

Seminar Commemorating the Promulgation of Pope Leo XIV's First Social Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas"

Human Dignity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

2026.6.13(Sat)

By Deborah Jang

A seminar on Pope Leo XIV's first social encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" was held at the Jesuit Center in Seoul. The seminar was organized by Woori Theology Institute(WTI) Institute and co-hosted by Jesuit Research Center for Advocacy and Solidarity and Pax Christi Korea (PCK). It was designed as a space to reflect together on the theological and social significance of the new encyclical and on today's challenges concerning human rights, peace, and the common good.

PCK Education Director Park Mun-su presented on "The Challenge of Laudato Si' and the Defense of Human Dignity," examining the Church's role through the lens of human dignity and social teaching as presented in the new social encyclical. PCK International Director Lee Seong-hun(Anselmo) presented on "Peace and the Common Good in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," highlighting the social responsibilities and the importance of international solidarity in safeguarding human dignity and peace amid the rapid advancement of AI technology.

Following the presentations, a general discussion allowed participants to share ideas on how to put into practice the values of peace and human dignity set forth in the new encyclical within Korean society and the Church.

After the seminar, Pax Christi Korea and the Our Theology Research Institute co-hosted a five week online lecture series exploring the core content of "Magnifica Humanitas", and reflecting on the meaning of human dignity, peace, and social teaching in the age of artificial intelligence, as well as the roles of the Church and civil society.

Deborah Jang is a member of Pax Christi Korea Board and the Pax Christi International Youth Forum.