

ACTS AND LAFAYETTE

ACTS LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

CHAPTER FORMS

ACTS Lafayette Chapter is formed

We are excited to announce the formation of an ACTS Missions Chapter within the Lafayette Diocese. We are thankful that Bishop Deshotel has welcomed the ACTS community and its mission as a guest in the Diocese of Lafayette.

Some of you may be familiar with ACTS and some may not. ACTS has been active as a guest within the Diocese of Lafayette since 2013. Since then, the ACTS community has grown with ACTS forming within several parishes, specifically St. Anthony of Padua in Eunice, Holy Cross, St. Pius X, St. Mary Magdalene in Lafayette and Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph and Our Lady Queen of All Saints in Ville Platte.

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ACTS continues to grow as we are invited to mission and bring ACTS to new parishes, including Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, St. Edmond and Sts. Peter and Paul.

We encourage any pastors who may be interested in bringing ACTS to his parish or just

to find out more about ACTS, to contact us for more information.

If you have previously attended an ACTS

retreat, we encourage you to contact the Chapter Communications Coordinator to stay informed about ACTS community activities and current and future retreats.

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What exactly is ACTS and what is a Chapter

ACTS is a Catholic lay apostolate whose threefold purpose is to: one, to help others experience the love of God through the ACTS Retreat experience; two, to foster intentional discipleship to our Lord Jesus Christ; and three, to build community within a parish.

ACTS is not catechetical in the traditional sense, meaning that Catholicism is not taught in a classroom setting. Catechesis is, however, *experienced* through the ministries, services and talks (guided in part by a priest for theological correctness) given during the ACTS Retreat in order to meet participants where they are in their spiritual journeys. In this way, participants are invited to experience the beauty of the Catholic faith.

As a function of the New Evangelization, ACTS “*provides a spark that ignites Catholics world-wide with the eternal flame of the Holy Spirit*”. ACTS is not meant to

be an insulated “movement” or “community” to its own end; nor attempts to be the solution for every spiritual need. The intent is to serve the Catholic Church by helping others experience God's love, and thereby lead them back into communion with (and service to) Jesus Christ and His Church.

Through the ACTS Retreat, ACTS Missions provides a spark that ignites Catholics world-wide with the eternal flame of the Holy Spirit. As an instrument of God, ACTS is a light that will help bring about the New Evangelization by fostering love and true discipleship, leading others to a commitment and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ by our every word, action and thought.

The ACTS Retreat focuses on prayer, service and teaching. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are the guides for the apostolate. The goal of the ACTS Retreat is for

a retreatant to accept an invitation into a new relationship with our Lord through:

- **Adoration:** The acceptance of the call and response to God
- **Community:** Love and caring for one another
- **Theology:** Study of God and our faith
- **Service:** To God and one another

Hence, Adoration, Community, Theology, Service or ACTS.

An ACTS Chapter is the local representative of ACTS Missions which is the authoritative and governance entity over all aspects of the ACTS apostolate, and operates alongside the Bishops of the dioceses in which ACTS is present.

The ACTS Lafayette Chapter is here to help guide local parishes through the missioning process and beyond.

Honor God in everything we do with the Heart of a Servant Leader-Build relationships based on trust and respect through Charisms of the Holy Spirit and by Working with others-With a servant's heart, maintain integrity & excellence in leadership programs, services and retreats