Dear Branch President:

Membership is the heartbeat of our federation and loyal, dedicated members enable your branch to succeed, districts to grow and the ICF to thrive!

It is that time of year that I ask you to consider appointing a Membership Chairperson for your branch; a person who wants to share his/her knowledge and love for the ICF with everyone. If you have someone in place, encourage them to continue in this next year. If they are unable to do so or you did not appoint someone last year, now is the time to find that special individual.

With the approval of our new strategic plan in 2014, many tasks have been assigned to the Membership Committee and one of our top priorities is the formation of a mentor program to help new members as they get to know our ICF family. Please share the following with your Membership Chairperson:

**Developing a Mentor Program – “Amici di Cuore”**

- **Welcome the new member into the Italian Catholic Federation**
  - Keep member fully informed of upcoming branch meetings; offering transportation, if needed, to enable attendance.
  - Oversee inclusion of the member in branch activities; fundraisers, social and spiritual events, meetings, etc.
  - Encourage consideration of a future leadership role, explaining the duties and responsibilities of the various branch officers.
  - Answer questions/concerns the member may have to the best of one’s ability.

- **Commitment from mentor of at least one year; their first year in the ICF**

I am confident that you and your Membership Chairperson will be able to find the right person who is willing to participate in this rewarding program!

**On the reverse side find your Branch Membership Chairperson form for the upcoming year. Please complete and return this form to the I.C.F. office by January 31, 2015.**

Mille Grazie,

*Nina Malone*

Membership Committee Chairperson/Life Member of the Central Council

*Membership Committee Members:*

Denise Antonowicz

Teresa Helfand

Anne Interrante
ICF Branch Membership Chairperson

Branch No. __________ City __________________________

Branch Name________________________________________

I hereby appoint the following member as Membership Chairperson for our branch:

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First Name ___________________________ Last Name

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Address

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City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip

(_______)_____________ ________________________________

Phone Number ___________________________ E-mail address

Branch President: ___________________________ ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________ Signature

Please complete and return this form by January 31, 2015 to:
Italian Catholic Federation * 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110* Oakland, CA  94621