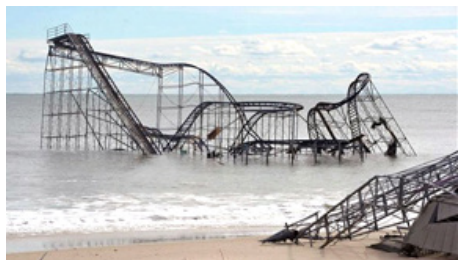




B O L L E T T I N O



Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Fund

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the Eastern Seaboard and ultimately affected at least 24 states in various regions of the country causing many injuries, flooding, power outages, fires and massive destruction. Millions of homes and buildings have been damaged or destroyed with recovery costs estimated in the billions. Sadly, over one hundred were killed. Subsequently, the areas were again impacted by a Nor'easter.

The Federation has decided to start a relief fund for the people who were devastated by these events in the East. \$1,000 has already been donated from the Central Council to start the fund. We encourage all branches and districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people who were affected. Private donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to the I.C.F. Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Hurricane Sandy Relief on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief. The deadline for donations is January 31, 2013, so we can forward the money on to help in the continuing efforts to aid the victims and their families.

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Buon Natale! Merry Christmas!



As quickly as it came in, the year 2012 is about to leave us. Let us not forget during this holiday season to take a moment, look around, and be truly thankful and in awe of the beauty that surrounds us.

We, as brothers and sisters, in the Italian Catholic Federation are a family. May the happiness and joy of this Christmas season lighten your life and may health and prosperity find you in the coming year.

Districts Stay Busy Through November with Bishops' Days

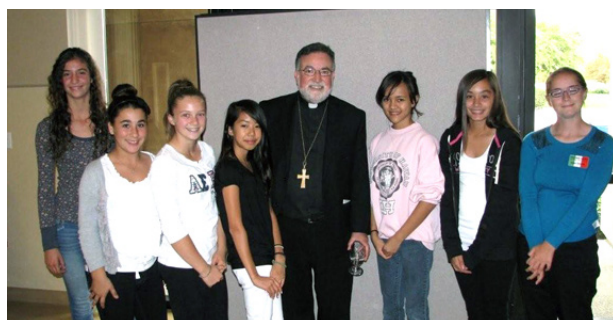


On October 28, 2012, the Las Vegas Area held its annual Bishop's Day at The Brio Tuscan Grill. Bishop Joseph A. Pepe, Bishop of Las Vegas, was present for the event.



St. Francis de Sales Branch 367 hosted the day's festivities as Branch President Leonard Balcerzak and Event Chairman Joe Donato made sure everything ran smoothly. Danny Centurioni was master of ceremonies.

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Blessed Sacrament Bishop's Day



On October 20 members of the Santa Rosa District, from Petaluma through Arcata, attended the Annual Bishop's Day event in Arcata, CA. Bishop Robert Vasa

traveled from Santa Rosa, celebrated Mass, attended the dinner and accepted

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In thinking about my Christmas message to you, there are two themes which immediately come to mind.

The first is one of the oldest and best known Christmas messages sung by the angels, which is "Glory to God in the Highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." It is the second part of the angels' message that should hold true for our organization – "peace on earth to men of good will."



With the exercise of good-will as a basic practice among our members, towards our officers, and particularly towards our priests, we can be assured of great success. Good-will between members will create a spirit of cooperation which will, in turn, ensure a healthy life to any branch. Good-will between branches will surely follow and inevitably will spread throughout the entire Federation.

It is my hope then, that this Christmas will bring forth a desire among our entire membership to practice, more than ever before, good-will which will make the Italian Catholic Federation a true representative of the Catholic Church.

The second theme is one that I have used in the past and will continue to use - May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the Gladness of Christmas which is Hope and the Essence of Christmas which is Love be with you.

To me, these three elements truly represent the meaning of the Christmas Season. Let us hope that in the midst of our hectic preparations for the approaching holidays, we never lose sight of them.

As we prepare for Christmas Day, let us pray for peace throughout the world, hope for the underprivileged and suffering, and love for all mankind.

Buon Natale and Buon Capo D' Anno a tutti!

Fraternally,
Jane Dianda
Grand President

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Upcoming Events

2013 District Installations:

Jan. 5 Santa Clara Valley

Jan. 6 Stockton

Jan. 13 Blessed Sacrament

Los Angeles

San Francisco

Jan. 15 Marin

Jan. 19 San Mateo

Jan. 20 East Bay

Jan. 25 Phoenix

Jan. 26 San Bernardino

San Gabriel Valley

Jan. 26 Joint Installation of

Br. 144, Arcata and

Br. 145, Eureka

Jan. 27 Contra Costa

San Diego

Santa Rosa

Feb. 2 Central Coast

Tucson

Feb. 9 Santa Barbara/Ventura

Feb. 12 Las Vegas

Feb. 24 Fresno

2013 Bishops' Days:

Jan. 25 Phoenix

Feb. 2 Tucson

Mar. 17 Stockton

Apr. 8 San Francisco

(San Francisco, San Mateo

& Marin)

Apr. 28 Chicago



Peace on Earth...

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

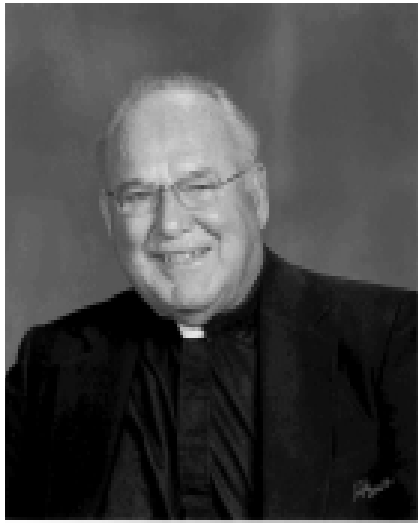
May the Child Jesus bring peace to your homes and into your hearts. May Jesus sooth the rough edges of life and bring calm to the troubled. May He bring harmony and peace throughout the world. We thank Him for all that He gives us, our lives and our country. May He make us more aware of the poor and hungry, the homeless and sick throughout the world.

