

What is an ACTS Retreat?

ACTS Missions spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic Communities by promulgating ACTS.

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship.

ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at a parish.

The ACTS Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

In this way, the ACTS Retreat fulfills the mission of:

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities through ACTS."

The ACTS Retreat experience is rooted in the Pascal Mystery in that retreatants are invited to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout the weekend, they are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to His love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have new life with Him. This invitation is extended through the pillars of the apostolate:

Adoration

A response to God's love through prayer and worship

Community

Participating in the One Body of Christ as Church

Theology

Deepening our relationship with God in order to better fulfill His will

Service

Answering the call to discipleship by following the model He gave us.

Those who attend an ACTS retreat share in an experience that has impacted more than one million lives worldwide since the first retreat in 1987. There are numerous testimonies describing retreatants who were evangelized through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. They witness to becoming better fathers, mothers, husbands, wives and children.



ACTS was a tremendous blessing for the 10 men from our parish who attended. In the lives of several, new life was discovered, in others deepened. All found God there.

-Fr. Jim Sullivan