



SPIRIT BRINGS ACTS TO GUADALUPE

--- By Jackie James

People often credit me with being the one who brought ACTS to Our Lady of Guadalupe. I get showered with heartfelt praise and gratitude on a regular basis. Now, at last, I have an opportunity to set the record straight.

The truth is, there was a group of us, here at OLG and in Austin, who had experienced the ACTS Retreat at different times, in different places. Each felt called to carry that experience back to Austin, and share it with others. While I took a leadership role within this group, the vision could not have been realized without our collective desire.

Some of those responsible for bringing ACTS to OLG are Fr. J.C. Cain, Bill James, Joseph Montoya, Debra Carlisle, Angela Gonzalez, Sue Fowler, David Coffey, and Tim Banigan. The Holy Spirit inspired each of them to bring their unique talents and passions to this ministry, to this community.

So what fueled my passion? The desire to create a safe place for men and women to journey inward; a place where we can be inspired to lay down our burdens, our shame and brokenness, and stand up to claim our God-given worthiness. That's what the women in San Antonio created for me on my retreat, and that's why I felt called to carry the message of ACTS to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A WORD FROM THE ACTS CORE CHAIR

My ACTS brothers and sisters, peace to you and your families. The Core team has worked to develop a vision for the community here at Guadalupe. The dream we have for ACTS incorporates the values of Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service in our parish and community. The vision is of a community that shares our faith with our ACTS family, our own families, our parish community, and the community that surrounds us.

We are looking to our ACTS community to become involved in the parish activities and ministries to strengthen the parish. We are also looking to the ACTS community to support ACTS retreats and activities. There are three retreats in the next four months and plenty of work to do. I invite you to do what you can to support the parish and the retreats. I don't believe that God looks at the size of your gift, only that you give it freely.

Peace, Joseph Montoya



Letty Perez, Minnie Lopez and Adela Valdez

ACTS RETREATS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Two ACTS retreats are presently scheduled at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first Spanish Women's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for December 8-11, 2005. Director is Letty Perez and co-directors are Minnie Lopez and Adela Valdez.

"He aquí la sierva del Señor, hágase en mí según tu palabra." Lucas 1:38

A Men's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for January 12-15, 2006. Director is Frank Martinez and co-directors Jim Castro and Ramon Gomez.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." John 14: 1,6.

Registration forms for both retreats are available at the church office or online at www.olgaustin.org