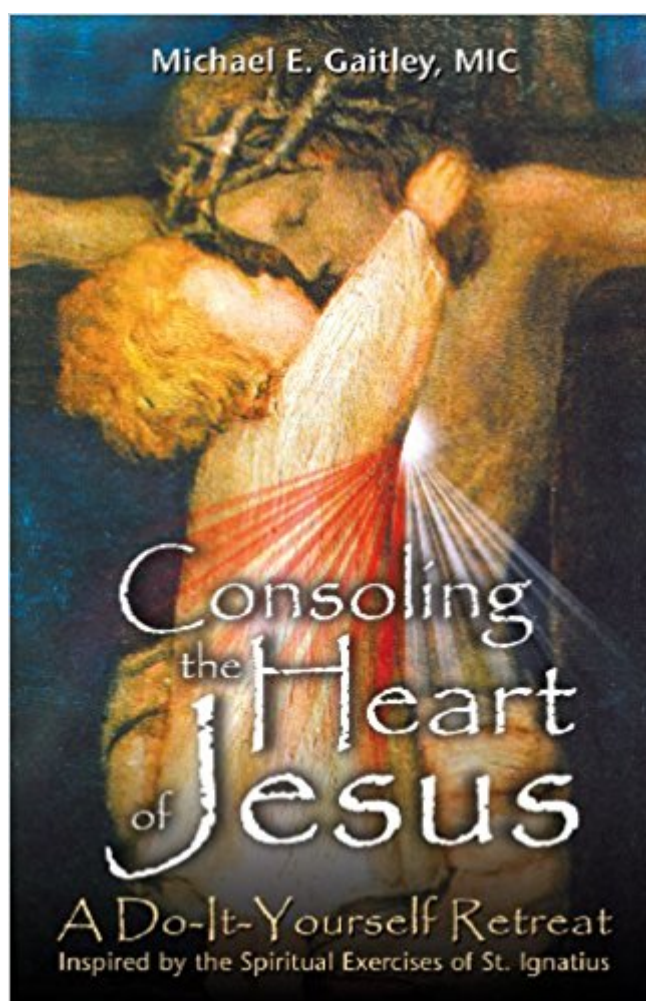


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Consoling The Heart Of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat- Inspired By The Spiritual Exercises Of St. Ignatius



Synopsis

Endorsed by EWTN hosts Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, and Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, this do-it-yourself retreat combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. The author, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has a remarkable gift for inspiring little souls to trust in Jesus, The Divine Mercy. As Danielle Bean, editorial director of Faith & Family magazine and editor of Catholic Digest, puts it, The voice of Christ in these pages is one that even this hopelessly distracted wife and mother of eight could hear and respond to. 428 pages. Includes practical helps in appendices. Prayer Companion also available separately.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Gaitley, MIC, has given us a very special gift in his thoughtful and prayerful Do-It-Yourself Retreat. He brings together several spiritual traditions and blends them in the pattern of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. We will find inspiration in the quotations from the saints which he gathers carefully and in his deep, but humble, understanding of the principles of holiness that they proclaim. This is a good way for a soul to begin the journey in responding to the call to embrace the Divine Mercy of the Lord. --Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick
Michael Gaitley, MIC's book is a form of a weekend retreat accessible to those at the beginning stages of a simple way to holiness. While reading this book, I wished I could have had it in conversing with people of little or practically no faith who yet had a longing for the faith that lies at the core of human existence. These hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, Lord and this book guides them on a journey to resting in God. --Fr.

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Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC was ordained to priesthood Saturday, October 16, 2010. Father Michael holds a Masters Degree in Theology from St. John Seminary in Massachusetts, and a Licentiate Degree in Spiritual Theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. After 8 years of working on his book, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* it was released in February 2010 with the creative campaign, *Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent, Do this retreat instead.* With some incredible endorsements from Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Danielle Bean of Faith and Family magazine, and many more, the book is now in its 3rd printing. The uniqueness of this do-it-yourself retreat is that it combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and Louis de Montfort. Fr. Michael is the director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, Mass holding the honorary title of Fr. Joseph.

If you want to view your relationship with Christ in a new and beautiful way, then this is the book for you. If you want to meet the person of Christ for the first time, then this is the book for you. If you want to fall deeper in love with Christ, then this again is the book for you. It is written in a way that is accessible to every reader. It is packed with insights, analogies and thoughts that will open your heart to the love of Christ while teaching you how to love Him in return. I was in such a funk before I

picked up this book. It was a gift and sat on my shelf for 6 months before I finally read it. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. I read and reread parts over and over. I even started a study group at church and purchased 8 additional copies before I even asked anyone to join me. I easily found 5 others who wanted to see what my excitement was about and we are loving it! It is that good!! I pray it blesses you as it did me.

I was not really attracted to the title of this book or the theology mentioned in the publisher blurb but I bought it because I trust the Marion Fathers & Brothers to have top quality books available. I was NOT disappointed. This has to be one of the best books for spiritual growth I have ever read. One of the endorsements says it is for the beginning stages of the spiritual life but I disagree. I think Brother Gaitley has touched on something that is applicable to all stages of the spiritual path. It gives a "digest" of the 2 important points in the SPiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and makes them 'do-able' (no small task) and brings along the insights of St. Faustina and Therese of Lisieux. This book surely was written with the help of the HOly Spirit. It is one of the few books that will always remain in my library. As a professed Lay Carmelite I have to say that Consoling the Heart of Jesus has made me see depths to my own vocation and, even better, how to love Jesus in a more personal way and how to grow in that love. You will not be disappointed if you purchase this book. It is written to be read over a weekend which I think you can do. But I have read and re-read it over the course of weeks. It is that good and that helpful. If you have the slightest desire to grow in your love for Jesus and are attracted to St. Faustina and the Mercy revelations and the insights of St. Therese of Lisieux then this book is an absolute MUST. 5 Stars is not enough praise!!!

This is a good at home retreat for the Lenten season. That said, let me say the author runs on quite a bit in his introduction, and in a couple of other places, as well. Still, the content is inspiring, and the journey worth the wordiness style. I am a very direct person, concise even. Based on that, I am probably biased. I did a quick read and will now use it over the 40 days. I do not repeat books if they are not worthy of my time. This one is worthy, even though the style of writing is not my first choice! Read it prayerfully, and you will not be disappointed !

Powerful book up to the usual excellent standards of Fr. Michael Gaitley. I just finished the retreat and could not put the book down. I've read several of Fr Michael's books and plan to read everything he writes. His writing is motivating and inspiring. He has a wonderful ability to engage the reader in his ardent love of Our Lady and the Trinity. He delves into very complex material in an engaging and

very readable way. Consoling the Heart of Jesus is written in a conversational format the draws the reader in.

What a great book. I started the book retreat in a stressed out state, in less than three days I was filled with peace and joy. I think the principals of us consoling the heart of Jesus gives us much more than we can ever give. Just another proof that Jesus is never out done in His mercy and love for us.

This book is written in conversational style (which I at first found annoying) but it contains profound insights and many practical applications for spiritual growth.

This book will set you on fire with love of Our Lord! Although I have been on seven real Ignation Retreats, I still found this book a treasure.

Lovely spiritual book. Father Gaitley is an excellent author. Interesting and very thought provoking for your faith life.

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