



The Beginnings of Catenian Association

The Catenian Association can trace its beginning back to 1906 with the conflict between the Catholics and non-Catholics in UK.

Our Circle here in Busselton started its beginnings in 2009 when Tony Smurthwaite and John Van Beek approached myself and Whightly after Mass at Our Lady of the Bay around middle December. At that time Brothers Tony and John were members of Perth Circles who had moved to Busselton. We thought it would be a great organisation for all Catholic men of the parish to gather and join in a common band for all the Busselton Parish, as we were only a few men at the beginning we were call Group 919. Our first official meeting was on 24th of May 2010 with 24 members.

We were Inaugurated "The City of Busselton Circle" on 20th October 2012 at the Esplanade hotel. We had visitors from all the Perth Circles and some visiting Catenians from the UK.

At that time, we had about 20 local Brothers and 6 Associate Brothers. Today we only have 5 local Brothers; George Bazzica, Bill Middleton, Jac Stretch, Terry Shine and Mick Tonks and 2 Associate Brothers, Tony Smurthwaite from the Como Circle and Terry O'Neill from the Swan Valley Circle. A lot of our Brothers have died and others are not well enough to help any more.

Although our numbers are small, we still serve our local Parish in many ways, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Saint Vincent De Paul, Parish Council, etc.

We still meet once a month on the 4th Sunday at the Esplanade Hotel for a meal and fellowship. All these meetings are open to anyone who would like join us.

We are very lucky to have local and visiting Priests and Nuns joining us for meals and I thank them very much, as we enjoy their company.

All our meetings are open for anyone to join us on our Koffee Klub Meetings.

George Bazzica