We thank Him for helping us aspire to the Mission Statement of the ICF, "The Italian Catholic Federation encourages and promotes faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, and the preservation of the Italian-American heritage in our



communities."

Jesus brought light, faith, love and hope into our lives. We thank Him for the gift of Himself and ask Him to bless the Italian



Catholic Federation with love of God, love for God's children and love of each other.

May Jesus bless you in a special way at this Christmas time.

Membership Retention Ideas

We have all asked the question (especially the Financial Secretaries in the branch) why do people join our branch, are excited about joining, and within a short time—leave. Why is retention of our members such a huge problem for our branches?

I am told that all organizations are faced with this problem. Typically, new members are the least likely to renew their membership and this statistic is devastating for smaller branches who need new members each year to grow.

Solving the problem of keeping new members may be as simple as getting them involved. New members tend to stick with a branch if they associate in meaningful ways.

One of the most powerful internal motivators on the planet is the sense of meaning and purpose. Members want a chance to take part in something meaningful and important. They want to make a difference.

Here are some retention ideas that might work in your branch.

1. Show your members how belonging to the ICF will directly benefit them. For example our Bishop's day program is one of the most important charities that we support. Putting on a fundraiser to support this program helps provide tuition for the seminarians who become our priests in the future.

2. Develop a Mentoring Program in your branch. Assign someone to sit with the new members, explain the workings of the branch, invite them to participate in a fundraiser, call them before the meeting to make sure they attend.

3. Have everyone fill out an annual Member Interest Survey. Find out what your members want for your branch.

4. Ensure that all members are active to their level of comfort, and a little beyond.

5. Have comfortable friendly meetings.

6. Be warm, smile a lot and always say "Hi!". We often joke about the fact that it takes a week after convention to get the smile off our face. Those people do smile a lot and I love it.

I have 50 more ideas if you're interested. Send me a note and I'll make sure you get a copy.

I am a member of a wonderful branch in San Jose, California, Branch 191. Being a member of this branch and as a result of the relationships I have formed with 191, I am a better person. My members make me feel this way. You can do the same thing in your branch.

Love to all,

Jim Jones

Zasoski/GP Jane Dianda

Roll Call of Officers: CC Member excused: George Bacigalupi, Vincent Picciola, Vincent Piro and Steven Fuentes

CC Life Members Emeritus present: Bob Dianda, Jim Jones, Nello Rossi, Leroy Taddei, Jody Balestrieri, Larry Marsalli

Michelle Feldman Bollettino Editor, Lou Mages Field Director

Introductions: GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests.

CC Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2012 and September 2, 2012 were approved as presented/corrected.

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Membership Stats as of July 2012 -- 11,212

New:	281
Reinstated:	8
Transfer in/out:	3
Cancelled:	158
Non-payment:	6
Deceased:	77

Members as of 11/01/12: 11,260

(Excluding deceased members, we have increased by 125 members.)

High Five!

Top 5 Districts/Areas with increased membership. (Deceased members are not factored into these stats).

Blessed Sacrament	+42
Contra Costa	+30
San Diego	+23
Los Angeles	+20
Stockton	+13

Congratulations to the following districts/areas who also achieved increased membership:

Central Coast, Chicago, East Bay, Fresno, Marin, Orange, Reno, San Gabriel, Santa Barbara/Ventura

Things to Ponder

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
-Norman Vincent Peale

Heritage Around the ICF

Louise Vento

Heritage Committee

Did you know Christmas is my favorite holiday? Do you remember your Christmas past? I do. Are your Christmases today the same as when you were a child? I try to make mine memorable. I can remember how poor my parents were when I was a child, but still my father would go to Roberts' Vile Feed and Grain to buy a little fir tree. He would bring it home and my mother would set it in a bucket of sand and place it in the living room... a room so cold without any heat. She would place the manger under the tree and I would place the Christ Child in the manger. We would put lights of red, green, blue and gold and ornaments so old. We were told to be good little children and if we were Santa would come on Christmas morning to fill our stocking. Santa? Who was this person who came on Christmas morning? I never wanted to know, but many books have been written about him. He is only what you believe. On Christmas Eve our whole family attended



midnight Mass to see the Baby Jesus in the manger. Christmas is the birth of Christ. Upon returning home we would go to bed and dream of the joy of Christmas. When I awoke on Christmas morning I would run into the living room. I would find my sock filled with walnuts, an apple, maybe some new socks, fifty cents and always a new book. We never had a bike, roller skates, wagon or fancy clothes, rings, radio or TV. A TV, what was that? Not even a camera to record our Christmas past. Now, as I am older, every year we still set up a big tree and I set the manger with the Christ Child under it. We put old and new ornaments of red, blue, green and gold on the tree. I look forward to seeing my grandchildren open their stocking and find something small and special. Christmas gifts don't have to be expensive to be appreciated. Let's make this Christmas a time to remember Christmas past. May your memories of Christmas past reflect the true meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas to all our ICF members!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
11/1	Mrs. Kathy Neuburger		Roseville, CA	\$50
11/2	Paula Pimentel	39	Sacramento, CA	\$50
11/3	Robert Porta	39	Merced, CA	\$30
11/4	Olive DeFrancisci	408	San Jose, CA	\$40
11/5	Abby Thomas		Fairfield, CA	\$30
11/6	Nicholas Vultaggio	210	Temecula, CA	\$30
11/7	Olivia & Ellie Luchini		Fresno, CA	\$30
11/8	Fr. Bill Stevenson	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
11/9	Donald & Frannie Slebir	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
11/10	Richard & Georgine Codiga	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
11/11	Emma Quaresma		Woodbridge, VA	\$50
11/12	Gerry Meacham	28	Gilroy, CA	\$50
11/13	Mary Kay Tocce	391	San Jose, CA	\$50
11/14	Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Brien		Lockeford, CA	\$30
11/15	Donna Kolnes	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
11/16	Marilyn Amoral	139	Manteca, CA	\$30
11/17	Winnie Frei		Sacramento, CA	\$30
11/18	Jean Ornelaz		Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
11/19	Nita & Teddy Fraguglia		San Francisco, CA	\$30
11/20	Susan Odom	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
11/21	Gabe & Angela De La Rosa		San Bernardino, CA	\$30
11/22	Gus Bertolotti		Modesto, CA	\$100
11/23	Karen Beckmann		Novato, CA	\$40
11/24	Bill Greco Family	4	San Jose, CA	\$30
11/25	John Filice	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
11/26	Betty Pereira	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
11/27	Orsolina Casella	70	Sanger, CA	\$30
11/28	Mark Lewis		Merced, CA	\$30
11/29	Patricia Putkey	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
11/30	Ed Gervasoni	380	Simi Valley, CA	\$30

