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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

I recently had the privilege of meeting with Pope Leo XIV, as well as senior Vatican leaders, including Reverend Monsignor Daniel Pacho and Father Paolo Benanti, to discuss the responsible and transparent governance of artificial intelligence (AI).

I believe the Pope, more clearly than any other global leader, has offered in Magnifica Humanitas an ethical framework for AI grounded in two fundamental principles: human dignity and equality.

First, human dignity requires that technology remains in the service of human beings, not the other way around. When decisions affect a person's life, such as in health care, finance, access to public services, employment, or individual freedom, there must be a responsible human agent as decision-maker. We can embrace technological progress that unlocks new possibilities, provided that we do not abandon human responsibility for consequential decisions.

Second, equality requires that the benefits of AI be broadly shared. AI should not lead to mass unemployment or a society in which millions lose the dignity, purpose, and economic security that come with work. Equality also means ensuring that AI does not deepen the exclusion of minorities, lower-income communities, or people who lack access to technology and education. Nor should control over the algorithms and data become concentrated in the hands of only a few companies or individuals. Every person should have a meaningful stake in the prosperity and decision-making power that this technology creates.

Magnifica Humanitas also cautions us against the aspiration of transhumanism, the belief that technology can somehow allow us to transcend the fundamental limits of the human condition. We should embrace our humanity, including our mortality and imperfections, rather than pursue the illusion of becoming godlike. Artificial intelligence should strengthen human judgment, creativity, and wisdom, not seek to replace them.

These principles raise important questions for companies building AI platforms. Please respond to the following questions no later than September 1, 2026.

1. What policies has your company adopted that align with the principles of human dignity and equality outlined in this letter?

2. How are these principles reflected in your decisions about product design, employment, algorithmic accountability, and access to AI?
3. Do you agree with the Pope's emphasis on human dignity and equality, and do you believe that companies developing artificial intelligence have a social responsibility to uphold them?

I look forward to your response and to working together to ensure that AI remains firmly in the service of humanity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Khanna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ro Khanna
Ranking Member