

## **August 25, 2013 - Visit to The Martyr's Shrine - Midland, Ontario**

48 members and non-members boarded a bus that took us to the Shrine. We were joined by about 100 others who found their way separately. On the bus we passed the time by singing and playing games.

At the Shrine we started with a Rosary procession around the outdoor altar. It was somber and solemn with hymns to Our Lady. This was followed by Holy Mass outdoors. The celebrant was Fr. Cyprian Da Silva who happened to be visiting from St. Alex Church in Calangute, Goa. The Mass was in Konkani, interspersed with English. He preached a stirring sermon in both languages. Fr. Cyprian was assisted by Fr. Patrick Coldricks who serves at the Shrine.

Mass was followed by a picnic. There were Goan caterers on hand, serving us sorpotel and other delicacies. There was amusement for the youngsters, a Goan Idol, other games for the seniors, afternoon tea with biscuits and cake. Our thanks to Romeo and Belinda Dos Remedios who spearheaded the event as they have done for the past 4 years. Many of us are looking forward to next year. Please mark your calendars for the last Sunday in August.