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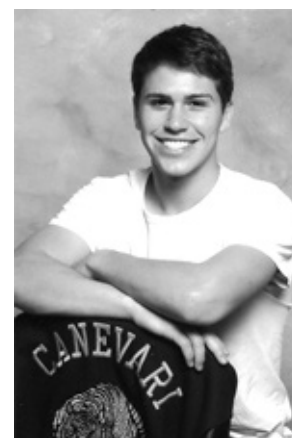
Scholarship Focus

Mark David-Joseph Canevari

Mark David-Joseph Canevari
College: Consumnes River Community College
Mascot: The Hawks

Mark is attending Consumnes River College in Sacramento this semester. Of his choice, he has written, "This community college was close to my home, less impacted with students, and more economical for me. With the rising cost of higher education, I decided to start at a community college so that my debt when I leave college after seven years will not be something I cannot pay back."

Mark is majoring in Chemistry/Pharmacy because science and math have always been his strong subjects. While talking it over with his parents, he picked out a few careers that would fit his abilities, and after job shadowing a local Pharmacist, Bob Migliori, he decided that pharmaceutical



science was the career for him.

Mark writes that "Because I am choosing to start at community college, this scholarship will practically pay for half of my first semester! Not having that debt and knowing that someone has helped me through paying for school with this scholarship is an amazing relief. I can concentrate on studies instead of having to work to pay for my

schooling. If I continue on my set path, Pharmacy school is 7-8 yrs. This can add up in expenses quite fast."

He continues, "I would like to thank the ICF for their generosity, not only to me but to all the other recipients of this scholarship throughout the years. It is a wonderful feeling knowing I have a community helping me with my studies."

Dave and Elda Canevari are members of the ICF.

To donate to the ICF scholarship fund or to learn more about the scholarship program, please visit <http://www.icf.org/scholarships.html> or contact

District Workshops in 2013

Dante Galeazzi,

Life Member

Your ICF Workshop Committee is ready and available to plan NOW for a presentation to your District. We will demonstrate any 60 to 90 minute presentation on many of the ICF Programs. Presidents, please discuss and select at least two or three topics for a presentation by the Workshop Committee to introduce topics such as spiritual activities, membership growth, Awards Program, heritage/history of the ICF, financial reporting, fundraiser's for charitable programs, Officers/Deputy duties and again any other topic for the District and your Branches. The Workshop Committee wants to schedule your District's Workshop event during the months of March, April or May 2013, for the topics of your district's/branches' choice. Once the district/branches selects at least two or three topics that "best suit" your needs contact Dante Galeazzi via email at dantegaleazzinpc@aol.com or cell phone 209 815 8825. At our annual National Convention many members requested for these Workshops be held for the memberships at the local districts for a larger participation. Branch presidents, discuss with your officers and again at your district meeting your desire program selection. The Committee hope your district's selects a date promptly for your first choice and because there is a such a demand for these ICF Workshops we recommend a second date for

approval. Your Workshop Committee is helpful, experienced, very willing to assist and are all life members of the Central Council with Robert Acquistapace, David Botta and Jim Friebe and Dante Galeazzi, Chair. and I am privileged to have them on the workshop committee.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

In Loving Memory

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MARTIN W SCOFIELD	Branch 218		Branch 435

Sandy Relief

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Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. While Catholic Relief Services is carrying out its international mission to respond to Hurricane Sandy, they are working with their sister organization - Catholic Charities USA - in coordinating the relief efforts for food and other aid items, shelter, counseling, help in getting back to work and re-building here at home in the United States where our donation will be directed.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by this terrible disaster.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Donations received in office by November 15, 2012)	Roger and Kathy Santos
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Jim Cardella	Roger and Kathy Santos
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Anna Barberi	Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Camille Serafin	In memory of Tina Lopez
Angelo Benassi	Pat and Louie Cordich
In memory of Camille Serafin	In memory of Virginia Petter

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Correction: In the Oct. Bollettino, Michael A. Amato was listed as a new member to Br. 281 but he is a new member to Br. 391.		ANTHONY E LERCARA	
Report Date: 11/15/2012			Branch 352
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John and Kris Kaiser	Get well wishes for Norma Damozonio
In memory of Mario Tomei	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Horace and Jane Russo	Get well wishes for Fabiola Di Paolo
In honor of the birthday of Josephine Lucido	Christina Zarich and Family
Officers/Members of Br. 191	In memory of Edward O'Malley
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David and Donna Ballard	Officers/Members of Br. 365
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Get well wishes for Cheri Huntley	Get well wishes for Mike Cannady
David and Pat Botta	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
Get well wishes for George Bacigalupi	Get well wishes for Fabiola Di Paolo
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	In memory of Virginia Petter

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BOOK REVIEW VINCE PIRO

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A Variety of Children's Books

Every year in December, I write about a variety of books that you can give as gifts for Christmas to your children and grandchildren. Here have been some of my favorites from over the years.

Joseph and Chico: The Life of Pope Benedict XVI as Told By a Cat

Ignatius Press

2008

Ages: 9-12

Product Description from Publisher:

In this beautifully illustrated book for children, Chico the cat describes the life of his "best friend", Pope Benedict, in this authorized biography of the Pope for young people approved by the Vatican. The Pope is known for his fondness of animals, especially cats, and Joseph and Chico is narrated by Chico, a real cat who took up with the Pope in his native Germany long before he became the Pope.

