

AI

In the light of Magnifica Humanitas: Promise, Perils and Pope Leo

Webinar
Wednesday 10 June 2026
7pm AEST



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Mobiliti



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This month's ACI webinar on Wednesday 10 June 2026 will focus on Pope Leo's new encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

Our speakers will be Malaysian entrepreneur, Premesh Chandran, co-founder of the online news site, Malaysiakini, and of Asia Mobiliti, a tech company working on transport solutions, and Catholic Social Teaching, Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR.

Please join us for this important event.

Date and time

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Registration link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/EWAkRGVTSr6ZBoxK25bP6A>

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Dialogue with the world is not a tactical choice for the Church but a concrete expression of her mission because the Gospel, like leaven, is capable of transforming the structures of society from within and forging paths toward a greater humanity.

- Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas*

Our speakers

Premesh Chandran



Premesh Chandran is the co-founder of Malaysiakini, Malaysia's most popular independent news website, as well as Asia Mobiliti and Awatar, both innovative platforms in the mobility and AI sectors.

He has also served as Executive Director of Open Society–Asia Pacific, where he provided the organisation with a nuanced understanding of the social, economic, and political factors that drive change across the region, coupled with an entrepreneurial and problem-solving approach grounded in his business experience. He has expertise in new media and technology and understands the importance of analytics in shaping strategy.

Prior to joining the Open Society Foundations, Prem spent more than two decades successfully leading efforts to protect and promote free speech and independent journalism in Malaysia. He is the co-founder and former CEO of Malaysiakini.com, Malaysia's most popular independent news website. Despite operating in a challenging political environment, he oversaw the expansion of Malaysiakini's readership to more than 8 million people in English, Malay, Chinese, and Tamil.

Prem also co-founded Asia Mobiliti, a technology company focused on improving public transportation and logistics. He is a TED senior fellow and has served as a business coach to more than 60 companies. In 2010, he received the Asia Foundation's Chang-Lin Tan Fellowship.

Fr Bruce Duncan CSSR



Bruce Duncan was ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1971. He studied economics and political science at the University of Sydney so he could pursue his deep interest in Social Justice. During this time he was one of the founding editors of National Outlook magazine.

He was a member of the Melbourne Catholic Commission for Justice, Development and Peace (1994-2007), and a consultant with Catholic Social Services Victoria (1998-2007).

Beginning in 1986, he taught at Yarra Theological Union and coordinated the program in social justice studies until his retirement in 2021.

Bruce was also one of the founders of the advocacy organisation, Social Policy Connections, and of the Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy.

Magnifica Humanitas Resources

ACI has also launched a new resource website dedicated to Pope Leo's encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas.

www.magnificahumanitas.au