

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat
March 28-31, 2019 at Eagle's Nest Retreat Center, Burnet, Texas

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Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Complete Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cell #: _____ Other Means of Contact: _____

Please check one: • Married • Single • Widowed

Spouse/ Significant Other: Name: _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Close Family or Friend Contacts (We will invite them to pray for you while on retreat):

Contact #1: Name: _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Contact #2: Name: _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Contact #3: Name: _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 (if applicable): _____

• 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, see below:**

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

• I have included my registration fee of \$195.00 CK # _____

• 3 payment option, I have included my upfront fee of \$95 CK # _____ (will pay the next \$50 by 10/14 and the final \$50 by 10/28).

• I will need financial assistance to cover the following amount - \$_____.

--- PLEASE DETACH & RETURN THE UPPER PORTION OF THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW ----

The 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat scheduled for March 28-31, 2019 is presented by St. Catherine 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 light reception of fellowship at the church following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Round trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from the church.

The cost per retreatant is \$195. 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 \$195 or down payment of \$95 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 St. Catherine of Siena 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.** We look forward to having you join us on this retreat!

RETREAT DATE: March 28-31, 2019
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Please mail or hand deliver your registration form and fee to:

Men's ACTS Retreat

Attn: Diane Bily

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

4800 Convict Hill Road Austin, TX 78749

You will receive a confirmation letter prior to the retreat with details regarding your attendance at the retreat. Need further information, please contact: Craig O'Brien (Director) at craig.obrien1209@outlook.com or Craig Plackis (Co-Director) at cplackis1@yahoo.com .

ACTS Retreats --- Frequently Asked Questions

What is an ACTS Retreat?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day/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 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 may I speak with about their experiences with ACTS retreats?

Craig O'Brien (Director)	craig.obrien1209@outlook.com
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