

« Meeting Jesus in Community »

North American Retreat



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So happy and full of joy that I accepted the invitation to attend and spend a week with Fr. Bill Clarke sj and others from Faith and Sharing communities, **Meeting Jesus in Community**. Yes, we were like the early disciples who heard Jesus say "come and see" as we journeyed together in such a spiritual setting.

Led by Bill, we took the time to be with Jesus, with one another sharing love and joy and how we were touched by the scripture readings of the life of Jesus. What was this text saying to me? What was Jesus telling me? What touched my heart? The rhythm of the day flowed well to allow time to ponder, read, walk and enjoy the natural beauty of the place. The sharing groups gave additional richness and experiences of one another.

I return full of joy and gratitude with a beautiful gift to unwrap and share with others. Bill spoke the first evening session words from the first letter of John "...what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life." (1John 1:1) This was experienced during that week, the life and love of Jesus with one another. Thank you to everyone for such a gift to live and share. 💜

