Magnifica Humanitas: Session 1

Introduction (#1-16) and Chapter 1 (#17-45)

General Reflection Questions

Throughout this reading and discussion, you are invited to consider your responsibility and role in the reconstruction of a civilization of love.

- An insight, perspective, or question I have from reading this chapter of Magnifica Humanitas is:

- A quote/excerpt/section that caused me to ponder deeply, feel discomfort, or experience hope is:

Introduction: #1-16

Outline: Introduction (#1-3); The Res Novae of our time (#4-6); Two biblical images (#7-10); Building for the common good (#11-14); Remaining human (#15-16)

- How do I view technological changes? With fear or apprehension? As an opportunity to bear witness to my faith?

- Where do I witness echoes of the tower of Babel image in today's world (#7)? In my community or ministry?

- Where do I witness examples of Nehemiah's call to rebuild toward the common good (#8) in civic spaces, ministry settings, or through interpersonal interactions?

Chapter 1: #17-45, A Dynamic Approach Faithful to the Gospel
Outline: A Church journeying through human history (#19-27); The development of Social Doctrine from Leo XIII to the present (#28-45)

- In my daily life, how do I try to live like the "Good Samaritan," approaching and responding to wounds with discretion and closeness (#21)?

- How have I witnessed ways that a faith community has exercised its voice to promote communion rather than domination (#27)?

- As I read about the Second Vatican Council (#33-36) or recent church teaching (#37-44), what section(s) call me to deeper reflection?