

The Philip Course



At Umzimkulu

Origin

The Philip Course was considered by Fr Ricardo in 1990 as being an instrument to give or renew an experience of Jesus in the Familial Communities of Camparino. The Philip Course promotes a relationship with Jesus in a direct way.



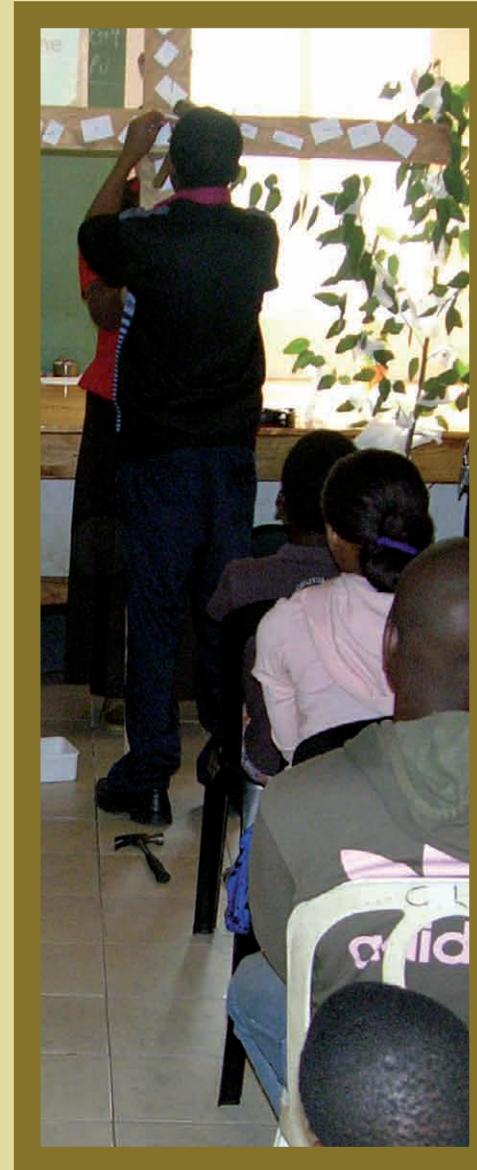
What it is

The Philip Course is an explicit announcement of the Kerygma, which produces an experience of salvation in those who welcome it. The objective of the course is to have a personal encounter with Risen Jesus to receive the new life. The person receives or renews the new life. New life is the fruit of a meeting with Jesus and of the seal of the Holy Spirit.



Context

Within the program of the formation of evangelisers the Philip Course is the beginning of a journey in which the objective is basic – to form witnesses. An evangeliser who has not experienced a meeting with the living Jesus who gives us the Holy Spirit cannot be a witness.



THE WEEKEND OF 25 AND 26 JUNE was filled with joy, enthusiasm and life changing experiences, as the youth from the Umzimkhulu parish in South Africa had their first Philip Course. Out of the fifty youth who registered for the course, we started with about ten who had come on time. But being in Africa where there is no hurry most of them came later, and the parish hall where we conducted the course was filled with youth thirsty for Jesus. The Zulu youth or most commonly called “intsha” in KwaZulu Natal experienced powerful teachings, dynamics and animations from our anointed facilitators. To our energetic fr. Michal it was a relief as the youth preferred the course only in English without the Ndebele-Zulu translation. For in Umzimkhulu in every mass fr. Michal has to preach with translation, but for our sweet translator Raymond it was vacation time. The music was professionally played with a blending of Afro rhythms, using simple instruments like the guitar and congas. Zulu and English songs were sung adding flavor to the course. Father Jan who graced us with his presence danced exclusively to the song “my redeemer lives”. One of the youth, by the name of Nonandi said, “Ubaba Jan danced like a typical Zulu boy”, a very inspirational complement to baba Jan. She also said “the course was attractive, educational and especially brought me to experience the power of Jesus in my life.” Most of the youth expressed the same sentiments, as they were touched by the course. Father Michal, father Jan and Fredrick could not attend the entire course, as they were two funerals in the parish, so they had to attend as duty was calling them. Overall, the course was successful as the youth did experience the power of salvation only in Jesus. It was a powerfully anointed course and the Lord blessed each and every one present in those two days.

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