

Midland - Martyrs Shrine August 15, 2022.

Just wanted to share the wonderful experience.

A bus trip was organized for August 15th the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady to Martyrs Shrine in Midland, Ontario.

The last pick-up point was Hwy 400 and Major Mackenzie. Once everyone was seated, we said a prayer asking for protection of our driver and all of us on the bus.

Very promptly after the very efficient committee handed out snack boxes and bottles of water.



We then said the Rosary and sang two hymns. Once we reached Martyrs Shrine, we were able to visit the grotto and grounds. Mass was at 12 noon.

We met a wonderful Sri Lankan family who were there to give thanks and in honor of their special needs son. They had prepared so many delicious snacks which they shared with us and anyone entering the church.

Father. Patrick Coldricks (Rodericks) said the service and gave a very meaningful homily. But what was very moving was that he blessed families and anyone wishing a blessing with the relic of the martyred saints.

We then headed to Midland harbour for lunch and free time. While enroute we played bingo. This bingo was different. It was all the names from the bible. Oh, my it was such

fun, because everyone had an uncle or aunt (supposedly) with the name. The jokes, the banter back and forth was so good to see.



The 1st prize was a beautiful statue of St. Joseph. 2nd prize was a beautiful carving of the last supper, and Rosaries, all blessed by Father on the Martyrs Shrine Grounds.

It was very relaxing at the harbour. After that we headed to Tangers/Cookstown outlet mall. On our return we also had a 50/50 draw on the bus.

What amazed me was the effort that the committee members put in. Walking up and down the bus to ensure everyone was ok. Giving out bottles of water and treats.

This may seem trifle to some, but what I thought was very caring was taking the time to cut out little boards of cardboard. As the bingo sheets were paper clipped to the boards and handed out so that it was easy for people to hold and play.

All the hard work of the committee members has to be acknowledged.

Kudos to all.

Big thank you Canorient Seniors Club.

Lots of love

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Joined by Charmaine Soares and Jojo Fialho.