



ACTS Retreat

Adoration Community Theology Service

Dear Retreatant;

Welcome to the ACTS retreat sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with the other Catholic Churches in the Mesilla Valley.

The Retreat Team has been meeting for the past 13 weeks in preparation for this special gathering. The retreat weekend begins Thursday with registration and send-off in Finley Hall located at 1240 S. Espina. Please park in the Cathedral parking lot located off California street. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. with the send-off mass at 5:00 pm. Please bring your bedding and luggage to Finley Hall where the registration and sign-in is being held. Please pay the balance of the retreat fees at registration, if any is due. Checks should be made payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral.

Your family is encouraged to join you for registration and send-off, including Mass. For security reasons we also encourage you to be dropped-off and that you do not leave your vehicle at the Church parking lot. The weekend ends at the 11:00am mass at the Cathedral on Sunday followed with a reception for retreatants, their family, and friends at Finley Hall. Please extend an invitation to them for activities on both Thursday and Sunday.

Activities for the weekend will be facilitated by the Men's ACTS Team with support from the sponsoring parish priests. Food, snacks, beverages, and a room to throw your bedding are provided. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. We have attached a list of things for you to bring to the retreat.

Please note that some activities may be outdoors (depending on the weather). You may wish to bring a coat, sweater or light jacket. Dress is casual for the weekend. However, per our tradition, we request that you bring a dress shirt, dress slacks, and dress shoes (coat and tie optional) to wear for the Mass on Sunday.

Please feel free to call with any special needs you may have.

The retreat weekend is filled with activities geared toward spiritual growth, including prayer, meditation, and fellowship. Free time is spent in the company of fellow participants and with members of the Retreat Team. It is also an excellent opportunity for reflection in the chapel. It is not necessary to bring items that may distract you, including work projects or hobbies. We ask that you not bring mobile phones, laptop computers, portable radios, televisions, CD or DVD players, games, etc... We will have telephones available for emergency communications. Please let me know if you have any special needs in this regard as well.

If your family needs to get a hold of you in an emergency, please have them call Lucy Briseno at 650-9873 or the Cathedral office at 524-8563. Please let them know that this is for emergencies only.

We are so excited that you are joining us for this special weekend and we look forward to seeing you. Call me with any questions at the number listed above. May God bless you on your spiritual journey.

Your Brother in Christ .

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonel Briseno". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Leonel Briseno
Director of Faith Formation