

ACTS Missions - Vision, Values, Mission, & Who We Are

Vision: Why we exist

The *ACTS Apostolate* partners with Catholic parishes in building vibrant, active communities through ACTS Retreats and ongoing parish support.

Values: How we will act

Our values will guide ACTS Missions actions, unite our stakeholders, and define our brand.

Adoration: Responding through prayer and worship to receiving God's gifts of grace, mercy and love

Community: Living and participating in the One Body of Christ as Church, beginning with the parish

Theology: Deepening our relationship with God through prayerful study to better understand and fulfill His will for our lives

Service: Answering the call to discipleship by following the model that Christ gave us

Mission: What we do and who we serve

The *ACTS Apostolate* enables Catholic parish communities to utilize ACTS Retreats as an evangelization tool that inspires intentional Christ-centered discipleship.

The *ACTS Apostolate* (Commonly referred to as "ACTS"): Who we are
An association of lay Catholics dedicated to the advancement of ACTS Retreats. The intent of the retreat is to provide an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ with a twofold purpose: promote intentional discipleship and build parish community.
The ACTS Apostolate encompasses the following:

- ❖ ACTS Missions (headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, USA)
- ❖ ACTS Missions Chapters
- ❖ ACTS Cores

The *apostolate* is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and her teachings and operates in collaboration with the bishops and pastors of the dioceses in which ACTS is present.

ACTS Missions

A component of the *ACTS Apostolate* that is the authoritative and governance entity over all aspects of the ACTS Retreat. ACTS Missions establishes Chapters in regions where support for evangelization and missioning are needed at the local level.

ACTS Missions Chapter

A component of the *ACTS Apostolate* that provides education and evangelization resources to the ACTS Cores in their assigned region (Diocese/s). Chapters establish ACTS Cores in collaboration with parish pastors once the retreat missioning process is complete.

ACTS Core

A component of the *ACTS Apostolate* located at the parish that implements ACTS Retreats and ensures fidelity to the ACTS Missions' authorized retreat format. ACTS Cores establish and support retreat teams within the parish and support pastor and parish initiatives in an effort to build parish community.