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Being Human in the Age of AI **Inaugural Canada-Wide Hybrid Speaker Series on** **Catholic Social Thought and Critical Issues**

Pilot Project: Anticipated Launch in winter 2027

[CAPP-Canada](#) is the Canadian chapter of the Vatican-based [Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice](#). Established by Pope John Paul II 1993, CAPP’s mission is to foster a deeper knowledge and application of the principles of human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity which are central to Catholic Social Thought. Our chapter seeks to carry out this mission in the Canadian context while advancing the Foundation’s global mission and collaborating with chapters in other countries.

As one of our signature programs, we have developed an annual Canada-wide hybrid, multi-partner speaker series on CST and contemporary issues. This initiative is a broad outreach effort to raise awareness of CST while fostering collaboration among centres of Catholic thought across the country.

The series brings together partner institutions to host a coordinated set of 4–6 hybrid seminars on a common theme. Each event takes place in person at a host institution, where participants can attend locally, while others join nationally either online or through organized “watch parties” at partner sites. Events are typically 60–90 minutes and include short presentations, moderated dialogue, and audience Q&A. Built-in breakout discussions create space for deeper engagement across formats and give host institutions the flexibility to shape a distinctive local experience—for example, by incorporating a meal, a reception, or an extended conversation alongside the event.

For our inaugural series, the proposed theme is **Being Human in the Age of AI**, with an anticipated launch in winter 2027. The series will open with a flagship panel featuring two world-class speakers: a leading Catholic expert on AI and ethics and a leading AI scientist (to be confirmed). The panel moderator will CAPP-Canada’s [Dr. Cory Andrew Labrecque](#), who is also member the AI Research Group for the Centre for Digital Culture and the Dicastery for Culture and Education of the Holy See and of the global [AI and Faith Institute](#). Select respondents will be invited to pose questions that anticipate themes explored in subsequent sessions.

Throughout the series, participants will be introduced to the core principles of CST— human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity—and invited to consider how AI serves or challenges them. Sessions will address the importance of philosophical anthropology, the dignity and vocation of work in light of technological change, and the ethical implications of prioritizing efficiency and cost over the human person. They will also provide a clear understanding of what AI is and is not, explore ways in which it may both benefit and harm individuals and society, and engage leading perspectives on emerging opportunities and risks.

Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of AI, a framework for ethical discernment grounded in CST, and greater confidence in applying these insights across all fields.