



DECLARATION

THE LUMINA DECLARATION

*on Human Dignity
For Humanity in the AI Age*

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P R E A M B L E

A Declaration in Conscience

Today, we warmly welcome the first encyclical of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, published on May 25, 2026, and signed on May 15, 2026 — the one hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, the encyclical that, in 1891, gave the modern world its moral grammar for the industrial age.

This historic document calls humanity to place the human person, human dignity, moral responsibility, justice, peace, truth, and the common good at the center of the artificial-intelligence age. It does so at a moment when the choices made in the coming five years will determine the architecture on which the next half-century of human governance will rest.

Since its founding in 2017, AIWS — the Artificial Intelligence World Society, now also the AI Wisdom Society — has worked toward this same calling: to ensure that artificial intelligence serves humanity, strengthens trust, protects democracy, advances peace, and elevates civilization. Through the AIWS Trust Architecture, the AIWS Trust Infrastructure, the AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure, and AIWS Lumina, BGF-AIWS has sought to build the practical frameworks through which technology is governed by wisdom, dignity, transparency, accountability, compassion, and responsibility to humanity.

These efforts have been developed continuously over the past nine years and were recently crystallized in the book I co-authored with Governor Michael S. Dukakis, *America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age*, as well as in the Beacon Declaration and Process, which calls for the founding and implementation of the AIWS Trust Infrastructure and the AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure for the AI age — frameworks now being received into the institutions of the democratic world from the Headquarters of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan in Tokyo to Harvard's Loeb House in Cambridge.

The convergence between the moral call of *Magnifica Humanitas* and the institutional work of AIWS is not accidental. It is the recognition, by two traditions arriving from very different starting points, of a single truth that the artificial-intelligence age cannot evade.

AI must not merely be powerful.

AI must be trustworthy, humane, transparent, accountable, and worthy of human dignity.

This Declaration is issued in conscience, in gratitude, and in concrete commitment. It affirms the principles on which the AI age must be built, and it proposes the action programs through which those principles shall be translated from moral vision into institutional practice.

P A R T I

Affirmations

We affirm the following propositions as the moral foundations of the artificial-intelligence age, in answer to the call of Magnifica Humanitas and in continuation of the framework of AIWS Lumina:

FIRST, that the human person is the foundation. The dignity of every person — inalienable, irreducible, and prior to every system that shall be built around it — is the first principle of the artificial-intelligence age. No technical capability, no economic efficiency, no political convenience may displace this foundation.

SECOND, that trust is the infrastructure. Without verifiable, accountable, and continuously sustained trust, the institutions of free societies cannot function in the artificial-intelligence age. Trust is not a sentiment to be invoked but an infrastructure to be built — with the same seriousness, the same engineering rigor, and the same institutional permanence as the protocols of the internet and the rule of law itself.

THIRD, that wisdom is the direction. The artificial-intelligence age requires not only intelligence but wisdom — the discernment of what ought to be done, the judgment that holds power within the service of human flourishing, and the humility that recognizes the limits of every system constructed by human hands. The AI Wisdom Society exists to ensure that this discernment is preserved.

FOURTH, that culture is constitutive, not ornamental. The cultural, philosophical, and civilizational dimension of human life — the dimension that AIWS Lumina addresses — is not a decorative supplement to the technical and political architecture of the AI age. It is constitutive of it. A civilization in which artificial intelligence serves love, creativity, nobility, wisdom, and the dignity of persons is the only civilization in which the AI age can be sustained.

FIFTH, that accountability must be democratic. The institutions that govern artificial intelligence in free societies must be accountable to those whose lives they shape. No technical priesthood, no closed corporate forum, no unaccountable agency may be permitted to displace the democratic forms through which free peoples deliberate their own future.

SIXTH, that participation must be constitutive. The constituencies of the Global South — from ASEAN to South Asia, from Africa to Latin America — must be co-architects, not recipients, of the trust infrastructure of the AI age. A democratic order built without their participation will not be a democratic order for long.

