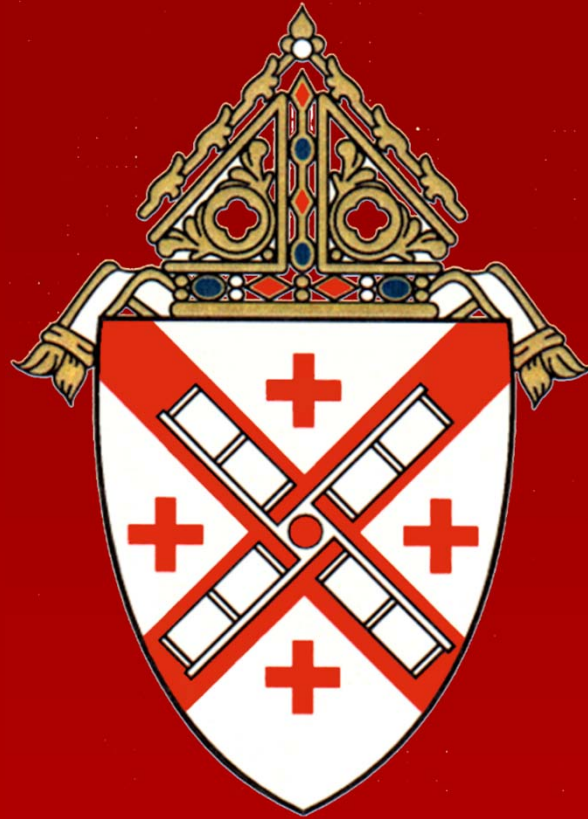


Digital Dilemmas



A Presentation from the
Safe Environment Program in the
Archdiocese of New York



Cutting Through the Digital Fog

The policies of our Safe Environment Program are designed to raise specific barriers to those who would pose a threat to our children, staff, clergy or volunteers.

As such, we would like to take just a moment to remind you about our:

- Archdiocesan Code of Conduct
- The Sexual Misconduct Policy
- And our reporting procedures.

These policies apply throughout all Archdiocesan programs and activities.



About Our Electronic Communication Policy

- The use of a private email account to communicate with a minor is never permitted.
- Adults are permitted to have email communications with a group of minors, but only through an official email account of an Archdiocesan institution.
- Only matters relating to an official activity are communicated, and a proper professional relationship must be maintained at all times.
- The use of a private cell phone or text messaging a minor is never permitted, except if it is necessary for safety or during an official trip.

 iCloud

 Exchange

 Google™

 YAHOO!

 Aol.

 Outlook.com



Let's Discuss Social Media

Adults who use social media (e.g., Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Facebook) may not "friend" or "follow" any minor who is active in their institution or program.

Private messaging apps (Messenger, WhatsApp, TikTok) are not to be used for church/school functions.

Adults must serve as examples of Christian conduct and should not post inappropriate or indecent material on social media.

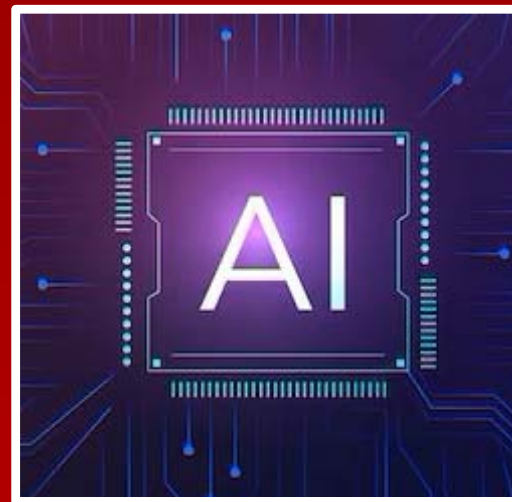


Brave New Worlds

What is artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence (AI) technology allows technology to simulate abilities typically ascribed only to human beings such as:

- Learning
- Comprehension
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making



These capacities allow applications and devices an arguable level of creativity and autonomy.



The Artificial Intelligence Landscape

Applications and devices equipped with AI can act independently, with no inherent need for human intervention. Depending on their software. They can:

- See and identify objects
- Understand and respond to human language
- Learn from new information and experience
- Make detailed recommendations
- Create original media
- In any type of format!

Minors are even more likely than adults to think they are interacting with a real person online when they are actually dialoguing with AI or viewing AI generated content.



Did you ever notice that the voice greeting you never changes, but the person in the window does?

AI voice bots take orders at an increasing number of fast-food drive-thru lanes.

