

AN INVITATION

**You are invited to attend the
St. Paul the Apostle
Men's ACTS Retreat
August 28-31, 2014
Queen of Peace Retreat Center**

The Retreat begins Thursday, August 28, with check in at 5:30 p.m., in the St Paul the Apostle Parish Hall and ends on Sunday, August 31, 2014 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Transportation is provided to and from the Retreat center.

Much of the weekend will be spent with a team of men who face the same difficulties as you, living in today's world. Share their stories and learn how God is working in their lives. The Lord provides us with all we need; we only need to learn to listen.

What is an ACTS Retreat?

An ACTS retreat weekend is a three-day; three nights Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners like you. The weekend begins Thursday evening around 5:30 p.m. and ends with Mass at St. Paul the Apostle at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday followed by a reception for retreatants, their families and members of the ACTS community.

This weekend is filled with lots of reflection time. Singing, praising and sharing all with the blessings of Our Lord! There are angels to serve your needs, speakers to share the Word and singing to uplift your souls.

PURPOSE

The purpose of an ACTS weekend is to provide an opportunity for retreatants to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners through *Adoration* and daily prayer; through *Community* in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ; through *Theology* or the teachings of our Catholic faith by encouraging more study; and, to instill a virtue of *Service* to our Lord, our parish and each other.

MESSAGE OF ACTS

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and it is these four themes that are the focus of the activities of the weekend.

ACTS is inspired by the ACTS of the Apostles 2:42-47: *"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 in 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."*

REFLECTIONS FROM PAST RETREATANTS

"Fear not what the retreat holds for you, For God is all around to lend you to peace along the path."

Eric DeWolfe

"An ACTS retreat is like spending the weekend with Jesus. A chance to get away from everything else and spend time with Jesus."

Mario Estrada

"I've known that I had to take the next step in my faith, and this was what I needed. I can say that I'm changed."

"Bud" Swan

"I had no idea what to expect from this retreat, as a fairly new Catholic I had never experienced anything like this before. It was the most amazing weekend anyone could expect, spending time getting to know the Lord, yourself and your new brothers in Christ."

Gary Robinson!

"The Catholic experience hit me during the first hour. I knew in my heart that the Lord would be with us in the beautiful signs, ritual and liturgy of His Church during the weekend."

Frank Rodriguez

"For the second time in my life, I heard the Voice of the Holy Spirit calling me. It was a joyous experience, and it led me to begin a personal life transformation. I am closer to God, to my family, and to the Church today, and the ACTS energy has never faded."

Steve Lanoux!

For Men's ACTS Retreat
(PLEASE PRINT)

Name

Address

City

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone/Work Phone

My Email address

In emergency call (Name) (Relationship)

Emergency Phone Number

Parish

Will you have any specific dietary or medical needs during the weekend?

Shirt Size SML MED LG XL XXL

Please return completed registration form with registration fee of \$50.00 to:

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Make checks Payable to:
St. Paul the Apostle Men's ACTS

Amt. Paid _____ Amt. Due _____

GOAL

An **ACTS** retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and the goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 to place more emphasis on "Community and Pastoral Care" within a parish; that the participants experience God's love and joy throughout the weekend, and return to their parishes with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in the parish faith and community.

COST

The retreat cost to each participant is \$135.00 for registered parishioners. A registration fee of \$50.00 is required to reserve your place. The remaining balance is due on Thursday evening at check-in. Make checks payable to: St. Paul the Apostle ACTS.

Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from considering or registering for the retreat. If you have any financial concerns due to your ability to pay all or part of the fee. Arrangements may be made by contacting the church office at 937-3864.

You will receive a letter 10-14 days prior to the retreat with additional information. If you need further information or have any questions please contact Gary Robinson 361-548-4152 or Cuong Nguyen 713-822-9303.



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And he said to them, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

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