Becoming Joe DiMaggio

By Maria Testa (Author) and Scott Hunt (Illustrator)

Candlewick

2005

Ages: 9-12.

Product Description from Publisher:

It's 1936, and the Yankees have just hired a star center fielder whose name sounds like music. What could be a better time for Papa-Angelo's grandson to be born? Christened after the legendary ballplayer, young Joseph Paul learns much at his Italian grandfather's knee — about holding your breath in front of the radio during a 3-2 count with the bases loaded and having the audacity to dream big dreams. "Each poem is a perfect, gripping chapter," says KIRKUS REVIEWS in a starred review of this novel in verse, which honors the timeless bond between a grandson and his immigrant grandfather — and the process of finding one's own place in a brave new world.

Penny from Heaven

By Jennifer L. Holm

Yearling Publishers,

2007

Ages: 9-12

Product Description from Publisher:

It's 1953 and 11-year-old Penny dreams of a summer of butter pecan ice cream, swimming, and baseball. But nothing's that easy in Penny's family. For starters, she

can't go swimming because her mother's afraid she'll catch polio at the pool. To make matters worse, her favorite uncle is living in a car. Her Nonny cries every time her father's name is mentioned. And the two sides of her family aren't speaking to each other! Inspired by Newbery Honor winner Jennifer Holm's own Italian American family, Penny from Heaven is a shining story about the everyday and the extraordinary, about a time in America's history, not all that long ago, when being Italian meant that you were the enemy. But most of all, it's a story about families—about the things that tear them apart and bring them together. And Holm tells it with all the richness and the layers, the love and the laughter of a Sunday dinner at Nonny's. So pull up a chair and enjoy the feast! Buon appetito! This extraordinary tale is a Newbery Honor book.

Italian for Children

McGraw Hill

2003

Ages: 3-9

Product Description from Publisher:

Already a proven home-study program, the Language for Children series is making noise with this updated, integrated book-plus-audio edition. Along with its charming visuals and lively activities, the series now provides in CD format the stimulating sounds of language to entice preschoolers through primary graders into learning a second language. Cute, catchy songs and the humorous, serial adventures of SuperCat are sure to captivate the imagination and foster

language acquisition. Each set in the series contains an 80-page full-color activity book coordinated with two 60-minute CDs as well as a Parent/Instructor CD packed with helpful tips. Together children and parents can master basic language skills, including making introductions, counting from 1 to 20, and describing objects. The perfect package for parents and teachers who want to familiarize three- to nine-year olds with foreign languages and cultures.

Filastrocche Italiane - Italian Nursery Rhymes

Claudia Cerulli (Author), Ellen Locatelli (Illustrator)

Long Bridge Publishing, 2009

Ages: 0-8

Product Description from Publisher:

Collection of 20 very popular Italian nursery rhymes with color illustrations, text in Italian with English translation. Use as an introduction to Italian language and traditions, as playtime or bedtime reading, school activity and language practice. Included in the book are five pages of language puzzles. Large print suitable for young readers. Bilingual.

Where do you find these books?

Most of these titles can be found at popular online bookstores, such as Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble. Or you can visit your local bookstore, which may have them in stock or can easily order them for you.

Las Vegas Bishops' Days

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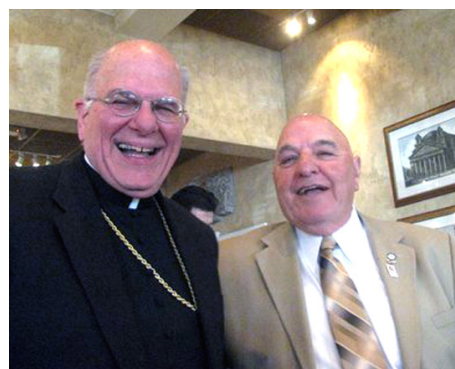
As everyone enjoyed a lovely meal, Leonard Balcerzak presented the Spiritual Bouquet to Bishop Pepe.

Joe Donato presented Bishop Pepe with a check for \$2,250 from Branch 367. Of that, \$250 was donated to the branch by member, Fr. John Assalone, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi.

A private donation was also made by Branch 367 member Danny Centurioni, and Branch 367 members Manny and Tina Valle.

On behalf of the Central Council, Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino presented Bishop Pepe with a check for \$1,500.

Special guests in attendance included Central Council Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino from Santa Clara, CA; Central Council Member Pat Mages from Thousand Oaks, CA; Central Council Member Lisa Crudo (and her mom), from Castro Valley, CA; Fr. Sam Falbo, Chaplain of Branch 367; Fr. Gene Kinney, member of Br. 367



and Adm. of Holy Family Church; and Fr. Jim Jankowski, Administrator of St. John Neumann Church.

Santa Rosa Bishops' Days

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the donations for the Seminarians of the Diocese. Also attending were CC Grand President and four Central Council Members from as far away as Hollister. It was hosted by both the Arcata and Eureka

branches. Sunday morning, following the event, most members also attended a district meeting and breakfast at the famous Samoa Cook House, before returning home.

Fresno District Bishop's Day

On October 21, 2012, the Fresno District held its annual Bishop's Day at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno, California. The day began with mass celebrated by the diocese's new Bishop Armando Xavier Ochoa. The bishop's excellent sermon welcomed the members of the ICF and inspired members of the congregation. Members of the district and Central Council attended the mass. The mass was followed by a delicious luncheon in the parish hall graciously hosted by Branch 417 under the leadership of Fred and Gerry De Rienzo. Steve Fuentes served as Master of Ceremonies. President of the district, Allen Watts, presented the bishop with a donation for seminarians of \$4,000. Leonard Zasoski then made a donation to the diocese from the Providenza fund. The newly appointed bishop mingled with the attendees and impressed everyone with his openness and humor. Presidents, officers, and members from several branches in the district attended the event. Nettie Descalso Del Nero, and her husband, Tom; Leonard Zasoski, and his wife, Betty; Vince Piro, and his wife, Robyn; and Marco Galeazzi and his wife, Diane, Andy Pappani, and his wife, Siria, Dante Galeazzi, and Deborah Rodondi. Thanks to the hard work of the host branch, the day was filled with fellowship and faith.



