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In the year 2020, we did not expect this. Schools canceled, restaurants ordered to close, churches mandated not to gather physically—the governmental decrees and

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the subsequent social disturbance resembles stories we've heard from past times. Though unforeseen, these events are not unprecedented for the church.

The church, from her earliest years, has responded to plagues and epidemics. The church's response to such events has led to much of her growth. The coronavirus does not produce the extensive danger of the outbreaks in the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd centuries or the Bubonic Plague of the 14th through 16th centuries. However, COVID-19 is real, and people are becoming sick, and some are dying. As of the writing of this article, there have been over 200,000 cases and nearly 10,000 deaths worldwide. It should go without saying that we should take the coronavirus of 2020 seriously.

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