

## How to Prepare for your Discerning Hearts Virtual Retreat

Once registered, prepare to eliminate distractions and create a space during your retreat.

## Immediately after booking your retreat

• Test your computer, tablet or mobile device - join a test meeting to test your software and familiarize yourself with Zoom (you will be prompted to download and install Zoom if you do not already have it).

## Preparations for your retreat

- Choose a comfortable space: an outdoor patio, a comfy chair, a prayer corner, or any other space you'd like, maybe near a window with natural light and some fresh air coming in.
- Prepare your space with a crucifix, some religious pictures or holy cards
- Light a candle or use an aroma diffuser
- Have a container of fresh drinking water available or some of your favorite beverages handy
- Have some munchies nearby
- Have a bible, journal (or something for notes) and a pen

## **During your Retreat**

- Turn your cell phone off, or into airplane mode if using it to watch the retreat
- Close email and other auto-notification programs to eliminate "pop-ups"
- After each talk, take time to reflect on what you heard and journal about any insights
- Between virtual sessions, choose devotions to pray such as a Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross. Magnificat offers Morning and Evening Prayer.
- Read your bible or your handout for further inspiration

This is an on-demand retreat, so you will be able to download/watch it again after the initial experience is over on Saturday. Keep your passcode in a safe place for possible future use.