



(New) Virtual Retreat - Called to Love for engaged couples

The new Virtual Retreat for Engaged Couples will be hosted via Zoom beginning with the July retreat. *This retreat format will continue through the end of 2020 and replaces the originally scheduled overnight retreat format. We will follow the same 2020 schedule with two new weekends added. This change in format is due to the COVID-19 pandemic).*

Content & purpose: The weekend retreat has a two-fold purpose: a) to help the engaged couple deepen their relationship with God since they will need God's help to live out their marital covenant, and b) to strengthen their commitment in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The couple will meet these goals by reflecting on the readings, prayers and promises of the wedding ceremony to help them fully realize the nature of the commitment that God is calling them to make.

Retreat times: *An opening session on Friday - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. followed by a live-streamed Mass at 11 a.m.*

Paying with a Check/Mail-In Registration: (\$100 per couple). If you wish to pay with a check, please fill out the Mail In registration form you can download from our website home page. Then return the completed form along with a check (or money order) for \$100 to the following address: **Office of Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Baton Rouge, P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.** Once your payment has been received and gone through, you will receive a confirmation notice from our office.

Handouts/booklets: After your registration is received, we will mail to the woman's mailing address the handouts you will be using during the virtual retreat. There will be a copy for each of you in the packet. If your mailing address (or e-mail address) has changed, please notify our office as soon as possible. Please note that we will need no less than 7 days for us to mail and you to receive the handouts needed before the start date of the Virtual retreat weekend you indicate.

Any further instructions needed on the virtual retreat will be sent from our office via e-mail to the woman's e-mail address. Before your start date we will send the code, you will need to access the Zoom retreat for your designated date and time. Don't hesitate to give us a call at 225-242-0323 if you have questions. Or you can send an e-mail to mgernon@diobr.org.

Re: Certificate of completion: After you've completed your Virtual retreat, the names you entered into the registration form will be used to create your certificate. When entering the woman's last name, the woman's 'maiden last name' is to be entered, not her future husband's last name. The certificate will be e-mailed to the couple using the woman's e-mail address.

Transfer and Cancellations: If you need to transfer to another Virtual retreat before the end of the year, or you need to cancel your registration completely, please call our office as soon as possible.

For questions, please call us at 225-242-0323 or you can e-mail Mila Gernon at mgernon@diobr.org.

We congratulate you on your engagement and we look forward to seeing you on retreat!

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