The first is Bishop Ochoa, Crystal Watts and Fr. Frank Piro – Br. 39 chaplain.



Evelyn Way, Josie Fragnito, and Mabel Willmon enjoying the day.



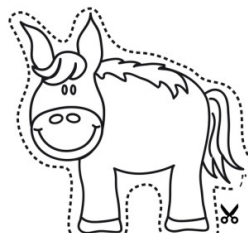
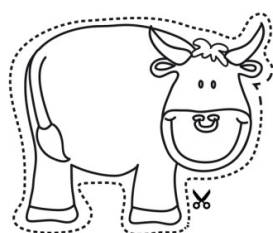
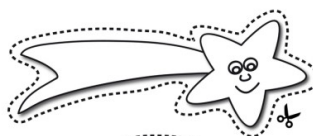
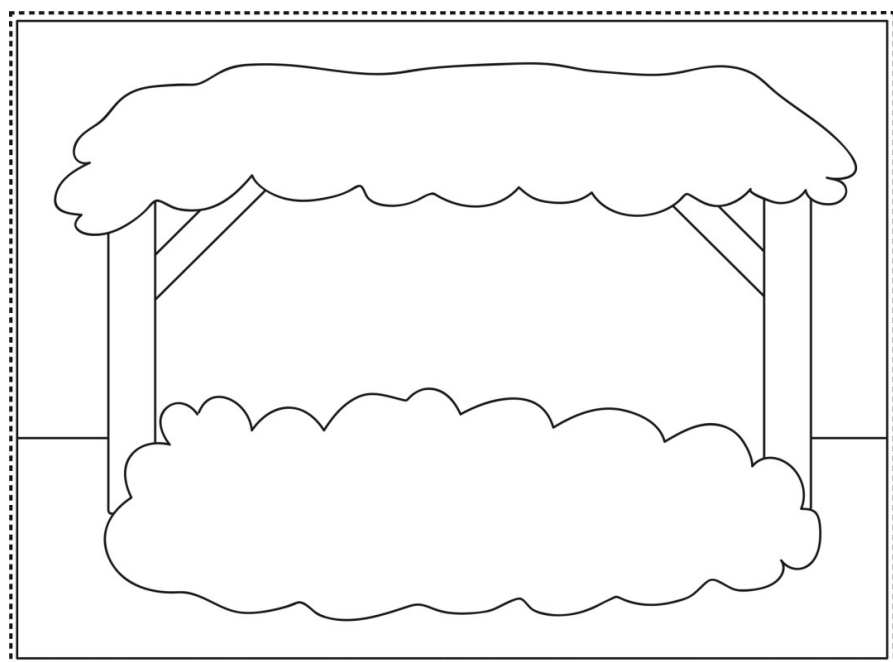
Fr. Piro, Bishop Ochoa – holding a bottle of Blue Nun, and Allen Watts – Fresno District President.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu

-- The Celebration of Youth

Merry Christmas!

For this Christmas activity, simply color, cutout, and glue to create the Nativity Scene.



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Communications: Thank you from Laurice Levine for the Pope John Paul Award, Cooleys annual donation and nominating them as the National Charity for the coming year; Bertram Lubin, MD for our support of the Thalassemia Center at Children's Hospital, Oakland and the award bestowed on Laurice Levine; the Mages Family on the donation made in memory of Pat's mom; Frances Teglia for get well wishes and the donation to the Providenza Fund; Bishop Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix for sending a copy of our souvenir book for this years convention; the Oasis Sanctuary Foundation for the donation in honor of Laurice Levine

Reports

Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

It has been his continued pleasure to be a part of the ICF. Impressed with the concern and zeal of the members. Hopes that we continue with the guidance of The Lord

Grand President – Jane Dianda

Attended Br. 161, Larkspur 50th Anniversary Dinner; East Bay/Contra Costa District Bishop's Day; Orange District Bishop's Day; Br. 48, Modesto 75th Anniversary Dinner; Br. 67, Los Angeles 75th Anniversary Dinner; ICF National Convention; attended Finance and Executive Committee

Meetings; Santa Clara Bishop's Day; Installation of Archbishop Cordileone of the San Francisco Archdiocese.

Thank You Leonard Zasoski for attending San Bernardino Bishop's Day.

Will be attending 50th Anniversary of Br. 163, San Mateo; Santa Rosa District Bishops Day; Central Coast Bishops Day; Los Angeles Bishops' Day; Children's Hospital Christmas Party.

Leonard Zasoski to attend Fresno and San Diego Bishop's Days.

Bob Basuino to attend Blessed Sacrament and Las Vegas Bishops Days.

Grand Treasurer – Leonard Zasoski in for George Bacigalupi

Committee proposed to increase the convention registration fee from \$175 to \$200. PASSED

Reviewed 2013 budget. All guests were asked to leave meeting while salaries were being discussed. Leonard Zasoski states budget is just a guideline and numbers will go up and down. Motion from committee to accept budget as amended. PASSED

Deputy Chairperson – Bob Basuino

Leonard Rossi and Bob Basuino met with Branch 13 and held elections; things are moving along.

Branch 20 SF closed; they gave half of the social fund to the Providenza Fund.

Br. 11 in the process of having their closing dinner then will turn over their general

funds.

Thank you Deborah Rodondi for helping with Br. 213 SSF; Bob and Kathy Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen for their help with Cloverdale; Bob Acquistapace for his help with Branch 437 in AZ; Jody Balestrieri for help with Branch 229 St Rose of Lima.

Having a problem getting the reports from the District Deputies.

Jim Friebe wanted to know if we can set up a mentoring program to help train future Deputies, utilize Past Presidents.

Dante Galeazzi wanted to know what came up at the convention workshop? How are you going to address the lack of deputies? Bob Basuino plans on writing Bollettino articles to address things brought up at the workshop.

