

# *"I am the Good Shepherd." John 10:11*

## **MARY QUEEN PARISH MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT**

Thursday, April 19th through Sunday April 22th, 2018

Christian Renewal Center (CRC), 1515 Hughes Rd., Dickinson, Texas

***(Please Print clearly). (Must be over 21 yrs. of age)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 uneven retreat grounds, accommodations for hearing aids, etc.)?  No special Needs  Yes, see below

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have included my registration fee of \$230.00 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 April 19th-22th, 2018 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.

The cost per retreatant is \$230.00. 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 \$230.00 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 the Retreat Director at 713-259-5542. 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

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: Gary Lorange-Director @ 713-259-5542 [caroll4183@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caroll4183@sbcglobal.net) Jared Boudreaux, Co-Director @ 832-236-9917 [jcb4708@gmail.com](mailto:jcb4708@gmail.com) Jeep Turner, Co-Director @ 713-483-4490 [jeep.turner@gmail.com](mailto:jeep.turner@gmail.com)

# **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?**

**Gary Lorange-Director @ 713-259-5542 [caroll4183@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caroll4183@sbcglobal.net)**

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