

COVID-19 Phrases – That The Church Said First!

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“We must be especially concerned about the elderly.”

Finally, the elderly are in the news! Usually the news is dominated by what the Glamorous People are doing (where are Harry and Meghan going to live?), political posturing (what we need is a leader who feels our pain!), or what are the conditions of icebergs off Antarctica? (And of course, there are our Facebook and Twitter feeds to read.)

COVID-19 has finally made us aware (God can bring good out of evil) that the vulnerable are very much among us, needing our care and compassion. Good for the nursing home workers (very much underpaid) and neighbours voluntarily shopping for the elderly.

Compassion for the vulnerable has always been a Gospel message. Christians support the sanctity of all life, especially the elderly (now in great danger from MAiD,) and the unborn (abortion is a greater cause of death on the whole planet, COVID-19 is far down on the list.) So, if the world is now concerned with the elderly, we are going in a Gospel direction!

“We are all in this together.”

Famously, said of course by Red Green, but now a common cultural proverb. But the Gospel said this all along! We are all God’s children, and Christ died for all. The Church is by definition the universal world community. Indeed, the very notion of one world community is the Bible’s gift to humanity. When we show compassion for all people of the world, we are simply sharing in the mind and love of God.

“It’s about finding a cure.”

Healing is what the Gospel is about, physical, mental, and spiritual. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we share in Christ’s healing ministry. And God bless those who are dealing this, whether it be COVID-19 or any healing ministry, and of course Jesus Christ is the ultimate Cure. Through your Christian community (and of course through Anglicans For Life Canada) may we ever be so engaged!

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