

CCM I Thirst Retreat

The retreat was held between 26 March and 1 April, 2000 at EMMAUS HOUSE in Perth Amboy, NJ. The facilities were good for our needs and in conformity to the spirit of the Movement. We were 11 priests in all, of whom Fr. Paul came from Gibraltar, Fr. Martin from Holland and Fr. Andreas from Switzerland.

The meditations were given by Fr. Joseph, who stirred a great interest on various aspects of Mother's life and MC priestly spirituality.

There was also a time for sharing in the evenings. In one of these sessions, Fr. Joseph was asked to share his story on the beginnings of CCM. In relating this experience one could see the providential hand of God in using Mother as His instrument in forming the CCM.

It is also encouraging that participants have expressed their gratitude for this retreat experience and all were enthusiastic about similar activities since each in their own journey is 'thirsting' for more!

This retreat has been a time of grace, a fulfillment of a small dream in the service of Jesus, priests and a great encouragement to keep helping priests as Mother would have liked.