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Rampant anxiety about the coronavirus has given rise to the sort of existential questions that participants in the [\*\*Nuns and Nones movement\*\*](#) have been considering together for four years. The [\*\*pandemic magnifies prescient reflections of Nuns and Nones dialogue\*\*](#), and the sisters and millennial seekers' conversations about such themes as contemplation, community and social justice have grounded them in this time.

Amid a simmering dispute between parishioners and a pastor promoting the Latin Mass at a North Carolina parish, a [\*\*parishioner alleges Easter Mass violated state, diocesan social distancing orders\*\*](#) that ban gatherings of more than 10 people.

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