

## **St. Ann's Group history**

Dist. 12, Area 86

The organizational meeting was held on September 6th 1966. The meeting was held in Port Dalhousie in the backyard of Alf S. home. In attendance and the first members of the group were Alf S., Joe S., Jim M., Bob D., Doug S. and Ron C. At that time it was the first meeting north of the QEW in St. Catharines. The meeting time was decided to be Friday nights at 9 p.m.

The original meeting place was in St. Anne's school on Elgin Street St. Catharines directly across from Star of the Sea church the school has since moved. This is how we got our name. The meetings were held at the school until the Catholic School Board introduced after hours user fees in the late sixties. The group then moved to St Alfred's Church on the corner of Carlton and Vine St., St. Catharines where it flourished. The new addition to St Alfred's church had not been added and the group met in a small meeting hall adjacent to the church office. The group soon outgrew the room and had to relocate due to space limitations. The group moved to St Mary's Church on St. Paul Street West St. Catharines and remained there until the addition was added to St. Alfred's Church in the late seventies which created the needed larger meeting hall. The group then returned to St. Alfred's Church where it remains today.

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