, fighting for the rights our Constitution guarantees and seeing that laws are based on rights and liberties all humans are given by Jesus, our King.

"The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to the people of every epoch so that those who believe in the incarnate Word 'may not die but have eternal life'". (Pope Benedict XVI



NOTE: The Incarnate Word Cemetery has undergone renovation and the placement of our US Associates' plaque naming our deceased Associates was placed in a more prominent location. Trinity Community (SA) met and remembered them with the prayer service below:

OPENING PRAYER: God our Father, we gather today to remember our deceased Associates, who died faithful to the ministry of the Incarnate Word Associates. United in the Communion of Saints, we trust in the promise of eternal life, rejoicing that Jesus Christ has conquered death and offers the hope of resurrection to all who believe. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praises forever and ever. Amen

READING OF THE NAMES OF FOUR DECEASED ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL

Ben King August 18, 2024 Dallas/Fort Worth, TX Father James W. Hall February 1, 2025 El Paso, TX
Oscar Ramirez November 21, 2024 Corpus Christi, TX Virginia Bone August 12, 2025 St. Louis, MO

REFLECTION by Delia Gutierrez

I wanted to honor my mom, Lydia Montalvo, a member of the Corpus Christi, Texas Community, by following in her footsteps of volunteer ministry, and by becoming a part of the Incarnate Word Associate Community. I appreciated and was truly blessed by witnessing her life as she lived the true meaning of dedication, ministry of education, and helping the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. I wanted to gain knowledge of the history of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, and be a part of their mission and charism. In my family we were taught to always treat others as we would like to be treated. I plan to live my life by the guided principle with divine and everlasting faith and love of God.

PRAYER FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

You created my inmost being
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you because
I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.
(Psalm 139:13-14)



DECEMBER

December 1 Rosi Cortez
December 3 Connie Amparón

December 10 Dale Roper
December 19 Alice Marie Weis
December 23 Ceci de la Cruz

FROM THE VATICAN:

EDITORIAL COMMENT: It was most interesting to me to read on AI discussions at the Vatican. I have had my own experience as I think many of you have if you spend time on the computer. Yes, AI helper can edit and correct but not always to my liking. The frustration is when wanting to speak to a "real" person in an office, and the only "person" is the AI helper who will not let me navigate to a specific topic I am wanting. As you read below, you will note that the subject is broader and not what an individual person like myself is asking, but rather to nations which seem to be relying more and more on artificial intelligence. How do you apply the topics below? Each of us will find where we, the family, the parish or our city fit in. Read carefully and see where God has placed you in this world of millions. MARIA ELENA SCHUERMAN

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"The Future of AI: A dialogue between the Vatican and the Scientific World on the Developments and Applications of Intelligent Technologies".

Present at these discussions were representatives of different countries and the Pope pointed out that this bought new questions and perspectives into play. He commented that there is an unease regarding AI, and that we recognize the direction we should take, yet not enough is being done to move forward; certain decisions cannot ever be delegated; intelligent technologies must be directed to the common good and institutions are needed to put ethical principles into practice to guide AI development.

At the G7 leaders in 2024, Pope Francis described AI as "an exciting and fearsome tool" stressing that **no machine should ever be able to choose whether to take human life.** (my emphasis)

These words still ring true, Pope Leo said. Turning to his own encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, the Pope outlined considerations regarding artificial intelligence: the future of AI is not pre-determined; machines are tools, not people; certain decisions cannot ever be delegated; intelligent technologies must be directed to the common good; and institutions are needed to put ethical principles into practice to guide AI development

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The future of artificial intelligence is not pre-determined. Since human beings develop AI, its future relies on the choices humanity makes. That is why, the Pope stressed, "we have the responsibility to guide, change, and, when necessary, reject its applications."

Developing AI should not mean focusing solely on the finish line and ignoring those left behind. Pope Leo argued that a reliable system that serves the human person has much greater value than one that is powerful but whose "consequences cannot be adequately foreseen or controlled."

The second consideration the Pope explained is that machines are tools and not persons. They do not have experiences, bodies, feelings, relationships, and do not understand love, work, or responsibility.

Thirdly, there are certain decisions that should never be given to machines.

The fourth consideration is that intelligent technologies should be geared towards the common good. "Indeed, they must never become ends in themselves or serve merely the interests of a privileged few," the Pope stressed to the participants.

Pope Leo's final consideration is a challenge, which he described as potentially the most urgent. The world needs institutions capable of putting ethical principles into practice to guide AI into practice and a focus on protecting the common good.