



A.C.T.S. Retreats

Mission Statement



Adoration • Community • Theology • Service

ACTS MISSIONS spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities by promoting, consulting in, facilitating and coordinating ACTS Retreats.

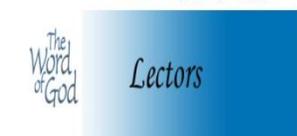
Vision

Through the ACTS retreat, ACTS Missions provide a spark that ignites Catholics worldwide with the eternal flame of the Holy Spirit. As an instrument of God, ACTS is a light that will help bring about the New Evangelization by fostering love and true discipleship, leading others to a commitment and obedience to Our Lord Jesus Christ by our every word, action and thought.

Values Statement

- Honor God in everything we do.
 - Heart of a Servant Leader
- Build a relationship based on trust & respect
 - Charisms of the Holy Spirit: Working with others
- With a servant's heart, maintain integrity & excellence in leadership programs, services and retreats.

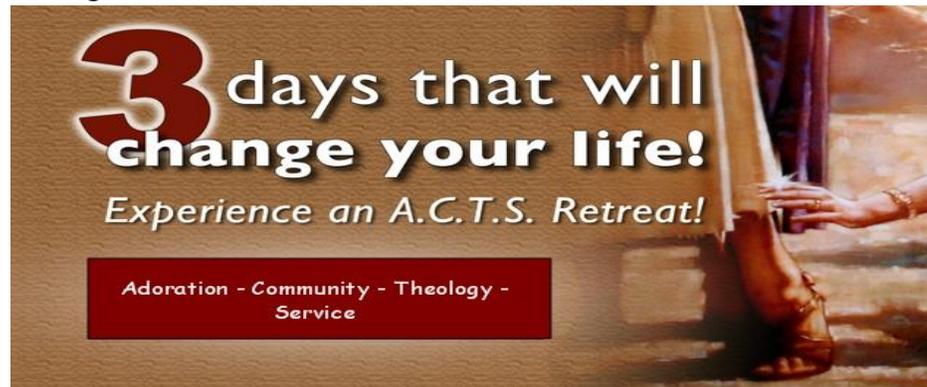
All About Our Ministry



What is an ACTS Retreat?

An A.C.T.S. Retreat is a three day and three night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men and retreats for women are given separately. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the A.C.T.S. program acronym is derived.

This weekend is filled with lots of reflection time, singing, praising and sharing with all, the blessings of the Lord! There are 'angels' to serve your needs, speakers to share the Word of God, and singing to uplift your souls. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are the guides for the retreats. The retreat takes on the traditions and atmosphere of the parish community sponsoring it. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord through:



Adoration – the call by, acceptance of, and response to God,

Community – the love and caring of each other,

Theology – the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith,

Service – to God and his people.

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke describes the early Christian community with these words:

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers. Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day, they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And, every day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

For over 25 years, A.C.T.S. Retreats have enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people: men and women, teens and retirees, rich and poor, Catholic and non-Catholic. They have reinvigorated the spiritual lives of individuals, of families, and of the entire parishes.

Each retreat is conducted by a retreat "team" composed of 20 – 30 individuals who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Chosen by the retreat Director, the team organizes the retreat, conducts the retreat talks and activities, and ministers to the needs of the retreatants during the retreat weekend.

What is the purpose of the ACTS retreat?

An ACTS weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners. This is accomplished through Adoration and daily prayer, the call to Community in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and Theology in encouraging the study of scripture and our Catholic Faith. All of these which emphasize and encourage the virtue of Service to our Lord, our parish and one another.

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A parish ACTS retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 which emphasize "community and pastoral care" within a parish. The weekend allows the retreatants to experience God's love and joy. They return to their parish with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in their parish community.

Why attend an ACTS retreat?

The weekend is a powerful and enduring personal conversion experience. Talks, which draw from the personal experiences of team members focus on Adoration, the need for prayer and meditation on the word of God, Community, the

importance of community built on faith and love, Theology, the need to read and understand scripture and our Catholic Faith and Service, the need to answer Christ's call to servant-hood. Activities conducted during the weekend give retreatants a better understanding of the significance and importance of prayer, liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, community and service.

Retreatants are also given guidance to help them in their faith journey. It is a powerful community building experience. The ACTS weekend brings the retreatants to a better understanding of God's love for them and also develops their need to share that love with others through their involvement in a faith-centered parish community. The retreat emphasizes our call to service, service to the parish community and to our world community. There results a new or renewed dedication to the life of the parish community and a new recognition of the needs of those around us and of our obligation, as followers of Christ, to help meet those needs.

Once you have gone on a weekend and have experienced a different level of God's love and joy, you may come home with a deeper desire to become more involved in our parish community.

One way you can do this is by joining or forming a Small Group Community.

For more details on A.C.T.S. click <http://www.actsmissions.org/>

