

Saint John Vianney Women's ACTS Retreat

July 15-18, 2010

"It is HE whom we proclaim" Colossians 1:28

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ DOB: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Other means of contact: _____

Occupation: _____ Favorite Hobby: _____

Please check one: Married Single Widowed Separated

Name of spouse or friend: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of someone not going on the retreat we can call to pray for you: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Relationship: _____

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

Parish or church you attend: _____ City: _____

Religion: _____

Did someone invite you to this retreat? _____ If yes, who? _____

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**, **list below**

I have included my registration fee of \$225.00 CK # _____ I will need financial assistance.

PLEASE MAIL THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH A CHECK TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

The 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat scheduled for July 15 - July 18 is presented by 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 and faith community. This is an interactive retreat with a full schedule. The retreat begins Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m and ends Sunday with a meal of fellowship in the Activity Center at St. John Vianney following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Round trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

The cost per retreatant is \$225.00 (of which \$50 is nonrefundable). Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter. In order to reserve your place, the registration form must be completely filled out and the registration fee of \$225.00 must accompany it. Completed forms can be mailed or hand delivered and will be numbered upon receipt. We will acknowledge receipt of your application shortly after it is submitted. **Make checks payable to St. John Vianney ACTS.** Please note that financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all of the fee, financial assistance may be available by checking the appropriate line on this registration form. We look forward to your attending this great retreat!

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

ACTS Retreat for Women

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

625 Nottingham Oaks Trail

Houston, TX 77079

Parish Administration Office Hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Telephone 281-497-1500

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 Moira LaFaver at 281-293-8808, Tammy Hodgson 281-496-2854, or Marilyn Arendt 281-493-0155. Thank you and may the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ACTS Retreats --- Frequently Asked Questions

What is an ACTS Retreat?

*An ACTS 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 ACTS acronym is derived. 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.

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 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 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. 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.*

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

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