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District Deputy Newsletter

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A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedication and service to the I.C.F. this past year. 2010 should be an exciting year for the Federation and I want to thank you for the time you spend working with the Districts and Branches.

As a Deputy, you hold the important job of being a Mentor. You are someone who has seen it all before and you can share hard-won experience and teach valuable lessons.

You can help the Presidents and their officers conduct business smoothly and efficiently.

Give your Deputy Report but also spend time, one on one, with the President. Make suggestions that have worked for you and been successful at the District and Branch levels.

Mentoring is a great skill and can be an enjoyable experience.

Finally, please remember to be a POSITIVE influence.

FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Grand President Jim Jones has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to retain a Field Operations Director. A separate flyer detailing the responsibilities and qualifications for interested candidates is included in this packet. Also, additional information will be published in the February issue of the Bollettino. Please be sure this information is shared with the Branches in its entirety.

BISHOPS' DAYS 2010

This year I want to encourage all Districts and Branches to start early preparing for their Bishop's Day.

Plan special fundraisers to increase the Bishop's Burse donations from the Branches.

The following information regarding the cost of educating seminarians was provided to me by our I.C.F. Spiritual Director, Monsignor Daniel Cardelli. Please share this with all of the members.

The Diocese pays for the seminarians. Most come from other countries and don't have the ability to contribute to the cost of education and formation. Here's a summary of the cost per seminarian per year.

Tuition	\$12,795
Room and Board	\$10,532
Medical Insurance	\$ 5,028
Books/Retreat	\$ 950
Personal Living	\$ 1,575
Total	\$30,880

Start early to encourage more members to attend Bishop's Day. Our presence shows our Bishops respect, support and appreciation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee is asking that the Branches start early to submit names for the 5 Awards to be given out at Convention: Pope John XXIII, Grand President's, Family of the Year, Mother Teresa and Young Adult Leadership Awards.

The deadline is May 1, 2010. When you receive the application forms, please read them completely. The Central Council Public Relations Committee has made a few changes in the forms.

We are also asking those members that write the article for the Bollettino to send them in by e-mail. This will help to speed things up, save the expense of having to re-write the articles and allows the Editor to communicate earlier with the

P.R. person in the Branch. We realize that some Branches do not have a P.R. person with a computer or computer skills. Write your article as you usually do and ask a friend to send the article in using their computer. That way you visit a friend and at the same time help the Bollettino Editor. Michelle Feldman's home phone is (925) 693-0471. E-mail at home - amfeld 131@yahoo.com. E-mail at I.C.F. office - editor @icf.org.

I.C.F. CALENDARS

Please encourage the Branches to continue selling calendars. Branches should return unsold calendars immediately to the office, so they can be distributed to Branches that can sell them. Thanks to all Deputies who encouraged members to sell the I.C.F. Calendars. As you know, everyone profits from the sale of each calendar.

WORKSHOPS

Please contact me if you would like to schedule a Deputy Workshop for the Deputies in your District. It is a great way to build camaraderie with your Deputies and to help answer their questions about the Deputy Program.

WANT TO BE A DEPUTY?

Please keep an eye out for individuals who can serve as a Branch Deputy. Many members will not come forward and volunteer to be a Deputy. However, I have noticed that when a member is asked to serve as a Deputy he/she more than likely accepts the invitation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

- Membership Retention and Payment of Dues.
- Make sure that a list of the newly elected District/Branch Officers is sent to the I.C.F. office.
- Make sure each Branch has a published yearly calendar of events that has been given to every member and encourage each President to have Chairpersons for all Branch Committees.
- Encourage all Branch members to attend the District Installation of Officers. Insist that all Officers, or a Representative, attend the District Installation of Officers' Ceremony.
- Information on our Scholarship Program has been mailed to all of the high schools where the Federation is located. Encourage Branches to contribute at least one full scholarship if they have the means. Partial scholarship donations are also accepted and encouraged. Encourage members who have children or grandchildren who are high school seniors

and meet the criteria to apply. March 15th is the deadline for donations and applications.

- Encourage Branches to increase donations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year and Italian Studies Scholarships this year. The need is great for our advanced Scholarship Program.
- Encourage members to make contributions to the Providenza Seminary Fund, Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and Scholarship Programs. Donation cards are available through the I.C.F. office or printed in the Bollettino.
- Remind Branches to: pay the Per Capita Tax when the bill is received. Consider now how to have sufficient funds (try fundraisers) to send their Delegates to the Convention this year over Labor Day Weekend.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/09 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since
6/30/09

Santa Clara Valley	1619	+12
Central Coast	1475	+ 3
Fresno	1229	+17
San Mateo	1091	+ 1
Santa Rosa	887	+13
Contra Costa	731	- 9
Los Angeles	685	- 3
East Bay	637	+ 6
Blessed Sacrament	505	- 4
San Francisco	505	-14
Chicago	497	+ 3
San Diego	489	+12
Stockton	459	+ 7
San Gabriel Valley	270	- 3
Santa Barbara/Ventura	269	+ 2
Marin	260	- 3
Orange	233	+ 6
San Bernardino	223	-23
San Fernando Valley	145	+ 3
Tucson	131	- 2
Phoenix	124	+99
Reno	69	- 1
Las Vegas	63	- 1

Total membership as of 12/31/09 **12,596**

New members	446
Reinstated	5
Cancelled/Non Payment	209
Deceased	121
Delinquent 6 – 8 months	23
Delinquent 9 – 12 months	411