

June 2016

## ***New Year...new Core team***

Every year, in May, your Core team will add some new members and retire some existing members. This is a requirement per the ACTS charter as developed by ACTS Missions in San Antonio, Texas. It's the perfect way to refresh the team, giving leadership opportunities to more of our ACTS members.

We have 12 positions on the Core team. Due to some earlier turnover of 2 members during the past year, we are retaining 7 members, adding 5 members and retiring 3 members. Those remaining coordinators on the team are **Molly Alfors (Spiritual), Frances Cormier (Supply), Juan Hernandez (Music), Mary Lindsay (Social), Paul Mora (Spiritual), John Owen (Co-facilitator), and Leonardo Zapata (Financial)**. New members added are **Brenda Garza (Facilitator), Tissy Godwin (Retreat Support), Cynthia Padilla (Communications), Rolando Sobalvarro (Supply), and Steve Zehnder (Retreat Support)**. Those retiring after 2 years of service are **Mike Moloughney, Debbie Gleason and Mary Ellen Bradshaw**.

Please join me in welcoming our new members and thanking those who have served us well during these past 2 years.



*Here's an idea that just came from one of our SCC's! Come to your Sunday mass a few minutes early and greet people as they come in the door. This gives you a chance to meet newcomers and get to know others you may not know very well. Try to meet a new person every week. Spread the love! ❤️*

### ***Upcoming Activities***

June 3 – First Friday - See bulletin for Adoration services.

June 30 – ACTS Women's Pot Luck/movie (Bella) at the Holy Spirit Dining Room – 6:30 pm – Watch out for e-vite!

### ***Spotlight on...***



#### **Roy and Frances Cormier**

It was a whirl-wind courtship when a young lieutenant in the US Air Force met the love of his life during a six-month station in British Guiana (now Guyana). Their first date was Valentine's Day. Within a year, **Roy and Frances Cormier** were married (1961) and ready to build a life together. The area bishop, who married them remarked, "It's inevitable that when a military man comes here, he will leave with one of our young

ladies. " During the next 30 years, and Roy's rise to Air Force Colonel, they travelled the world and raised four children: James (53), Phillip (51), Brian (50) and Alissa (47). They have eight grandchildren.

Settling in Dallas, they became members of Holy Spirit in 1981. Although they were both 'cradle Catholics', they feel that the ACTS retreats they attended in 2014, sparked a deeper desire for prayer and a closer relationship with the Lord – one that was "life changing". Both Roy and Frances also enjoy their regular meetings in their Small Church Communities (SCC's). Like all good Christians, they feel that their journey is a 'work in progress'.

Roy served on retreat teams twice and Frances once. You will always find them supporting from behind the scenes as well – preparing and serving food, setting up chairs, etc. Roy's pickup truck stands ready to haul equipment and whatever else is needed for these events.

Frances is currently serving a 3-year term on the ACTS Core team. This past year, she was our Social Coordinator, arranging the New Year's Eve dinner dance and after Mass breakfast and hamburgers. This year, she will manage the ACTS supply room set up and inventory with **Rolando Sobalvarro**.

In their spare time, they both love gardening, reading and travel. Roy is President of the Ovilla Garden Club, and Frances serves as Vice President. They raise ~40 heirloom tomato plants at their home in Ovilla— BLT, anyone?

Their favorite Bible verse: Revelation 21, Verses 3-4  
"He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning and sadness. The world of the past has gone."

### *Featuring a Holy Spirit Ministry*

This month, we focus on the **Engaged Sponsor Couple Program**.

This ministry pairs an engaged couple with a married couple who serves as their mentor. There is a set outline and course material that is covered during the five, two-hour sessions when the couples meet every two weeks. They are encouraged to contact the church at least nine months prior to their plans to marry.

**John and Anne Owen** have been involved with engagement preparation since they began their own engagement period 30 years ago. Their mentors at the time were **Molly and Ken Alfors**. Later, they worked for about 5 years on an Engaged Encounter program with the diocese and then transferred to participating in Holy Spirit's Engaged Sponsor Couple Program about 20 years ago as a sponsor couple and as lead couple about 5 years ago.

This ministry's purpose is to encourage communication on topics such as: marriage as a

sacrament, sexuality, financial matters and how to handle conflict. They use a program entitled, FOCCUS, to generate key questions to spur dialog.

John and Anne work with about 2 to 3 couples every year. They are also facilitators in the convalidation workshops (where those with a civil marriage can have their marriage blessed by the sacrament of matrimony in the Catholic Church).

John and Anne each participated in the first ACTS retreats when they were held in 2013. John is currently serving on the Core team and has been on 3 retreat teams and was a co-director. Anne also served on a retreat team.

The benefits that John and Anne receive from being involved in this Engaged Sponsor Couple program are many. Mainly, it re-exposes them to the romance stage of marriage and helps them focus on their own marriage.

While there are six more active mentoring couples who participate, they could use more married couples to get involved. If you wish to participate or learn more, please contact John and Anne at [jaowen500.ovilla@att.net](mailto:jaowen500.ovilla@att.net).

### *And, in closing...*

"Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1b-3

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