



## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question:** What kinds of retreats are offered at the CRC?

**Answer:** The majority of retreats hosted by the CRC at present are planned and facilitated by the parish, church, or organization that books the rooms, facilities, and services provided by the CRC.

**Question:** Can the CRC accommodate large retreats?

**Answer:** We are blessed with a large and versatile facility that is capable of providing a wide range of retreat venues for up to 210 retreatants at a time. Our facilities frequently accommodate two or three retreats simultaneously, without difficulty or significant inconvenience to our guests.

**Question:** Does the CRC offer spiritual direction, guided retreats, or other CRC sponsored retreats or events?

**Answer:** The CRC is presently developing a network of prayer and ministry partners to birth and grow a community of men, women, and youth who are dedicated to the mission and ministry of the CRC. It is our vision that the fruits of this prayer and ministry partnership will be the rekindling of CRC sponsored pastoral care ministries such as:

- Spiritual Director Development and Ministry
- Guided Retreats
- Directed Retreats and Days of Prayer
- Special Events/Ministry Projects

**Question:** Is the CRC just for ACTS retreats?

**Answer:** No. ACTS retreats are now and will continue in the future to be a big contributor to the success of our mission and currently account for about 20% of our booking capacity. The CRC has always been available for all forms of Christian retreats and meetings and will continue to be open to all forms of retreats and meetings that support our mission.

**Question:** Was the CRC in danger of closing a year or two ago?

**Answer:** Yes, two years ago the CRC was in danger of being closed down because of shrinking business base and the challenge of continuing to staff it with Oblate priests.

**Question:** Who owns the CRC?

**Answer:** A religious order of Catholic priests and brothers called the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) still own the CRC and the CRC Partners operate it under a lease/purchase agreement with them.

**Question:** Who are the CRC Partners?

**Answer:** The CRC Partners Inc are a group of committed lay Catholic Christians who upon hearing a rumor that the CRC might be sold to commercial interests banded together and formed a business entity to save and renew the CRC.

**Question:** Are the CRC Partners a “for profit” business?

**Answer:** The CRC Partners are a non-profit Texas corporation that has recently been approved by the IRS to operate under 501c(3) status as a not for profit, charitable organization.

**Question:** Is the CRC funded by the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston?

**Answer:** Although the Archdiocese supports the ministry and mission of the CRC to the Catholic Community of Galveston/Houston, the retreat center is not owned or funded by the Archdiocese.

**Question:** How can I help support the mission and ministry of the CRC?

**Answer:** There are many ways you can support the CRC. Please go to our “Home Page” and click on the “Support the CRC” link to view them.