



# ACTS MISSIONS CONNECTION

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## ACTS Missions Accountability to Donors for 2016



ACTS Missions would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all our benefactors who supported our mission in 2016!

Because of your generosity, ACTS Missions continues to spread ACTS worldwide through its missioning efforts! In 2016, 51 parishes received ACTS bringing the total number of parishes with ACTS to 574! We anticipate at least a 20% increase for 2017 for 60 new parishes, and have a stretch goal to 75!

Your kindness also allows us to support the ACTS Missions Chapters who are spreading ACTS throughout their regions. There are currently sixteen volunteer-led Chapters who support their local parishes and provide that face-to-face support that is so important in work. We are able to develop new resources that helps them get ACTS to parishes that request it much faster!

The newest development your support made possible is the inline training we launched in December 2016. This has been HUGE for ACTS Missions as we are now able to make training available to those who did not have the means or availability to travel to live training sessions.

We are happy to report that we are updating our data systems to give you more accurate reports on how ACTS Missions uses your generous gifts to help others experience God's love, foster discipleship to Jesus Christ, and build parish community through ACTS.

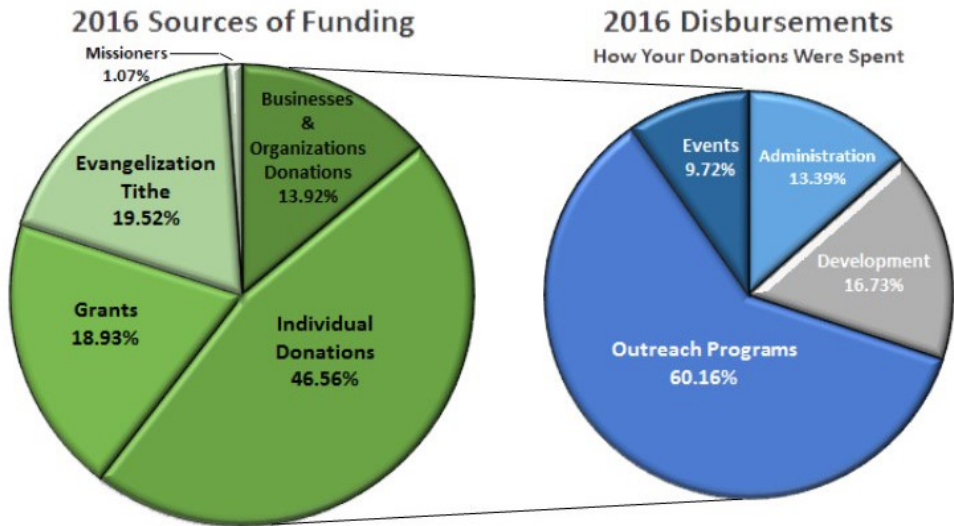
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As contributors to ACTS Missions, it is important that you are aware of how your generous and giving spirit has allowed us to Evangelize. In 2016, ACTS Missions has ministered to 653 parishes, 53 of which are International. These parishes represent 77 dioceses, 20 are international.

In 2016, your gifts supported the ACTS Missions Outreach effort and generated an impressive number of missioning retreats. A record number 82 missioning retreats were held in the US, Canada, and Spanish speaking countries. Of the 82, 48 were English Outreach, 28 Spanish Outreach, and last summer Teen Outreach had missioning retreats. Not only that but the momentum was established for the new year, 2017, so far we already have 66 missioning retreats scheduled.



Thank you for making this happen. Thank you for making a difference. This issue of the ACTS Missions Newsletter is meant to acknowledge all those who have supported this effort. In 2016, ACTS Missions received \$871,563 in donations. We are encouraged at the number of donations that have come from all over the US. During the year, our expenditures totaled \$793,315. Above you will find a breakdown of where the money went in 2016.

We have instituted a “Giving Club” to recognize every donor who has participated in the mission. May God bless you and thank you for saying “yes” to spreading the ACTS Retreat, one soul at a time.

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The Lifetime Giving Societies reflect the generosity of those who have supported ACTS Missions and its work to spread the ACTS retreat worldwide. The Societies reflect the cumulative giving over the years.

