

ACTS CORE CHARTER

MISSION STATEMENT

With God's help, St. Martin de Porres' ACTS CORE, provides an environment and recourses that encourages parishioners to develop a closer relationship with God through inclusion and acceptance. Empowered by prayer and trust in the Holy Spirit, hearts will grow in peace, joy and graces.

To achieve this goal, there will be two major focus points.

First, we will sponsor weekend lay retreats, which are patterned after the description of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2: 42-47) The purpose of the weekend is to invite the retreatant to a new relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners through **Adoration** and daily prayer; through **Community** in one's parish as a member of the body of Christ; through **Theology** encouraging an intellectual and spiritual growth that gives fruits in our daily lives; and finally to encourage a spirit of **Service** to our Lord, our parish and each other. Participants experience God's love and joy through the weekend, returning to their faith community with a deeper love for each other and an increased desire to become more involved in their parish community.

Second, we will focus on spiritual development, service orientation and on-going community building among those who have attended ACTS retreats. This mission is continued and enhanced by retreat reunions, scheduled gatherings of the ACTS community, prayer groups, evangelization, community service projects, and other faith enriching events.

The governing body of the ACTS community will be a group of men and women known as the ACTS Core. As with all parish ministries, Acts Core shall solicit the support of and be governed by the pastor. The greater good of the parish shall be foremost in activities of the Core and ACTS Community.