

# THE PANDEMIC AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD

## Cultural Impacts and Pastoral Responses

Gerald A. Arbuckle, SM

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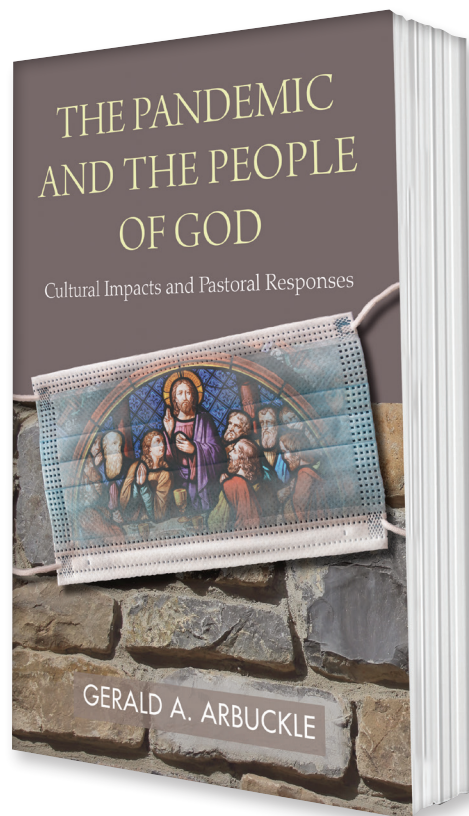
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With theological reflections and prompts at the end of each chapter, *The Pandemic and the People of God* provides students, clergy, and pastoral ministers with a way to understand and to implement the pastoral responses that will help heal individuals, communities, and the world.

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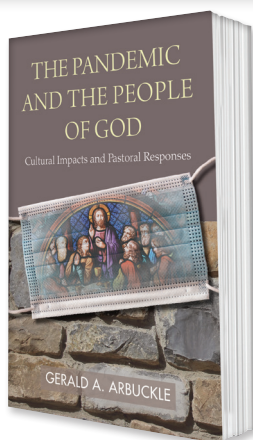
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