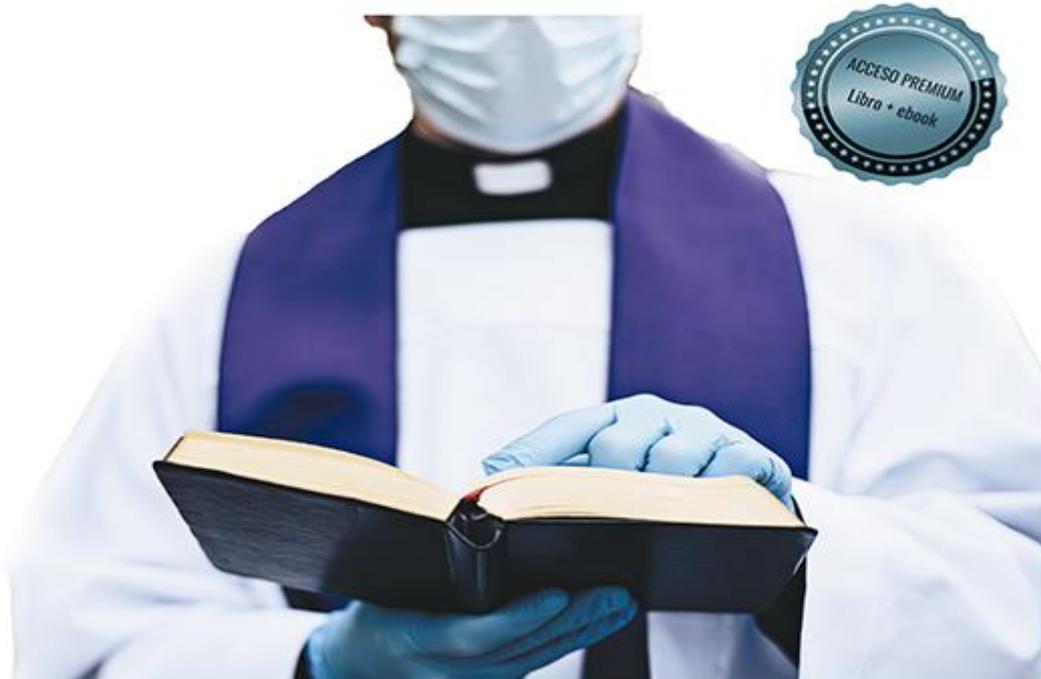


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SARS-Cov 19 has had a devastating impact on society. It has caused millions of deaths in the world, irreparable losses that we mustn't forget. It has also

generated serious economic problems. In addition, COVID-19 has produced obvious limitations of the exercise of various fundamental rights, including religious freedom. It is crucial to review the actions of the Government and, as legal scholars, question them if necessary.

In a country where the State and the Catholic Church are recognized as independent entities, both parliament and the Church can dictate mandatory rules for citizens who belong to the Church, compatible at times, incompatible at others. That is the objective of this work, to analyze, on one hand, the laws the Government enacted and their effect on the fundamental right of religious freedom, and, on the other hand, the dictates of the Catholic Church in Spain, which include the universal regulations of the Holy See, from when SARS cov-2 broke out in Spain up until the summer of 2020 when the first state of alarm, decreed to protect citizens from COVID-19, was lifted.

How have the state regulations affected the exercise of religious freedom? What specific actions have been taken? How has the Catholic Church dealt with the limitations on religious freedom?

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