

Monday Morning Session Main Points:

1. The ethical questions, connected and central within a broader anthropological reflection, is more important than ever before.
2. Life is not an abstract universal concept: it is the human person within/in his story and in his relationships; life is the entire human family understood as the subject who has the right and the duty to inhabit creation.
3. This year's assembly on the ethics of robotics together with next year's assembly on artificial intelligence are two important starting points for a broader reflection on human life.
4. Scientific investigation, when dedicated to the unbiased pursuit of truth, is always to be supported and admired, especially when it introduces questions and doubts that challenge faith in new and unprecedented ways.
5. The Pope encourages the Pontifical Academy for Life to enter into the territory of science with boldness and creativity, knowledge and discernment.
6. This year, the Academy celebrates its 25th anniversary, an age of maturity. In this time, it does not avoid the burden of responsibility, but rather generously takes on the burden of history, prepared to serve as guardian for life and for the world.

Student Impressions: Talia, one of our interns, shared the following thoughts on Pope Francis's morning address to the PAV: "As a student of both biology and theology, I was encouraged by the Holy Father's words on the new questions posed by technology and science. He shares that faith need not fear these challenging questions, since every question provides an invitation for deeper intellectual inquiry and spiritual reflection."

Student Impression from Hannah: "As a mechanical engineering student, Hannah grapples with questions of the appropriate use of scientific advancement in our world. She supports the unbiased pursuit of scientific truth and believes engineering in its proper place can be used to protect human life from beginning to end."