Field Director-Lou Mages

Since March has been working with three parishes: St Ignatius in Antioch; St John Berchmans Chicago; St Teresa's in Carson City.

In the works: Holy Family in Las Vegas and the Shrine in Illinois.

3 strong potentials: Holy Cross in Santa Barbara; Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Santa Clarita (possible February 3 opening); Christ the King in Pleasant Hill.

Potential Branch sites: Mesa, AZ; Simi Valley; St Rose of Lima; Diocese of Joliet; Granite Bay.

Committee Reports

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

The committee will be calling the Branches/Districts and try to set up workshops. Proposes to do them during District Meetings. The workshops will be set up for the individual district. Teresa Helfand wants to know if they can be videoed and sent to areas further away since travel is such an expense. Mike Cannady stated the workshops are important to have and the districts have to do their part to get members there for the event.

Ways and Means – Franklyn Lopes

This year the Chicago area is going to try and host a Seminarian night.

Calendars: working on what the theme will be for next year. Will stretch out the birthday listings to add anniversaries of branches, special dates for parishes, clergy, etc.

Golf Tournament: July 19 to be hosted in Monterey. Will need raffle prizes.

Convention raffle did well; sold 4,000 books \$42,314 worth -- \$11,713 more than last year. Will keep raffle at the same price as last year.

Nina Malone suggested a Christmas ornament.

Roselynn Jarrett suggested Christmas cards and maybe having it for the profit of something in particular say Gifts of Love one year, Providenza the next, etc.

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Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

Strategic plan and operating procedures were the tasks put before the committee by the GP Jane Dianda. Will be concentrating on the strategic plan. Will bring plan recommendation to the February meeting. February to June will be implementing the plan... getting feedback from branches, districts, etc; June to Convention will work on a workshop for Convention. This will conclude Phase one -- with the feedback, after Convention will adjust and continue on. This will be a living document, constantly changing and adjusting.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

Scholarship information is being printed and will be sent out end of Dec. beginning of January.

Teresa Helfand asked if they were doing things wrong by giving their own scholarships or can they send the money in and ask that it go to a particular person. Deborah Rodondi stated that they can ask that a certain area or school get it but not an individual. And if we can’t fulfill that we will call the President of that Branch or District to see if they will allow it to go elsewhere. Roselynn Jarrett pointed out that by getting the scholarship from the ICF program the student is then eligible for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships.

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski for Vince Piro

Who is responsible for the different factions of Public Relations: Nettie Descalso-Del Nero- Awards & Press Releases; Nina Malone - Resolutions and Communications; Vince Piro – Website and Bollettino Production with Michelle Feldman; Michelle Feldman and BG Zasoski-Bollettino proofreading.

The Bollettino October issue had several problems that caused it to be late: articles and columns were late, software glitches. To resolve these issues, will create a list of due dates that will be strictly enforced and new software has been purchased.

Michelle Feldman is looking at different printing companies due to current low print quality.

The committee will also be looking into online or electronic only subscriptions (on a voluntary basis). Even if a small number of members opt to get their paper electronically, this could save the Federation thousands of dollars.

Awards and Press Releases

Once a month, Michelle, Vince and Nettie will work on getting out two press releases to Catholic and Italian-American newspapers.

Nettie is working on an article and directions to be sent to Branch and District presidents on how to generate PR in their area.

We will review and revise the Awards forms later in the year with the hopes of streamlining the process and getting more applicants. However, we also want to be sure to use the Awards to stimulate publicity for the Federation, especially the Pope John and Mother Teresa awards. Let’s think of some “big names” that are

deserving of such awards. Remember the awards are a good way to “publicize” the Federation.

Website

Recently went through an update in which old and outdated pages were revised or removed.

The Calendar winners are now part of the online version of the paper

Added a Quarterly Treasurer’s Report in Excel format (thanks to Rose Jarrett) and a Certificate of Appreciation in Word format under the Forms column.

Contact Vince Piro DIRECTLY with concerns and ideas about the paper, website, or other PR Committee matters.

Rose Jarrett suggested it would be helpful to post on the web and in the Bollettino the chairs and the members of the CC committees.

Live to Give-Nina Malone

27 units of blood collected at the convention. Will be educating individuals on who can and cannot give blood. Possible future articles from members who are donors or recipients. Looking into working in collaboration with other organizations on blood drives.

Heritage – Nancy Corsi

Wants to expand the recorded interviews to long-standing branch members.

Would like to create a picture yearbook. Will investigate the cost and see if it is feasible.

Dante Galeazzi suggests someone film the Mother Cabrini event, so that it can be shared.

Membership – Roselynn Jarrett

Currently 11,212 members. Fewer delinquent branches this year than last.

Membership table at Convention passed out membership board kits. She has gotten feedback from some of the branches. Branches would like the template so they can adjust the info and personalize it with branch info.

To bring back the survey from 5 years ago and adding more. 1) A question postcard for why someone is quitting the ICF; 2) branch membership questionnaire; 3) individual member questionnaire.

Nina Malone suggested promoting membership with a free meal at the meeting.

Hospitalization – Patricia Mages

Trying to come up with ways of getting people to join the program might do some testimonials. Educate the Financial Secretaries and the Presidents to promote the program.

Have cleaned up the forms and applications so it appears less confusing to individuals.

Gifts of Love –Andy Pappani

\$61,000 in the fund. July 20th committee met, reviewed 50 applications, granted 10 requests for about \$11,000.

With Dante Galeazzi met with a cleric regarding starting a CCD program for the Diocese of Stockton. Right now 3 parishes in Stockton area have a signed mass.

Finance Committee- Roselynn Jarrett in for George Bacigalupi

The committee moved to accept the Proposed Providenza Fund Donations for 2013 PASSED.

Finance Workshop at Convention -- discussed the importance of filing your e-tax statements and sending in your financial reports. 6 months ago there were about 60 branches not sending in financial reports, about 50% have since turned in reports.

Reviewed the financial report that is now on the website and demonstrated how to use it.

