

Magnifica Humanitas

Reading/Guide Questions

Introduction & Chapter 1

Introduction

1. What is the “pivotal choice” humanity faces today?
What biblical images does the pope utilize in this choice? Why, do you think?
What do they mean to you in the context of discussing AI?

2. Why is consideration of new technologies important in the context of the Church’s Social Doctrine?

3. What does it look like to “build the common good?”

4. He doesn’t really define it, so what do you think Pope Leo means when he says we must remain “profoundly human?”
What do *you* think it means to remain profoundly human?

5. Based on the Introduction, what does Pope Leo XIV seem to think about the relationship between humanity and technology?

Chapter 1

1. He tells us right up front his intention for this chapter – what is it?
2. What seems to be involved in the Church's relationship to human history?
3. The notion of a Church in dialog with the world is introduced pretty quickly; do you agree with the Pope's general position here? Why or why not?
4. Does Pope Leo want to say only Christians have a role to play in discerning a way forward for the common good? How does he explain his position?
5. What determines whether or not a socioeconomic system is just, according to St. John Paul II?
6. Having read through the brief history of the Social Doctrine and its development in different times, what seems to be a constant thread throughout, and what seems to distinguish the stages from one another in this development?
What do you think this has to do with AI development?