

MEETING WITH THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME

**ADDRESS OF POPE LEO XIV**

*Audience Hall*

*Thursday, 19 February 2026*



**Dialogue between the Holy Father and the priests of Rome**

... regarding the reality of today's world, I have not yet spoken about a reality that comes to us even if we do not want it: artificial intelligence, the use of the internet, which is also present in the life of the priest. Incidentally, I invite you to resist the temptation to prepare homilies with artificial intelligence! Just as all the muscles in the body die if we do not use them, if we do not move them, the brain needs to be used, so our intelligence, your intelligence, needs to be exercised a little so as not to lose this ability. But it takes much more than that, because to give a true homily, which is to share the faith, AI will never be able to share the faith! This is the most important part: if we can offer a service that is, let's say inculturated, in the place, in the parish where we are working, people want to see your faith, your experience of having known and loved Jesus Christ and his Gospel. And this is something we must cultivate continuously.