At this time districts are not required to do a financial report, but GP Jane Dianda will be giving the task to the Finance Committee to look into it since the districts have to e-file a tax return like the branches.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi

The workshop for CC members was done earlier today.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

To help branches become more spiritually active in their parishes by sponsoring Nights of Recollection and St. Joseph’s Table, for example. Help them organize food or clothing drives for the needy as well as blood drives. These needs are with us year-round. Together we can make a difference, become more “Christ-like” and work together even though we may have differences of opinion.

New Business

David Botta moved to donate \$150 to Our Lady of Grace Church for the use of the

hall for today’s meeting seconded by Dante Galeazzi. PASSED

Good of the Order

Dan Descalso (Nettie’s grandson) was the Cardinal’s “player of the game” allowing them into the next phase to play the SF Giants.

Mike Cannady to go in for knee replacement on the 31st of Oct.

Leroy Taddei gave a little history of Our Lady of Grace Church/ICF/the Hall. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and look forward to a wonderful New Year.

David Botta shared the ad put in the paper designed by Msgr. Cardelli.

Jim Friebe’s daughter had a serious surgery yesterday and is doing fine.

Andy Pappani showed a mangled letter in plastic saying the post office does care.

Closing Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli
The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm by Grand President Jane Dianda
Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Rodondi
Grand Secretary

Christmas Eve Prayer

A prayer for meditation to revel in the joy of Christmas ...

“Blessed Shining Night of Lights
Pointing out the newborn babe
Who came to show our world that love
Is by far the truest way.

To find the path to heaven’s home
To make our searching not in vain
To show the way that fills our soul
With heavenly light day by day.

Blessed Shining Light of Lights
We find you in our heart each day

And by our caring, sharing acts
We go forth, not led astray.

Blessed Babe of Golden Light
Never forgotten, here to stay
Living on eternally
Hand and hand with us each day.
Living on eternally
Living in joy with us today!”

Prayer and photo credit of golden chain tree - Susan Helene Kramer



ICF Branch Event Announcement

BRANCH # _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____ LOCATION: _____

EVENT	COST of food \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Installation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstallation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Election	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anniversary	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mass	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Reception	
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speaker	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	
<input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pot Luck	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS PLEASE
CALL: _____ PHONE # _____

PLEASE BRING: ☐ Plates ☐ Utensils ☐ Hot Dish
☐ Glass ☐ Salad ☐ Dessert
☐ Other _____

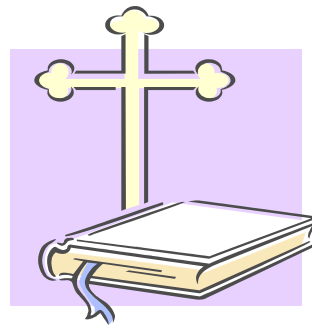
REMARKS: _____

Be Civil, Pleasant & Loving to all.
_____ Branch Secretary



Buon Natale
e Buon Capo
D'Anno a Tutti!
We are still
here, thank
God. Come up for a
visit. All are welcome.
The Officers and
Members of ICF
Branch 18, St. Rose,
Santa Rosa

We at Branch #28
wish everyone in the
Italian Catholic Federation
Buon Natale
e
Felice Anno Nuovo



Branch 45, St. Mary's in
Sacramento wishes everyone
a happy healthy Holiday and a
prosperous New Year!!!!



Tanti
Auguri
Dai
Cuori Di
Tutti I
Membri
Della
Sesione
163, San
Mateo
per Buon Natale E Capo
D'Anno Sano E Felice.

A Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Prosper-
ous New Year is sent
to all of our ICF Mem-
bers to share with their
Friends and Family.
St. Gertrude, Br. 181
Franklin Park, IL



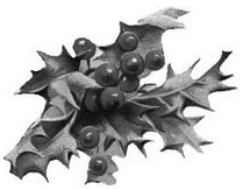
Concord,
CA
Branch 214
Members of
parishes
St. Agnes,
St. Bonaventure,
Queen of All Saints, and
St. Francis of Assisi
Vi Auguriamo Tutti un Buon
Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo



**Christmas
Greetings
From
The
Officers
and
Members
of
Br. 258,
St.
Elizabeth**



*Buon Natale
e auguri
Per un
felice,
prospero New Year
From the Officers
and Members
of Novato,
Branch 332*



Wishing
E veryone
a Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!!
From ICF Branch
439, Our Lady
Mother of the
Church



Happy
Holidays!
From
The
Fuentes
Family



Merry Christmas and wishing you a
Happy and Prosperous New Year!
The Pappani Family

Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!



From Joseph Polselli
CC Member Emeritus
Br. 108,
South Pasadena



Seasons
Greetings
From
The
Officers
and Members of
Br. 19, San Vincenzo
De Paoli, Colma, CA





We wish you every happiness
for a Holy Christmas and for
the New Year.

Buon Natale E Capo Di Anno
From the Officers and
Members of Branch 7,
Sacro Cuore



Buon Natale e
Felice Capo D'Anno
from the Officers
and Members of
San Carlo,
Branch 14, Crockett

Buon Natale --
Merry Christmas!



From Members
and Officers of
San Giuseppe,
Branch 12, Napa



Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year
from Officers
& Members of
Branch 130,
Redwood City, CA

We want to wish everyone a
joyous holiday season:
A Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year.
Jim and Janice Jones



Wishing Peace and
Blessings for All
at Christmas and
the New Year.
St. Michael, Br. 209
Sebastopol



Best Wishes for
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year.
From the Officers and
Members
of Branch 213
St. Augustine,
So. San Francisco, CA



To All ICF Branches:
Best Wishes for a
Wonderful Christmas.
Holy Angels, Branch 218,
Arcadia



**St. Anthony of Padua
Branch 237
Wishes All
Buon Natale
e Felice
Anno Nuova**



**Happy Seasons
Greetings to All &
a Happy, Healthy
& Holy 2013
From All the ICF
Members of Corpus
Christi, Branch 290**



**The Officers and
Members of Br.
327 of St. Charles
Church wish all
a happy and holy
Christmas season.**



**Best wishes for the Holidays.
May every joy that Christmas
brings be with you all year
through. Buon Natale & Felice
Anno Nuovo 2012!
From the Officers & Members
of Branch 391
St. Martin of Tours, San Jose, CA**