SEVENTH, that truth itself is now infrastructure. In an age of deepfakes, disinformation, manipulation, and digital polarization, trusted information is not a private matter but a public good. The integrity of public discourse — the substrate on which democratic deliberation rests — must be sustained through deliberate institutional effort, or it will be eroded by the unconstrained logic of capability alone.

EIGHTH, that the artificial-intelligence age must remain worthy of future generations. The systems we build today shall shape not only markets and institutions, but the moral and civilizational conditions under which our children, and their children, shall live. Humanity therefore bears a twofold responsibility: a responsibility of intergenerational justice, to ensure that the choices made in our decade do not foreclose the options of those who shall inherit the world we leave

behind; and a responsibility of epistemic humility, to recognize that we cannot foresee the full trajectory of the AI age, and that the trust infrastructure we now construct must be robust enough to serve futures we cannot yet imagine. Those who shall live in the AI age longest are those who have least voice in shaping it; the dignity of future persons is therefore the silent first principle of every decision now being made.

PART II

Action Programs

To answer the moral call of Magnifica Humanitas in concrete institutional terms, the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society, together with the partners, members, and Signatories of Conscience who together form the BGF-AIWS Family, propose and commit to the following seven action programs. The first four build the foundational architecture of trust in the AI age; the last three convene the constituencies whose engagement shall give that architecture life.

PART II.A

The Architecture

Four programs to build the trust infrastructure on which the AI age must stand: the technical specification of trust, the integrity of public information, the cultural architecture of human dignity, and the institutional Order that sustains them.

1. Build the AIWS Trust Infrastructure for the AI Age

Artificial-intelligence systems that affect human life — in democracy, education, health, finance, labor, security, media, and public information — must be assessed by clear trust standards before being deployed at scale in society.

BGF-AIWS calls for AI systems to achieve high thresholds in the AIWS Trust Rating and the AIWS Trust Index, including standards for safety, transparency, accountability, explainability, reliability, human oversight, information integrity, and the protection of human dignity. The release of AIWS Trust Standards version 0.0 at Interop 26 in Tokyo on June 12, 2026 marks the public beginning of this work.

Trust must become infrastructure for the AI age.

2. Advance the AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure

In an age of deepfakes, disinformation, manipulation, cyber conflict, and digital polarization, trusted information must become a core public infrastructure. The Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society shall work with governments, media organizations, technology companies, universities, and civil society to build systems for content provenance, verification of authorship, accountability of platforms, trusted public communication, and rapid democratic response to information attacks and trust failures.

The AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure shall not be the property of any state, corporation, or platform. It shall be a shared public infrastructure, governed by democratic norms, accessible to

citizens and institutions across borders, and designed to preserve the conditions under which truthful public deliberation remains possible.

Without trust in information, democracy cannot survive the AI age.

3. Implement AIWS Lumina as a Cultural Architecture for Humanity

Technology alone cannot guide humanity. The AI age must also be shaped by culture, beauty, reflection, compassion, wisdom, creativity, and the noble values that elevate the human spirit. AIWS Lumina shall help cultivate a civilization in which artificial intelligence serves:

- *love,*
- *creativity,*
- *human dignity,*
- *peace,*
- *nobility,*
- *wisdom,*
- *and the flourishing of humanity.*

Lumina is not only a cultural vision. It is a civilizational direction for the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

“The AI age must not become an age of spiritual emptiness, but an age in which technology elevates the human spirit and deepens the meaning of civilization.”

4. Advance the AIWS Trust Order

On the basis of the moral vision of Magnifica Humanitas and the framework of the AIWS Trust Infrastructure, the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society shall engage and cooperate with major technology companies, governments, universities, and civil-society leaders to implement trustworthy, transparent, accountable, and humane artificial intelligence. The AIWS Trust Order Board — the founding institutional body of the Trust Order, to be convened at the National Diet of Japan on June 12, 2026 — shall take responsibility for advancing and implementing:

- *the AIWS Trust Architecture,*
- *the AIWS Trust Infrastructure,*
- *and the AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure.*

BGF-AIWS shall act as an implementation and action force for trustworthy AI in the AI age.

The time for action is now. Humanity cannot wait. The decisive decade has already begun. The architecture of the next civilization is now being written.

