

ACTS OF POINTE COUPEE CORE TEAM

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“RETREATANT SELECTION POLICY” and other “SELECTION GUIDELINES/SUGGESTED GUIDELINES”

RETREATANT SELECTION POLICY - Initial allocation will be 8 for each of the 5 parishes in the coalition. If a parish doesn't fill their total allotment, those available slots would be filled from the remaining list of randomly drawn applicants, in the order of their selection, from any of the 5 parishes. Selected applicants who are unable to attend are to be replaced by an applicant from the same church parish, in the order of their selection, unless there are no available applicants from that church parish. In that case, the slot will be filled from the remaining list of randomly drawn applicants, in the order of their selection, from any of the 5 parishes. To be selected, applicants must be **Parishioners**. [The Core Team facilitator will email the list of selected applicants to the pastors and advise (*The following applicants were selected and based on their listed address, the ACTS Retreat Manual, and the ACTS of PC guidelines, the Core Team has identified them to be parishioners and therefore eligible to attend the retreat.*)] [Core Team research has shown an applicant does **not** have to be a “registered” parishioner and that **Parishioner is defined as “anyone” (No requirement to be Catholic) residing in the geographical area of one of the church parishes of the coalition or a person who resides outside of that geographical area but is a “registered” parishioner of a church parish within the coalition.**] Anyone who has applied twice to an ACTS of PC retreat and not selected, would be automatically selected upon the third application. (The previous sentence is subject to being changed or deleted by the Core Team, should the number of three-time applicants ever become excessive.) Applications from priests, nuns, and other religious will be handled on a case-by-case basis and if added to the retreatants list, it would be in addition to the 40 applicants selected from the coalition parishes.

RETREAT TEAM SELECTION SUGGESTED GUIDELINE – Currently, the Core Team leaves this to the discretion of the Retreat Director but encourages directors to follow the ACTS Manual which promotes that 1/3 of the team have experience teaming on a prior retreat and 2/3 of the team be first-time teamers. Directors have the discretion to modify this ratio in either direction, based on what they feel is needed for the retreat they are directing. **ALL ACTS of PC COALITION “PARISHIONERS”** who have attended an ACTS of PC retreat or an ACTS retreat outside of ACTS of PC **and** are currently listed on the ACTS of PC roster are **eligible** to be selected to team on a retreat. Historically, 40 teamers are selected. Directors are currently free to prayerfully hand-select or randomly draw the “experienced” teamers. The first-time teamers should be prayerfully and randomly drawn from the pool of eligible teamers taken from the ACTS of PC roster. Directors are to make every effort to balance the team selection equally among the 5 church parishes.

RETREAT DIRECTOR SELECTION GUIDELINE – Pursuant to the ACTS Core Team Manual and subject to the approval of the coalition pastors, all ACTS of PC alumni who are **registered parishioners** (in good standing) of their church parish and have teamed at least twice on an adult ACTS retreat are eligible to be selected as a retreat director. After the pastors approve the list of eligible candidates, the Core Team (in executive session) votes by secret ballot for five of the eligible candidates. The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes are then placed in a basket and following scripture and prayer, the Core Team draws the names, numbering them one through five. The Core Team facilitator will contact Candidate 1, to see if he/she will accept the position of Director. Should Candidate 1 decline, then the facilitator will contact Candidate 2, etc., etc. [Co-directors, who are selected by the Director, must also be **registered parishioners** (in good standing) of their parish.]

CORE TEAM MEMBER SELECTION GUIDELINE – the 15 initial Core Team members (3 from each of the 5 church parishes) were selected by the coalition pastors and served 1, 2-, and 3-year staggered terms. Subsequent Core Team members will all serve for 3-year terms. A list of eligible names from the ACTS of PC roster will be submitted to the pastors for approval. Candidates must be a **registered parishioner** (in good standing) of their church parish and teamed on at least one ACTS retreat. During the May meeting each year, the Core Team will randomly draw names from the pastor-approved list and the facilitator will contact those selected until all available Core Team slots are filled.

(NOTE – *The ACTS of Pointe Coupee roster is a list of individuals who have attended an ACTS of PC retreat or individuals (that we’ve been made aware of) who reside within the geographical boundaries of our 5-church parish coalition that attended an ACTS retreat conducted by another parish.*