

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Catholic Church

# OLG ACTS Core Newsletter

## ACTS Core Members



Front Row:

1. **Mario Briceño:** *Retreat Supply Coordinator*
2. **Margaret Aguilar:** *Co-Facilitator*
3. **Maria Ortiz Leonides:** *Retreat Supply Coordinator*
4. **Rafael Monroy:** *Retreat Supply Coordinator*
5. **Jonathan Herrera:**

Back Row:

6. **Julian Vasquez:** *Spiritual Coordinator*
7. **Isabel Torres:** *Financial Coordinator*
8. **Minnie Lopez:** *Financial Coordinator*
9. **John Mendoza:** *Communications Coordinator*

Not present during photo:

10. **Terri Espinosa:** *Facilitator*
11. **Mo Renteria:** *Spiritual Coordinator*
12. **Hilda Moncivais:** *Communications Coordinator*

## Events

2014

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

ACTS Core hosting Sunday Kitchen

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

ACTS Core hosting Sunday Kitchen

2015

**January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Women's Spanish ACTS Retreat

**April (tentative)**

Men's English ACTS Retreat

**July (tentative)**

Teen ACTS Retreat

**October (tentative)**

Women's English ACTS Retreat

### ACTS Core Meetings:

We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month at 6:30pm.

### OLG ACTS Website:

[http://www.olgaustin.org/acts\\_index.shtml](http://www.olgaustin.org/acts_index.shtml)

### OLG ACTS Yahoo Group:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/acts\\_at\\_olg/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/acts_at_olg/)

*"And every day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." ACTS 2:47*

## OLG ACTS crosses

As a retreatant in 2003 we were given crosses which were hand carved by a gentleman nicknamed "Pop". All Crosses were from one branch so that when we part we were still together, connected.

When I was honored to be the director of the women's ACTS in 2005 one of the jobs of director is to pick a cross to be given to all team members and retreatants. With a small budget, I could not find one that was right for this retreat. In talking with my husband, Victor, he said he will make crosses. I gave him 3 criteria's, stay within budget, must be made from wood and must be made from one board. So that when the women go their different ways, they are always connected with each other.

Victor got with John Adams and together they research and decided to go with a wood called Purple-heart. When freshly cut, it is a dull grayish/purplish brown. When exposed to sunlight is becomes a deeper purple. Further exposure to light the wood becomes a dark brown with a hint of purple. Purple-heart grows from the tropical regions of Central America (Mexico) to the tropical zone of South America (Brazil); this particular Purple-heart wood came from Guyana South America.

Us, like the wood, go through changes as we grow in Christ. Going to the retreat will change you in some way. This is one reason for picking Purple-heart. There are no 2 crosses alike, each are different. We pray that your change will be a great one and last forever and while wearing your cross, let it be a constant reminder of your retreat.

The wood was a pretty large piece, about 8 feet by 13" by 1". After making about 80 crosses we had a lot of wood left. Enough to make about 2000 plus more. So, we went to Our Lady of Guadalupe ACTS core and offered an idea of this cross becoming an OLG ACTS gift for all retreats. Their reply was yes. As we were getting to the end of the wood from the first board we purchased a second board. Used the last piece from the first board and the first piece from the second board and made a cross to continue the unity, the connection.

The tradition of making crosses continues. There have been many volunteers that have come and gone in making of the cross. John Adams, John Mendoza, Victor Mokarzel and myself still remain as part of the original cross makers. Each cross is crafted and cut by hand. To date, an estimated 2500 plus crosses have been made. We are all connected in and with Christ.

Your Sister in Christ,

Sylvia Mokarzel



### Men's Bible Encounter Study Group "LECTIO DIVINA"

We invite you Men of Faith, to come and experience the Word, our Christ in an intimate and profound way. We meet every Sunday from 8am to 9am in Room #1.

### Adoration

The first Friday of each month there will be a 24 hour adoration in the Chapel. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the noon mass on Friday and continue until noon on Saturday. All are welcome.

### ACTS Missions Town Hall Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

ACTS Missions invites all ACTS communities in the Austin Diocese Area to attend.

**Place:** Austin Diocese Pastoral Center  
6225 Highway 290 East, Austin TX 78723  
(512) 949-2400

**Room:** John Paul II Conference Room