2008 Convention Agenda

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008
1:30pm Bocce - Mazatlan C
6:00pm No-Host Cocktails - Mazatlan A & B
7:00pm Dinner - Mazatlan A & B

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008
• 7:30am Depart for Los Angeles City Tour - Lobby
• 8:00am - 9:00am Convention Registration - Foyer
• 9:00am Depart for Golf - Lobby
• 9:00am Mass Mazatlan C
• 10:00am - 12:00pm Convention Registration - Foyer
• 12:00pm - 3:00pm Pedro Tournament - Monterrey
• 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bingo - Mazatlan A & B
• 3:00pm - 5:00pm English Tea Demonstration - Mazatlan C
• 1:30pm - 6:15pm Convention Registration - Foyer
• 7:00pm - 7:45pm Orientation for New Delegates - Mazatlan C
• 8:00pm OFFICIAL OPENING - Cabo San Lucas
  Call to Order: Steven R. Fuentes - Convention Director’s Chairman
  Master of Ceremonies: Robert Basuino - Central Council Member
  Opening Prayer: Fr. Daniel Cardelli - ICF Spiritual Director
  Presentation of Colors: Boy Scout Troop 1740 - Placentia, California
  Italian National Anthem: Margaret Cunningham - Member, Br. 387
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  Presentation of Central Council Grand President - Michael Rossi
  Welcome: Joe DiGrado - President of the Orange District
  Welcome by Michael Rossi
  Opening Ceremonies
  Grand President’s Award Presentation to Elizabeth Donaldson
  Closing Prayer: Reverend Robert Capone - Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of Orange
  “Noi Vogliam Dio”: Lisa Watkins - East Bay District President
• 9:00pm Meet the Candidates
• 9:30pm Hospitality Room
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008

- 7:45am - 8:15am Final Registration - Foyer
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:50am
  - Public Relations - Mazatlan A
    Extra! Extra! Learn about our Website, our Bollettino, and our Awards
    Nettie Descalso-Del Nero - Past Grand President,
    Life Member, Central Council
  - Open Forum - Mazatlan B
    Questions, you have questions? We just might have the answers.
    David Botta - Past Grand President
    Life Member, Central Council
  - Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) - Mazatlan C
    Learn about our National Charity, its research and hopes for the future.
    Laurice Levine - Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
    Children’s Hospital of Oakland
- 10:00am - 10:50am
  - Public Relations - Mazatlan A
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    Nettie Descalso-Del Nero - Past Grand President
    Life Member, Central Council
  - Open Forum - Mazatlan B
    Questions, you have questions? We just might have the answers.
    David Botta - Past Grand President
    Life Member, Central Council
  - Spiritual - Mazatlan C
    How can we, as members, be better Christians?
    Rev. Msgr. Joseph Milani - Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Jose
- 11:15am - 12:00pm Memorial Mass - Mazatlan A & B
- 12:15pm - 2:00pm Lunch Break
- 12:15pm - 2:00pm Chaplains’ Luncheon Meeting Cozumel

2:00pm CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION - Cabo San Lucas

- Opening Prayer
- Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee
- Credentials Committee Report
- Adoption of Rules and Regulations
- Welcome New Branches and Delegates
- Approval of Officers’ Reports
- Nomination of Hospitalization Committee
- Speeches of Central Council Candidates
- Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Tomasello Family
- Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation:
  Richard Interrante and Michelle Rubi
- Convention Site Report
- Attendance Drawing
- Adjournment
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008

6:30pm - 7:30pm Delegates’ Reception

8:00pm BANQUET - Cabo San Lucas
- Welcome: Joe DiGrado - President of the Orange District
- Mistress of Ceremonies: Roselynne Jarrett - Grand Trustee
- National Anthem: Nina Malone - Grand Secretary
- Invocation: Fr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director
- Remarks: Local Dignitaries
- Presentation of Pope John XXIII Award
  Michael Rossi - Grand President
  Response - David Rose
- Closing Prayer
- Reverend Robert Capone - Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of Orange
- “God Bless America”
- Nina Malone - Grand Secretary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008
- 9:00am GENERAL SESSION - Cabo San Lucas
  - Opening Prayer
  - Election of Central Council Members
  - Election of Hospitalization Committee
  - Election of Convention Site
  - Mother Teresa Award Presentation to Fr. Loren Blessing
  - National Charity Donation
  - Response - Dr. Elliott Vichinsky, M.D.
  - Resolutions and Communications
  - Presentations:
    - Apostolate/Charity
    - Membership
    - Scholarship
    - Gifts of Love
    - Heritage
  - Ways and Means
  - Announcement of 2008 - 2009 National Charity
  - Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love
  - Presentation to Central Council Member Emeritus
  - Good of the Order
  - Attendance Drawing
  - Closing Prayer

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING - Mazatlan A following General Session
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

- 3:30pm CONCELEBRATED MASS - Mazatlan A, B&C
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm No-Host Cocktails - Margarita Bar
- 7:00pm Dinner - Cabo San Lucas
- 7:00pm - 11:00pm Entertainment & Dancing - Cabo San Lucas
- 10:30pm Convention Raffle and Drawing

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

- 9:00am CLOSING SESSION - Mazatlan A & B
  - Prayer Service
  - Installation of Central Council Officers
  - Installing Officer - Leonard Rossi, Past Grand President
  - Remarks by the Grand President
  - “Noi Vogliam Dio”: Lisa Watkins - East Bay District President
  - Adjournment