PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

GLOBAL FAITH-HEALTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

I'm pleased to offer my support for the Global Faith-Health Leadership Dialogue, and to acknowledge the vital role that faith-based health and social enterprise play in Australia's social, civic and community life.

Across the country, these organisations are a powerful force for inclusion, compassion and practical change. They strengthen communities, support people facing disadvantage, and respond innovatively to some of the most complex challenges of our time.

Among these challenges is the rise of artificial intelligence. We are at the dawn of a new age, one brimming with possibility and pitfall alike – and it is crucial that we seize the opportunity before us right now to get it right.

It is especially timely that you are looking into the great potential that AI offers in health care – and with it, the need to ensure that it remains grounded in compassion and equity.

The real issues AI presents are not just technical, they are economic, legal, and social. And, as His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, so luminously made clear in his first Papal Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, they are also moral and spiritual.

Our nation is stronger when governments, communities, philanthropy, faith-based organisations and the not-for-profit sector work together in a spirit of shared purpose. By working together, we can build capability in communities, expand opportunities for people who experience barriers to inclusion, and strengthen the social fabric that binds our communities together.

I commend St Vincent's Health Australia and the organisers and participants of the Global Faith-Health Leadership Dialogue for your commitment to this work.

And I wish all involved every success as you continue to forge the partnerships needed to build a fairer, more compassionate and more resilient world.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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