

“For Nothing will be Impossible for God” Luke 1:37

MARY QUEEN PARISH MEN’S A.C.T.S. RETREAT

August 17-20 at Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Texas

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Complete Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Pager and/or cell #: _____ Other Means of Contact: _____

Please check one: Married Single

Name of Spouse or Significant Other: _____ Phone: _____

Close Family or Friend Contacts:

Contact #1: Name: _____ Phone _____

Contact #2: Name: _____ Phone _____

Contact #3: Name: _____ Phone _____

Have you ever attended an ACTS Retreat? _____ If yes, when and where? _____

Contact #1: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parish or Church you attend: _____ City: _____

Religion: _____

Person inviting you to this retreat: _____

I would like to have _____ as my roommate. All rooms will be double occupancy.

✠ Will you have any specific **dietary**, **medical** or **physical** needs during this weekend (i.e. Prescription meds, trouble walking on the retreat grounds, etc.)? No special Needs Yes, see below

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

I have included my registration fee of \$200.00 CK # _____ I will need financial assistance.

---PLEASE DETACH & RETURN THE UPPER PORTION OF THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW---

The 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat scheduled for Aug. 17-20, 2017 is presented by Mary Queen Parishioners. The goal of this retreat is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, renew ourselves spiritually, give new meaning to our prayer life and Sunday liturgy and build lasting friendships with members of our parish. This retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday with a meal of fellowship in the Social Hall at Mary Queen Church following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Round trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from the Mary Queen Church Hall.

The cost per retreatant is \$200.00. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter. In order to reserve your place, this registration form must be **completely filled out** and the registration fee of \$200.00 must accompany it. Completed forms can be mailed or hand delivered and will be numbered upon receipt. We will acknowledge your application shortly after it is submitted. **Make checks payable to Mary Queen Catholic Church.** Cancellations within two weeks of the retreat may not receive a full refund. **Please note that financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat.** If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made by contacting Chuck Turner at 281.482.1391. We look forward to your attending this great retreat.

Please mail or hand deliver completed registration form and fee to:

Men’s ACTS Retreat (Attention: Chuck Turner)
Mary Queen Catholic Church
606 Cedarwood Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546~4551

**RETREAT DATE:
Aug 17-20 2017**

Parish Administration Office Hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Telephone: 281.482.1391

You will receive a confirmation letter prior to the retreat with details regarding your attendance at the retreat. If you need further information, please contact: Dave Chenevert (832-455-2008), Don Goins (713-545-4509), or Mike Warth (281-744-9411)

ACTS Retreats --- Frequently Asked Questions

What is an ACTS Retreat?

An ACTS Catholic lay retreat is held for three days and three nights and is 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 ACTS acronym is derived. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church guide the retreat. The retreat takes on the traditions and atmosphere of the parish community sponsoring it. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new and/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

Each retreat is conducted by a retreat "team" composed of 30-40 individuals who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Chosen by the retreat Director, the team organizes the retreat, conducts the retreat activities and ministers to the needs of the retreatants during the retreat weekend.

What is the purpose of an ACTS retreat?

An ACTS weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new and/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 which emphasize and encourage the virtue of **Service** to our Lord, our parish and one another.

What is the goal of an ACTS retreat?

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 faith community.

Why attend an ACTS retreat?

The weekend is a powerful and enduring personal conversion experience. Faith Sharing 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 servanthood. 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. Gained from the retreat is 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.

Who could I speak with about their experiences with ACTS retreats?

Dave Chenevert (Director)	832-455-2008
Don Goins (Co-Director)	713-545-4509
Mike Warth (Co-Director)	218-944-7411