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Anonymous (Notification 9/2016)



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## 2016 Annual Giving Circles





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A unique group of donors who have attended an ACTS Retreat. They make an annual membership gift of a minimum of \$24 and an hour of prayer and/or adoration monthly. This is the service of the Missioner, the Missioner's participation in the evangelization of the ACTS Retreat.

*\*Note: A Missioner emblem appears next to the name of all members both in the Lifetime and Annual sections.*




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


















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Others join ACTS Missioners, a membership program that connects individuals with others who have attended an ACTS Retreat. As a Missioner, each person participates and serves in the mission of spreading the ACTS Retreat both financially and through monthly prayer. As more people join at \$24 per year (or \$2 per month) our capability to mission and evangelize expands exponentially. All who have attended an ACTS Retreat are encouraged to participate in this program.

We are also supported by parishes who voluntarily participate in the **Evangelization Tithe**. This is a campaign designed to raise funds to support and grow the organization so that it may continue to spread ACTS worldwide and develop resources to support parishes with ACTS. This campaign is critical to our success. Not only does it benefit our mission financially, but keeps parishes connected with the further evangelization of the ACTS Retreat to new parishes and keeps ACTS free for these parishes and dioceses as well.

The Bishops have asked that ACTS Missions™ ensure that the ACTS experience is consistent and faithful to Church teaching in every parish. With the financial support we receive, ACTS Missions™ continues to develop, maintain and grow an infrastructure to provide excellent service and support to parishes currently with ACTS; and to keep up with the rapid growth of parishes who request ACTS. This comes in the form of personnel, materials, training, expert guidance when questions arise, and educational resources that empower the laity to better facilitate ACTS and become active in their parish communities.

*...ACTS  
various  
sources  
of  
Funding...*

Since ACTS directly impacts the life of a parish, which is demonstrated over and over again. Our role is to give what we have received to others so that they too might share in this experience. To make this possible, we rely on the generosity of the Faithful who have benefitted from their retreat experience. Thank you, each one of you for your generosity, love, and support.

## Partners in Evangelization

**...Making a Difference!**

ACTS Missions™ is supported primarily by the generosity of individuals who have had life-changing experiences through the ACTS Retreat. Many choose to offer donations as they are so moved by the Spirit.



## ACTS Missions

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### 2016 Parishes Participating in Evangelization Tithe—Partners in Evangelization

