

## AN INVITATION

***You are invited to attend the  
St. Paul the Apostle  
Women's ACTS Retreat,  
August 21-24, 2014  
Queen of Peace Retreat Center***

*The Retreat begins Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, with check in starting at 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall and ends on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00am Mass. Transportation is provided to and from the Retreat center.*

*Much of the weekend will be spent with a team of women 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 four-day, three-night 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 am 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 2:42-7:  
*"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

*"This retreat is a weekend reflection of what Christ is to me and how I can be more like him in sharing and helping others."*

*"ACTS is an invitation to join a community of believers."*

*"Finally! I finally took ownership of MY Catholic Faith! No more being a cafeteria Catholic. It took hold of my being, My soul.."*

*"A.C.T.S. is life changing."*

*"ACTS showed me the love of Jesus and the love of God through His Holy Word, the Bible."*

*"I realized that God had been waiting for me, and when I found Him, He welcomed me with wide open arms, and gave me wondrous gifts and blessings."*

*"The ACTS Retreat brought me closer to Jesus and my parish family."*

*"I could see Jesus in each one of them."*

*"Fellowship with my new sisters is awesome."*

# Registration For Women's ACTS Retreat (PLEASE PRINT)

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Name

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone

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My Email address

\_\_\_\_\_ In emergency call (Name) (Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

Will you have any specific dietary or medical needs during the weekend?  
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Do you need to have access to an electrical outlet at night? \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Size – S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ 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 Church ACTS

Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Due \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

## GOAL

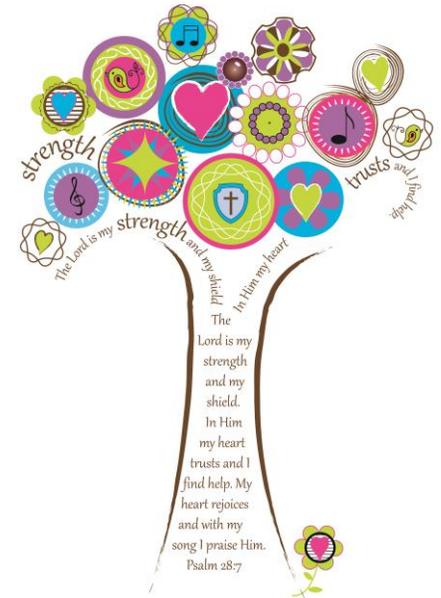
An **ACTS** retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and the goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 to place more emphasis on "Community and Pastoral Care" within a parish; that the participants experience God's love and joy throughout the weekend, and return to their parishes 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 registered parishioners. A registration fee of \$50.00 is required to reserve your place. The remaining balance is due at the Thursday evening 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 can be made by contacting the church office at 937-3864.

You will receive a letter approximately 10-14 days prior to the retreat with additional information. If you need further information or have any questions please contact: Kim Knief at 960-8856 or Andrea Hodges at 438-7881.



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*The Lord is my strength and my shield in Him my heart trusts, and I find help. My heart rejoices and with my song I praise my God.  
Psalm 28:7*

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