

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – SCRIPT FOR DINNER/EVENT SPEAKER

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening,

- My name is _____ and I am the _____ of Branch _____ of the Italian Catholic Federation here at _____ Parish.

-As you can see, we are a very active organization who loves to give back to our parish and community. Thanks to your support here (today/tonight) we are able to continue helping others. At this time, I would like to tell you a little more about the ICF, so you can get a glimpse of what we do and why we do it - and for those of you who are thinking about joining our branch, we'd like for you to get a little more background on who we are.

- The Italian Catholic Federation is a 13,000 member organization founded in San Francisco in 1924. The organization has grown and presently has branches in four states. Our branch was established _____ years ago and we are very proud of the role we play within the church and the community.

- We are Italian in origin, but gladly accept members of non-Italian background as we feel that our organization has something to offer everyone. We promote the Italian heritage through social events, food and music. Members also enjoy our faith and fellowship.

- We are also a family organization where all members of the family, of all ages, are welcome. We have a family membership expressly for this purpose.

- As a catholic organization, we support our parishes with time and money we also support our parish schools and religious education programs. Each year we support our seminarians with a seminary burse which is presented to Bishop _____. Within the community we assist those in need, provide grants to persons with developmental disabilities and college scholarships to students graduating from local high schools, (specifically _____ High School).

- In addition, we sponsor dinners, dances, trips and heritage festas because we believe that social interaction is important.

-From our family to yours, we thank you for joining us at our _____ and for helping us support the parish and community. We hope that you will come back and see us again at a future event and will also consider joining our branch as we are always welcoming new members. For more information about becoming a member, you may complete the postcard on your table and put in the mail or drop it off at our membership table located _____.

Thank you and please enjoy the rest of the (festa/dinner/dance, etc).