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## District Deputy Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE TO ALL DEPUTIES

A Happy and Joyous New Year to each of you! Thank you for your dedication and service to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Start your year as Deputy by giving the gift of yourself to your assigned District or Branch.

Share with your District or Branch your story, your love of the Italian Catholic Federation and why you joined. Tell them your favorite joke or story. Give them ideas that will help the District or Branch.

Most important when you give your "Deputy Report" make sure you are fully prepared. Practice what you plan to say before the meeting starts, not in the car on your way to the meeting. Remember – have fun and enjoy yourself. You are an important part of the success of a District and a Branch.

### LET'S KEEP OUR MEMBERS

Retention of members is very important in a Branch. As a Deputy encourage your District and Branch members to visit with other members who might be a little shy, are sitting alone or have trouble communicating with others.

Research shows that the more friendships a person has in a Branch, the less likely he or she is to become inactive or leave.

### 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

**Deputy Workshop** - 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. So, if you notice a person who enjoys the Federation, approach him/her about becoming a Deputy. You may be surprised when the answer is YES!!!

### SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee is asking the Branches to submit names for the 5 awards to be given out at Convention.

1. Pope John XXIII Award
2. Grand President's Award
3. Family of the Year Award
4. Mother Teresa Award
5. Young Adult Leadership Award

Even though the deadline for submissions is May 1, 2008, it takes time to accumulate all of the award nomination form information and supporting information needed to adequately select the right candidate. If the submissions do not include all of the information that is needed,

no recipient will be selected. For comments, questions or suggestions, contact Nettie Descalso-Del Nero through the office at 1-888-423-1924 or directly at 209-383-4819.

Your Central Council Public Relations Committee is working diligently to improve the quality of the Bollettino. You can help. Please keep your articles within the 150 - 200 word maximum. Your photographs should be taken with a digital or regular camera. Polaroid cameras produce dark photos in the paper. Please send in your articles by computer or typewritten. Handwritten articles are time consuming for the editor.

For questions about quality, missing articles, advertising space, etc. please call Michelle Feldman at work/fax: 1-925-693-0472 or cell phone: 1-650-218-9991. E-mail: [amfeld131@yahoo.com](mailto:amfeld131@yahoo.com) or [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Membership Retention and Payment of Dues.

Make sure that a list of the newly elected 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. Deputies should speak on this important program and 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 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for donations and applications.

Deputies should also encourage Branches to increase donations to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year and Italian studies scholarships this year. The need is great, so please be generous.

Encourage the members to make contributions to the Providenza Seminary Fund, Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love Programs. They can use the donation cards that are available through the I.C.F. office or printed in the Bollettino. We also now have a donation card for the Scholarship Program.

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 12/31/07 BY DISTRICT

		Gain/Loss since 6/30/07
Santa Clara Valley	1538	- 2
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>+ 5</b>
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>+24</b>
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>+10</b>
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>+26</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
Contra Costa	709	- 1
<b>East Bay</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>+ 7</b>
San Francisco	630	- 7
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
<b>Stockton</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>+13</b>
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>+27</b>
Santa Barbara/Ventura	303	- 3
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Marin</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>0</b>
Orange	224	- 9
San Fernando Valley	209	- 8
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>+ 1</b>
Reno	70	- 1

Total membership as of 12/31/07 **12,834**

New members	375
Reinstated	21
<b>Cancelled/Non Payment</b>	<b>190</b>
Deceased	105
<b>Delinquent 6 – 8 months</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Delinquent 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>375</b>