"It is not enough for artificial intelligence to make us more efficient or connected; it must also serve to build a universal human family, with shared rights and duties, where digital proximity becomes a real opportunity for encounter and mutual care."

From the 2026 Encyclical *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS* of Pope Leo XIV

MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY

Day of Reflection on the new encyclical of Pope Leo XIV

Saturday, September 19, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. St. Joseph Hall in Bandera, TX

Join other men and women for an engaging reflection on Pope Leo XIV's encyclical letter on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. Throughout this day, you will use an accessible summary of the encyclical and explore what it means to live your Christian faith in a time of rapid and far-reaching technological change. Each article of the Pope's letter will be presented in summary form along with theological reflection questions and practical applications for life in today's world.

Schedule:

8:00 – 8:30	Check-in
8:30 – 9:00	Introduction to encyclical *Magnificent Humanity*
9:00 – 10:00	Chapter 1: A Dynamic Approach, Faithful to the Gospel
10:00 – 11:00	Chapter 2: Foundations and Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church
11:00 – 12:00	Chapter 3: Technology and Dominance
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30	Chapter 4: Safeguarding Humanity
2:30 – 4:00	Chapter 5: The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love
4:00 – 4:30	Conclusions

Pre-registration is required. Contact Sr. Dorothy at 830-688-0167 or dorothy.batto@amormeus.org to indicate your intention to attend. Also, as soon as possible, complete the registration form below and return it to The Sacred Garden, P.O. Box 2853, Bandera, TX 78003. A donation to The Sacred Garden for the resource book, lunch, & facilitated sessions is appreciated. (Make checks payable to The Sacred Garden.)

About the Program Facilitator: Sr. Dorothy Batto, CCVI, is a native of St. Stanislaus parish in Bandera with over 60 years of experience in the educational, spiritual, and pastoral ministries of the Church at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. In addition to directing The Sacred Garden, a non-profit ministry in Bandera cultivating fullness of life, she is currently a spiritual director and retreat director in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, works with the International Ministry to Ministers sabbatical program at Oblate School of Theology, and serves on the international Initial Formation Team of her religious community, The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio.

Registration Form for *MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY* on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

Name_____

Phone_____

Full Mailing Address_____

Zip_____

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