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Yesterday, we had a [commentary explaining \*superbia\*](#), today it's a report on *acedia*:

Spiritual author Kathleen Norris has written extensively about contemplative monks, chronicling a world often considered exotic and medieval. But by the last day of March, on the phone from her home in Honolulu, she discussed how that world is no longer a strange one. "Millions of Americans are forced to be hermits and live a monastic life," she told NCR. And, during this era of the coronavirus and isolation, many will face what the desert monks of the fourth century described as **acedia**.

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Mauricio López Oropeza of the Pan-Amazon Church Network: "In view of the pain of knowing people are dying despite the efforts being made by medical systems and governments, it is essential to try to read this reality through the eyes of our faith."

[On EarthBeat.](#)

Columnist Jamie Manson lives near the "epicenter of the epicenter," of New York City. She says the "Lentiest Lent ever" has given way to the most harrowing Holy Week ever. But you don't have to believe in the literal crucifixion, death and resurrection story to find meaning in it. [Read more.](#)

In [a conversation with Global Sisters Report](#), Mercy Sr. Eileen Boffa of Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflected on the impact economically poor individuals have had on her life, how the lack of social support feeds a cycle of homelessness, and her new appreciation for beauty.

The wheels of justice are stuck: [Catholic schools, Little Sisters among Supreme Court's postponed cases](#)

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