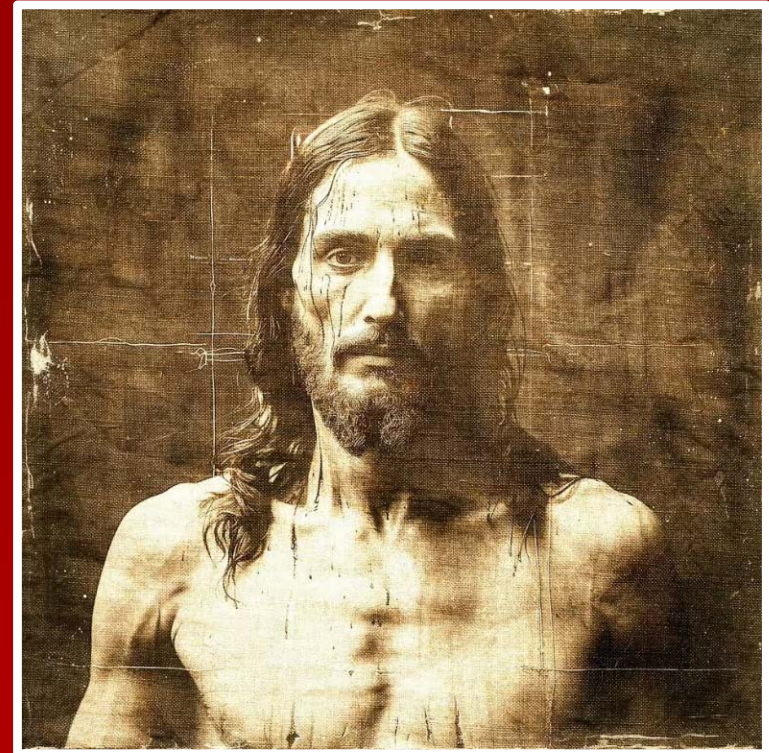


The Children Need Our Guidance, So the Adults Must Become the AI Gatekeepers

Possible benefits of AI include, but are certainly not limited to things like:

- Educational applications
- Interactive toys and games
- Helpline support
- Homework research
- Creative inspiration

The list gets bigger every day!



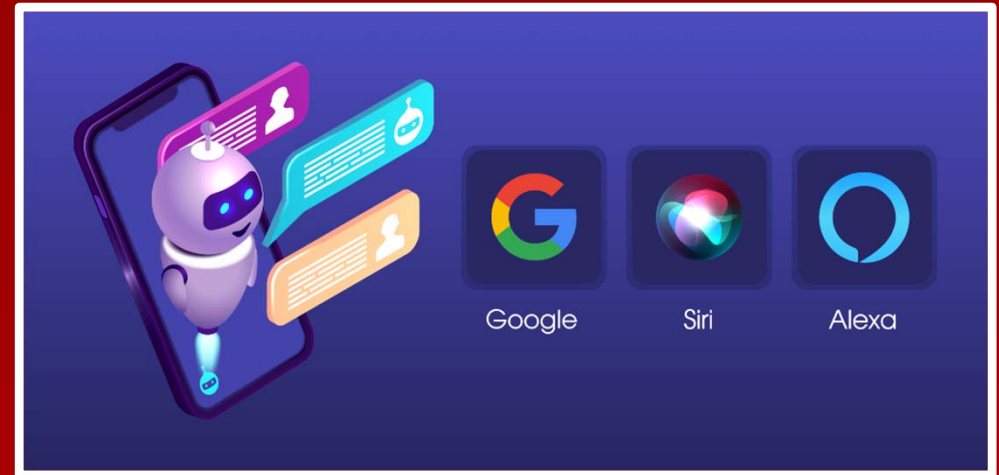
The Daily Express used a cutting-edge AI imager called Midjourney to create a photo-realistic visualization from the Shroud of Turin of what Jesus would look like. (August 2024)



The Challenges Presented By Artificial Intelligence

Some of the potential risks of artificial intelligence include:

- Inhibited critical thinking skills
- The development of pseudo-relationships
- Exposure to explicit content
- Generation of illegal content
- AI imagery can be photo-realistic and create fake images of actual people doing things they never really did!



Today, pretty much all verbal search commands. and the results offered, are handled by artificial intelligence.

This list also gets bigger every day!



It Cannot Be Done Without You!



Thank you...and thank you again...

For all your work...

For all your ministry...

For your dedication...

And for all that you do for our children.

The Archdiocese of New York website can be found at:

<https://archny.org/>

Once there, click the “CHILD PROTECTION” link at the top right.
Every time we mentioned that you would find it online, that’s where it is!