**THE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF
BRANCH 403
WISH EVERYONE
BUON NATALE
AND
BUON ANNO**



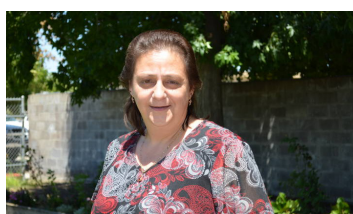
**Merry
Christmas
to All!
From
Branch 413,
Angels Camp**

Italian Catholic Federation - Branch No. 428
TWELFTH ANNUAL
**CELEBRAZIONE
NATALE**
Friday December 21, 2012
6 PM Cocktails 7 PM Dinner
Mel and Faye's Banquet Room
31 State Highway 49/88
Jackson, California
Prime Rib or Salmon @ \$30 with No Host Bar
No tickets sold at the door
HOPE YOU CAN CELEBRATE WITH US
This function is open to both members and guests
Questions or Reservations: Call Alba Arosio (209) 223-0622




**From all of us to all
of you, have a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!
Branch 432
Brentwood**

*From Our Family to Yours, May the Spirit of Christmas which
is Peace, the Gladness of Christmas which is Hope and the
Essence of Christmas which is Love,
be with you this Holiday Season.*



*Jane Dianda
Grand President*



*Sir Robert & Theresa Dianda
Life Member Emeritus of C.C.*



**Auguri Per Le
Feste
Natalizie
Da Tucson
Fr. Eusebio
Kino,
Branch 433
Tucson, Arizona**

Wishing you Peace, Love and Joy for the holiday season and 2013.

Deborah Rodondi,
CC Grand Secretary



ICF Branch 6 wishes everyone a Blessed Holy Season

Merry Christmas Buon Natale Buon Anno Nuovo



Merry Christmas



*Our Lady of Victory
Italian Catholic Federation Branch No. 32*

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
RENO BRANCH 135
AUGURI A TUTTI
PER UN NATALE BENEDETTO
E
UN FELICE E SANO 2013
BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2013



*To each and everyone,
May the Birth of Christ
Shine upon us all,
Every day of our lives
Buon Natale e
Felice Anno Nuovo
Best Wishes for a
joyous Spiritual Season*

*Marco & Diane Galeazzi and Family
Central Council Member*



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our families and friends.

May the birth of Christ fill your hearts with love and may the New Year bring you good fortune and good health.

Members of Branch 39, Merced, California



May Jesus be the Guiding Light in your Life.

Merry Christmas -- Buon Natale and Happy New Year!

From Branch 144
St. Mary's, Arcata

*Buon Natale e
Felice Cappo d'Anno.
Branch 154, St. Raymond's,
Richmond*



*from all the
Officers & Members of
ICF Branch 173, Burlingame*

**Che il Cristo appena nato portare la Pace a tutti!
(May the newborn Christ bring Peace to all!)**



**Buona Natale from the Officers and Members of
Branch 184 - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Los Gatos**

*Saint Bernard's Church
Tracy Branch #390 would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Buon Natale



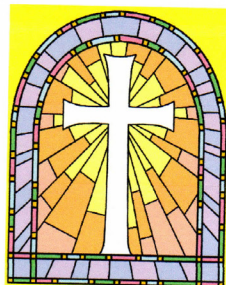
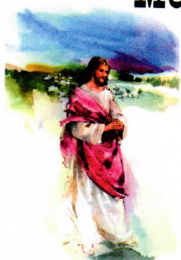
Christ is born!



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH BRANCH 425
GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA**



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from sunny
Arizona**



**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year
San Mateo District**

Buon Natale



*The Stockton District
would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas*



*Buon Natale
e
Felice Capo
D'Anno*

*CC Grand
1st Vice President
Bob Basuino
and family*

Dr. Elliott Vichinsky, Laurice and Matt Levine, the Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia) Staff, and most especially the patients and families in our care, at Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland, would like to wish the Members of the Italian Catholic Federation a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, and peace. The ICF exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas and for this and your years of dedication, love and support, we sincerely thank you. You have made a valuable difference in our lives and touched our hearts.



Buon Natale & Felice Capo D'Anno

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
CC Sergeant At Arms
Branch 227, Capitola



*Merry
Christmas
to all our
ICF
family and
friends.
Vince and
Robyn
Piro*



*Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous
and Peaceful
New Year!
Larry & Elise
Marsalli*



*Buon
Natale
e Felice
Anno
Nuovo a
Tutti Nostri
Amici!
Diana Petrolino*



*May the peace and joy of Christmas
be with you throughout the New Year*

Monterey, Santa Rosalia Br.#36



*The Officers & Members
of St. Frances Cabrini Branch
191*

*Wish you all
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



*May the blessings of this holy
season shine upon you and
your family.*

Wishing all
members of the
Italian Catho-
lic Federation
a Buon Natale
and a Felice
Capo d'Anno!



May you have a Christmas filled
with Love and Joy and a New
Year filled with Peace and Good
Fortune.

From the Officers and Members
of Santo Stefano, Br. 50,
San Francisco



Ti auguro un Natale di Pace e Serenità

(Wishing you a Christmas of Peace and Serenity)

From The Officers and Members of the Santa Clara Valley District

Branch 4 - Holy Cross - San Jose

Branch 5 - St. Clare's - San Jose

Branch 28 - St. Mary's - Gilroy

Branch 47 - St. Joseph's - Mt. View

Branch 184 - St. Mary's - Los Gatos



Branch 186 - St. Nicholas - Los Altos

Branch 191 - St. Frances Cabrini - San Jose

Branch 368 - Santa Teresa - San Jose

Branch 391- St. Martins - San Jose

Branch 408 - Resurrection - Sunnyvale

Branch 435 - St. Catherines - Morgan Hill



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