

SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR MASS SPEAKER

My name is _____ and I am _____ of Branch # ____ of the Italian Catholic Federation located here in this parish. I am here to encourage you to join our Branch, even if you are not Italian.

The Italian Catholic Federation is a 14,000-member organization founded in San Francisco, at the Immaculate Conception Church, in 1924. The organization has grown and presently has branches in California, Nevada, Chicago and Arizona.

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

We are also a Family Organization where all members of the Family, of all ages, are welcome. A few years ago, we started a Family Membership Program expressly for this purpose.

We are a Catholic organization that promotes the following:

1. We receive communion as a group.
2. We support our parishes with time and money.
3. We support parish schools and CCD programs.
4. We visit rest homes and work with the elderly, the needy and the developmentally disabled.
5. We support life pregnancy services and Birthright.
6. We support our Clergy and Seminarians with a yearly contribution for the training of seminarians.
7. We donate scholarships to high school students.
8. We do many other apostolic and charitable works in our community.

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

Our Branch meets on _____ at _____ am/pm. Our dues are modest and we need everyone, young and older. We invite you to join us as we do God's work.

We are having refreshments in the hall after Mass. We also have information available. Please join us. Thank you.