PART III.B

The Convenings

Three programs to convene the constituencies whose engagement shall give the architecture life: the dialogues through which it is shaped, the moral authority through which it is sanctified, and the regional pathways through which it is implemented.

5. Convene High-Level Dialogues with Governments and Technology Leaders

The Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society shall organize high-level discussions with leaders of governments, international organizations, technology corporations, universities, media organizations, and civil society — not only to translate the moral vision of Magnifica Humanitas into practical standards, governance models, and implementation commitments, but also to urgently implement the initiatives and calls that BGF–AIWS has advanced over the past nine years. These efforts are crystallized in:

- *the book America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age,*
- *the Beacon Declaration and Process,*
- *the AIWS Trust Architecture White Paper,*
- *and the AIWS Lumina White Paper.*

Humanity cannot wait for trustworthy and humane AI.

6. Mobilize the America 250: AI Pioneers for Humanity

The Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society shall propose, at a time suitable to the Holy Father, a delegation of the distinguished America 250: AI Pioneers — the fifty leaders, scientists, innovators, and global thinkers whose work is shaping the future of artificial intelligence and human civilization — to visit the Vatican and to engage in dialogue with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on how artificial intelligence may serve:

- *human dignity,*
- *peace,*
- *truth,*
- *democracy,*
- *wisdom,*
- *and the common good.*

This dialogue would represent a historic bridge between moral leadership, spiritual wisdom, technological innovation, and the future of civilization.

7. Launch Implementation Pathways in the United States, Europe, Japan, Vietnam, ASEAN, and the Global South

Building on my Distinguished Keynote at the Headquarters of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan on March 31, 2026 — which called on Japan to pioneer the AIWS Trust Infrastructure — the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society shall continue concrete implementation discussions at Interop 26 in Tokyo on June 12, 2026, together with discussions at the National Diet of Japan later that same day. These pathways shall support practical implementation efforts across:

- the United States,
- Europe,
- Japan,
- Vietnam,
- ASEAN,
- and the Global South.

BGF-AIWS believes that democratic nations and responsible partners must work together to build trustworthy and humane AI systems for humanity. Each pathway shall be designed for the specific institutional, legal, and cultural conditions of its host society, while composing coherently within the broader architecture of the AIWS Trust Order.

As Magnifica Humanitas calls humanity to safeguard the human person in the time of artificial intelligence, BGF-AIWS commits these seven programs as the institutional answer to that calling — not in word alone, but in the durable structures of trust, dignity, and wisdom on which the AI age must rest.

PART III

A Personal Recollection

These commitments do not arise from policy analysis alone. They arise from a particular path that has shaped both my own conviction and the institutional work of the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society.

I recall with deep gratitude my participation in the Vatican Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Humanity, and my audience with His Holiness Pope Francis on June 3, 2024. At that Interfaith Conference, I called for religions and spiritual traditions to collaborate in guiding the artificial-intelligence age with conscience, spiritual depth, compassion, wisdom, and responsibility to humanity. In that moment — brief in time, but profound in spirit — the conviction took form in me that the AI age must be guided not only by innovation, but by the deepest moral and spiritual traditions of humankind.

The encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, issued by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV in continuation of that tradition, gives voice to a calling that resonates with the work to which the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society have committed themselves. It is a calling we receive with humility, responsibility, and determination — not merely to speak about trustworthy AI, but to build the institutions, infrastructures, and cultural foundations through which humanity may safely and wisely enter the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

PART IV

Affirmation

Today, *Magnifica Humanitas* represents a historic moral call to humanity.

AIWS Lumina is a response through action.

We therefore affirm

Human dignity is the foundation.

Trust is the infrastructure.

Wisdom is the direction.

Lumina is the cultural light for humanity

in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

May the Age of Artificial Intelligence be remembered, by the generations whose inheritance is now being shaped, not as the age in which humanity surrendered its dignity to technology, but as the age in which humanity elevated technology through dignity, wisdom, trust, and civilization.

SIGNED

In witness of the principles herein affirmed, and in commitment to the action programs herein declared, this Declaration is signed on the date and at the place set forth below.

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