

«THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH IN THE FACE OF THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF OUR WORLD»

What can we do with the Social Doctrine of the Church if not read it, study it, and reflect upon it, so as to understand and address with greater awareness the challenges and profound transformations shaping our time? In this regard, it is worth recalling briefly the heart of the message that has accompanied the gradual development of what we now call the “Social Doctrine of the Church”: a fruitful path of reflection capable of guiding both thought and action. It invites us to bear witness to the living power of the Christian spirit in every sphere of social life and to recognize the resources that Revelation offers to all those committed to building a more fraternal and supportive society.

Inspired by this broad yet profound vision, the *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation* has for many years continued to offer educational and formative programs open to its members and to all those who share its aims, with particular attention to younger generations, young professionals, and university students.

In 2027, the Foundation renews its commitment by offering a program of reflection and guidance designed to bring the Social Doctrine of the Church into dialogue with some of the major questions confronting the men and women of our time: culture, democracy, education, new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI), politics and the future of the European Union, economics, entrepreneurship and work, migration, ethics, and spirituality.

The strategic value of this approach lies, first, in analyzing areas of social life that are currently undergoing profound transformation; second, in discerning these changes in the light of the criteria for judgment offered by the great Tradition of the Church, in which the Social Doctrine has its roots; and finally, in promoting, in continuity with the teaching of Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV, that “integral ecology” which calls us to contribute to building a common home at the service of the human and spiritual growth of all.

Finally, allow us to extend an invitation to everyone: whatever our field of activity, let us come together to embrace this twofold mission, bringing together

formation and commitment, intellectual inquiry and concrete action. It is in this spirit that the project invites us to become ever more open, prepared, and united.

For all those who wish to accept this invitation from the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, the program for the 2027 course, including information on the speakers, proposed topics, dates, and venues, is available from the Foundation. On behalf of the institutional leadership, we sincerely thank you for the attention and interest you may wish to give to this initiative, and we hope that you will also share it with others around you who may be interested.

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