

*They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life; to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*

*Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.*

*All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.*

*Each day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.*

*They ate their meals in exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.*

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

**Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**

**DIRECTIONS – ST. ANDREW CHURCH, 128 NORWICH AVE, COLCHESTER, CT**

**From Hartford and points West:**

*Take Rte 2 East to Exit 18, Rte 16 in Colchester. At end of ramp, turn right and go 0.4 miles. Turn right on Main St. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.*

**From Willimantic Area:**

*From Willimantic Rte 6 junction, take Rte 66 toward Middletown and go 6.5 miles, turn left on Rte 85 and go 6.4 miles. Bear right on Rte 16, bear left on Main St. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.*

**From Middletown Area:**

*From Middletown, go over the Portland Bridge and take Rte 66 toward Willimantic for 5.8 miles, bear right on Rte 16 and follow for 12.0 miles. Turn right on Main St. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.*

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**LOCATION PICK UP:**

**ST. ANDREW CHURCH, 128 NORWICH AVE, COLCHESTER, CT**

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT  
MAY 4-7, 2023**



**A**doration

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**[www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org)**

**Adoration** – God's CALL, your ACCEPTANCE OF, AND RESPONSE TO GOD.

**COMMUNITY** – LOVE AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

**THEOLOGY** – STUDYING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

**SERVICE** – TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

### What is it?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. This is done via a positive, lively and interactive manner. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved.

### Past Reactions

"I had put off going on an ACTS Retreat for some time, always having an excuse. Finally I agreed to attend and I am so glad I said yes. It was the best thing I had done for myself in a long time. The retreat was truly a faith filled experience with the Holy Spirit guiding the entire weekend. I received so much love and peace and learned so much from all the wonderful women that I met. I gained a deeper relationship with the Lord, and a wonderful support system within my parish community." Karen B.

"When the opportunity to attend a women's ACTS retreat, I made it a priority. I went on the retreat with an open heart and an open mind. This retreat brought me closer to God than I had ever been before. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I found new joy in everything I did by sharing the love of God with others especially my family." Rosa W

"The ACTS retreat I attended had a profound effect on my spiritual life. The retreat was a faith filled weekend that inspired me to become closer to God. Since the retreat I've noticed God working in my life more than I ever did before. The love and joy that fills one's heart doesn't end on the Sunday of the retreat but continues. The women one meets remain sisters forever. It's a wonderful experience that all women seeking a closer relationship with God should attend." Cathy H

### Interested In Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, May 4, 2023, with a 5:30 pm check-in at St. Andrew Church at 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT. Participants will then be transported to Immaculate Conception Retreat Center for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, May 7, 2023, with an 11AM Mass and reception at the Church. Transportation to and from Retreat Center will be provided.

The cost for the retreat is \$250. A deposit of \$125, made payable to Guardian Angels Parishes, submitted with the enclosed form, will reserve your place. The remaining balance will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. You will receive a letter within two weeks of the retreat describing the necessities you should bring.

**Please Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat.** A limited amount of assistance is available based on your need. If you have financial concerns please call and discuss them with the directors listed below.

#### For further information contact:

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