*“And every day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”*

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Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic CH Spring, TX	St. Brigid Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Christ the King Catholic Church Lake Charles, LA	St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Austin, TX
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church Houston, TX	St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Houston, TX
Church of Our Lady Festus, MO	St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Nederland, TX
Church of St. Mary Tulsa, OK	St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church Houston, TX
Church of the Good Shepherd Schertz, TX	St. Dominic Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Church of the Holy Name of Mary Croton on Hudson, NY	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Houston, TX
Core - San Angelo San Angelo, TX	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Odessa, TX
Core - Seguin Seguin, TX	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Plano, TX
Cristo Rey Catholic Church Austin, TX	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church Pflugerville, TX
Denton Acts Denton, TX	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church El Paso, TX
El Campo Deanery ACTS, Inc. El Campo, TX	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Frisco, TX
Holy Cross Catholic Church Lafayette, LA	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Orange, TX
Holy Family Catholic Church Corpus Christi, TX	St. Gertrude Catholic Church Kingsville, TX
Holy Family of Joseph, Mary & Jesus, Roman Catholic CH Victoria, TX	St. Helena's Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Holy Spirit Catholic Church Duncanville, TX	St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church Spring, TX
Holy Spirit Catholic Church San Antonio, TX	St. James Catholic Church Gonzales, TX
Holy Trinity Catholic Church San Antonio, TX	St. Jerome Catholic Church Houston, TX
Immaculate Conception Catholic CH Sealy, TX	St. John Bosco Catholic Church Westlake, LA
Immaculate Conception Parish Las Vegas, NM	St. John Neumann Catholic Church Laredo, TX
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church San Antonio, TX	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church San Juan, TX
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Pearsall, TX	St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hondo, TX
Infant Jesus Catholic Church Lumberton, TX	St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Prairieville, LA
Little Flower of Jesus Church Toledo, OH	St. John the Evangelist Parish North Chelmsford, MA
Mary Queen Catholic Church Friendswood, TX	St. John Vianney Catholic Church Houston, TX
Notre Dame Catholic Church Kerrville, TX	St. Joseph Catholic Church Baytown, TX
Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe Mexico City, Mexico	St. Joseph Catholic Church Del Rio, TX
Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe Del Valle De Pojoaque Santa Fe, NM	St. Joseph Catholic Church Donna, TX
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Austin, TX	St. Joseph Catholic Church Eagle Pass, TX
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Helotes, TX	St. Joseph Catholic Church Marksville, LA
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Hobbs, NM	St. Joseph Catholic Church Richardson, TX
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Seguin, TX	St. Joseph Catholic Church Shreveport, LA
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Hitchcock, TX	St. Joseph Parish Fairhaven, MA
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Mineral Wells, TX	St. Joseph South San Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church El Paso, TX	St. Joseph University Parish Terre Haute, IN
Our Lady Of Prompt Succor Catholic CH Alexandria, LA	St. Jude Catholic Church Benton, LA
Our Lady Of Prompt Succor Catholic CH Sulphur, LA	St. Jude Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Our Lady Of The Mountain Catholic CH Ashland, OR	St. Lawrence Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic CH Lake Charles, LA	St. Louis King of France Catholic CH Austin, TX
Our Lady Queen of the Universe Cath CH San Benito, TX	St. Luke Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Prince of Peace Catholic Church Albuquerque, NM	St. Luke Catholic Church Temple, TX
Prince of Peace Catholic Church Lewiston, ME	St. Margaret Mary Church South Windsor, CT
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga, Ontario	St. Martha Catholic Church Porter, TX
Queen of the Holy Rosary Church La Grange, TX	St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church Dripping Springs, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Comfort, TX	St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church Lake Charles, LA
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Conroe, TX	St. Mary Catholic Church Fredericksburg, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Del Rio, TX	St. Mary Catholic Church Fredericksburg, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hallettsville, TX	St. Mary Catholic Church League City, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Pineville, LA	St. Mary Catholic Church Windthorst, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rancho Cucamonga, CA	St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Richmond, TX	St. Mary's Church Coventry, CT
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Texarkana, TX	St. Matthew Catholic Church El Paso, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Uvalde, TX	St. Matthew Catholic Church San Antonio, TX
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wasilla, AK	St. Matthew Catholic Church Tolland, CT
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Espanola, NM	St. Matthew's Catholic Church Longview, TX
San Antonio De Padua Catholic Church Penasco, NM	St. Michael The Archangel Catholic CH Garland, TX
San Francisco de la Espada Mission San Antonio, TX	St. Monica Parish St Louis, MO
San Luis Rey Church Laredo, TX	St. Patrick Church Mystic, CT
Seven Holy Founders Catholic CH Affton, MO	St. Paul Catholic Church Fenton, MO
St. Aloysius Catholic Church San Antonio, TX	St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Richardson, TX
St. Ambrose Parish North Branford, CT	St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Church Rancho Cucamonga, CA
St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church Channelview, TX	St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Groves, TX
St. Ann Roman Catholic Church La Vernia, TX	St. Pius X Catholic Church Portland, OR
St. Anne Catholic Church Beaumont, TX	St. Pius X Church Lafayette, LA
St. Ann's Catholic Church Midland, TX	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community Houston, TX
St. Anthony - SAAMC Fort Sam Houston, TX	St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Cath CH Florissant, MO
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Beaumont, TX	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church College Station, TX
St. Anthony de Padua Church San Antonio, TX	St. William of York Catholic Church Tewksbury, MA
St. Anthony Marie De Claret Parish Kyle, TX	Ste. Genevieve Du Bois Church Saint Louis, MO
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Eunice, LA	Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd Monroe, LA
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church High Ridge, MO	