The **Magnifica Humanitas Parish Study Guide** from Justice & Peace Scotland provides a structured and accessible framework for parishes to explore Pope Leo XIV's encyclical on artificial intelligence, human dignity, and the common good. While suitable for individual reading, the resource is best utilised for shared dialogue and reflection.

Study Guide Overview

Each chapter in the Parish Study Guide is prefaced with an infographic created by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to illustrate the encyclical's core concepts. Following the infographic, the material in the chapters is broken down into consistent elements in an easy-to-facilitate format:

- **At a Glance:** A concise summary of the corresponding chapter from Magnifica Humanitas.
- **Key Themes:** A bulleted list highlighting the primary concepts and moral principles covered by Pope Leo.
- **Discussion Questions**: Tailored prompts to encourage group dialogue and connect the text to everyday life.
- **Guided Scripture Reflection**: A biblical passage and accompanying reflection to help participants apply the themes personally.
- **Prayer**: A concluding prayer to close the session.

Study Group Set-Up

Host a series of gatherings for participants to work through the Study Guide together. Depending on your preferences and level of interest in your parish community, you can organise these gatherings in two ways:

- **Small Group:** Discuss each element in the Study Guide together as a single unit.
  - Facilitation: You may want to have one person consistently facilitate each gathering, or you can rotate the facilitator role among the group members.

- **Large Group**: A larger cohort which divides into smaller breakout groups for the discussions.
  - Facilitation: It is best to have one main facilitator introduce the room to each of the elements before participants hold discussions in their breakout groups. The facilitator can then encourage responses from each group and moderate a whole room discussion at the end of each element.

Groups can meet weekly, fortnightly, or monthly. We advise weekly or fortnightly

sessions to maintain momentum and keep participants engaged. Before each gathering, participants should read the assigned chapter from *Magnifica Humanitas* and review the corresponding chapter in the Study Guide.

Suggested Programme for Gatherings

- Gathering 1: Introduction and Chapter 1
- Gathering 2: Chapter 2
- Gathering 3: Chapter 3
- Gathering 4: Chapter 4
- Gathering 5: Chapter 5 and Conclusion

Suggested Structure for Gatherings

At the beginning of each gathering, begin with a prayer followed by an open discussion to capture participants' immediate responses, questions, or anything that resonated with them from the reading. Exploring the infographic together might be a good approach at this opening stage. Afterwards, have the facilitator guide the group through the elements in the Study Guide.

Further Support and Opportunities

For further advice on delivering your study group, or to request additional materials, please contact us by email at: **office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk**.

To explore other ways we can support justice and peace activities or the exploration of Catholic Social Teaching in your parish, do not hesitate to get in touch.

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