

## Circle Activities

Circles meet once a month, usually in a convenient hotel.

Circle meetings are chaired by a President, who is elected by the members once a year.

The meetings, which deal with the business of the Circle, last about an hour. Inter Circle visiting is strongly encouraged.

The meetings are followed by dinner during which the usual social interchanges occur.

In order to maintain and strengthen the bond of friendship between members, a variety of social events are held including visits to places of cultural interest and theatres.

Other activities, including golf competitions and trips abroad, are also held. Family and friends are welcomed at many of our events.

Each year an Irish Catenian Association Golf Championship takes place. This event usually attracts a large number of overseas visitors, which further strengthens the bond of friendship between members.

## Membership Requirements

Potential applicants must be male; practising Catholics, of good character and aged 21 years or over.

## Would you like to join us?

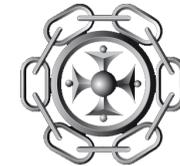
Having read this information booklet and learned a little about the Catenian Association, perhaps you would like to find out more about us.

We would be very happy to meet you informally to answer any questions you may have and of course, we would welcome the opportunity to learn something about you.

If you are interested in joining the Catenian Association, please visit our website [www.thecatenians.ie](http://www.thecatenians.ie) for more information, or talk to the person who gave you this leaflet.

## Contact Details

Please get in touch using the contact details given below.



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*Strengthening family life  
through friendship and faith*



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## Who are the Catenians?

The Catenian Association is an international brotherhood of practising Catholic men who meet monthly to exchange views and encourage each other in their religious, family and business lives.

Members are organised into groups called Circles.

In today's world it is very important that Catholic men have an opportunity to get together in friendly company to discuss issues relevant to Catholics in society today.

## Aims of the Association

- To foster brotherly love among members;
- To develop social bonds among the members and their families;
- To advance the interests of members and their dependents by individual and collective action; and
- To advance the interests of young Catholics and to assist them in their choice or pursuit of career.

## Origin of the Catenian Association

The Association was founded in 1908 by a group of Catholic businessmen.

The name Catenian is drawn from the Latin word for Chain which is 'Catena'.

The Association sees all Circles as links in the worldwide chain of Circles, while the members form the local links which combine to form the Circles.

The emblem represents links in a chain, surrounding a Cross.

## Catenians in Ireland

In Ireland at present there are two Circles, one in Dublin and one in Cork.

In addition, Catenian Groups (which precede the setting up of full Circles) have been formed, one in Belfast and one in the South East Region - meeting in Kilkenny.

There are more than 100 Catenians in Ireland at present, part of a worldwide membership in excess of 10,000 spread across the UK, Australia, Africa, India and Malta.

## Our Catholic Faith

Our Catholic Faith is the bedrock of the Association.

Each year we have a President's Mass, which is a very special celebration of our faith.

Mass is also celebrated annually for deceased members.

Christian clergy are invited as guests to our annual Clergy evening.

While we support the main thrust of the Catholic Church wherever we are established, we are a lay organisation and therefore priests and religious cannot become members of the Association. This arrangement preserves our independence while allowing us to be fully supportive of church activities.

## What do we support?

Many Catenians play prominent roles in their local parish activities and lay Catholic organisations.

Members are also active in the service of the Church and civic communities, both locally and nationally.

The Catenian Association is non political and is not a Catholic action pressure group.