Digitalization of Religion as a Reaction to the Pandemic Crisis

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In this article we reflect on the changes produced once the pandemic began. Changes have also taken place in the ability of religious communities to adapt to the new requirements of communication with parishioners, one of which is the digitization of religion.

Daniele Hervieu-Leger argued that religion rests on the authority of tradition and relies on an intergenerational transmission of the collective memory of that tradition. This does not mean that religion is static, nor that the fragmented nature of modernity is incompatible with religion. Modernity has not eliminated the individual's or society's need to believe. Indeed, it was observed that the uncertainty arising from the dynamics of change made the need stronger. The transmission of religious tradition is more difficult in the contemporary age, however, it would persist in different ways than before; religion retains a creative potential in modernity.

The response of religion and religious people to Covid-19 gives us an opportunity to examine the digitization of religion in response to the pandemic crisis. It has been observed that society, like our need for tradition, has continued to adapt. This is evident through an examination of religion during Covid-19, where it appears that a large

number of regular church attendees have switched to online religious attendance, especially during the lockdown period.