**Field Director**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

At the October meeting of the Central Council, a motion was made and carried, that the position of Field Director will be eliminated as of December 31, 2012. This decision was in no way based on the performance of Mr. Lou Mages and he continues to hold the respect of the Central Council.

The Central Council does feel it is very important to have an expansion program in place, for that reason and to be more cost effective, we will be forming an Expansion Committee made up of Central Council members who will oversee the future expansion of the Federation.

Additionally, the Central Council is very excited and anxiously looking forward to the development and implementation of a strategic plan. As we move forward with this endeavor, we ask for your prayers, cooperation and assistance towards the enhanced future of our wonderful organization.

Fraternally,

Jane Dianda

**Reno’s Bishop’s Day**

Central Council Member Andrew Pappani, Bishop Randolph R. Calvo, Branch 135 Chaplain Father Mike Mahone and Branch 135 President Carolyn Smith.

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The Los Angeles Bishop’s Day and Chaplain Recognition Luncheon was held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on November 18.

Seated in Photo: Los Angeles District President Carmelo Sabatella, Grand President Jane Dianda, Bishop Edward Wm. Clark, Father Leon Hutton from St. John Seminary, Standing: Bishop Joseph Sartoris, Archdiocesan Chaplain Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuotti, Father Michael Gleeson, Seminarians, Central Council Members Marco Galeazzi, Lisa Crudo, Nancy Corsi, Bob Basuino, Franklyn Lopes, Patricia Mages and members of the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, San Fernando and Santa Barbara/Ventura Districts representing the 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

**Happy New Year! Happy New Year!**

A Special Day Thanks to ICF’s Santa’s Helpers

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**Grand President’s Monthly Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A New Year is now upon us. With your help I believe that 2013 will be the beginning of a new era for the Italian Catholic Federation.

The Task Force Committee has taken on the enormous job of creating a strategic plan in order to review the future of the Federation. What is in store for us in future years? What can we do to enhance more participation, more involvement, obtain new members? Should we expand into new areas? These are just a few of the questions that it will be examining. However, the committee cannot do it alone. In the coming months we will be seeking input from you, the members who are the backbone of the ICF. I ask that you be courageous, be dedicated, and be open to changes and new ideas. Remember, in change there is growth and vitality.

Also, as the New Year begins, we have the opportunity to put aside any personality conflicts we may have had in our branches or districts and start anew. We must resolve these conflicts or forget them in order to be more effective in our work. Our energies should be channeled constructively and not wasted on problems that have no place in the Federation. Positive thinking is the key factor to our success.

As your new leaders begin their tenure of office, give them your complete support and encouragement. With the officers and members working as a team in each branch, we will make headway in 2013.

Let this be the year that we are inspired to continue to work together to build the Italian Catholic Federation and move forward as the most active lay organization in the Church. Let go of the old year and embrace the New Year.

Buon Anno!

Jane Dianda
Grand President
New Year, New Beginnings

The New Year brings new hope and new opportunities to the Italian Catholic Federation. Our goal is to widen our mission to encourage and promote faith renewal, to engage in charitable works, and to preserve our Italian-American heritage.

To do this, we hope to develop and implement a strategic plan that will strengthen our mission statement and enhance the fulfillment of our motto, “I came to light a fire.” (Luke12:49) The foundation has already been laid. The fire of love in the hearts of members shows how the ICF reaches out to help people in need: seminarians who are training for the priesthood, the sick, the poor, and the physically challenged. The ICF invites and welcomes all Catholics of any ethnic background, not just people of Italian heritage. The ICF stresses family involvement, children, young adults, singles, parents, widows, and widowers. The ICF especially cherishes its senior members, who have much experience and wisdom. Their love of God and neighbor inspires all of us.

Yes, the ICF strives to light the fire of love: love for God and love for our fellow human beings. Jesus is present to each Branch, each member, and each family. Through our strategic plan, the ICF will become a household word in the community of the people of God and a more vibrant presence in our parishes.

May the New “Year of Faith” bring a spirit of enthusiasm and joy to all. May God bless each member in a special way in 2013.

Make Your Membership New Year’s Resolution

Nancy Corsi
Grand Trustee and Member of the Membership Committee

As we turn the corner into the New Year it’s the time when we make New Year’s Resolutions and say “this year I am sticking to it.” It is a time of fresh beginnings—out with the old and in with the new. I challenge each of your branches to make a resolution this year and stick to it. If each member invited 1 new person to become familiar with the good works done by the Italian Catholic Federation imagine the possibilities. If we build it, they will come… If we share it they will come…

A creative opportunity exists for us to strengthen our membership teams by branching out in our parish communities and speaking about the ICF: what we do, and why our contributions are so important in so many areas. All of our branches are in parishes and have the opportunity to connect with other parish ministries such as: Altar Society, Adult Bible Classes, Hospitality Ministry, Knights of Columbus, RCIA, Parish Parent Teacher Association, Young Adult Ministry, High School Confirmation Teams/Families, Liturgy Planning Committees, Music Ministry and many others. Sharing just a brief bit about the ICF is enough to catch the interest of parish families.

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non-profit fraternal organization for practicing Catholics of all cultures. Founded in 1924, the Federation’s mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit throughout the community. As Christians, we continue the tradition of love, hospitality, and works of charity as signs of Christ’s peace among us.

Members of the ICF enjoy the fellowship of other Catholics and their families. By praying and playing together, we enrich ourselves, strengthen our family and spiritual lives, and share our blessings with one another.

We are proud of our assistance to parishes, pastors and local communities. We often help local pastors with various parish projects and fundraisers. Our members are often active in parish councils, finance committees, and other Catholic organizations. The ICF is an example of the laity’s participation in the apostolic mission of the Catholic Church.

Let’s all make the resolution and try to each bring in one new member… If we share it they will come…

Felice Anno Nuovo a Tutti Nostro Amici!!!!
Did you know Sicilian immigrants first came to Independence, LA in the late 1880’s to work as farm laborers? Many began as pickers working for $1.50 per day, and within seven years were able to save enough from their wages to buy their own farms. Independence Italians continued to operate strawberry farms and by 1950, Independence, LA had become Louisiana’s primary shipping center for strawberries. It wasn’t long before the Italians invested in businesses, small factories, and a small electric plant. As the population and cultures grew, Independence, LA Italians maintained many of their homeland traditions. The traditional Italian bread, cookies and cuisine can be found in Independence, LA. A visitor knows where Independence, LA is by the Italian colors (green, white, and red) painted on the town’s water tower and the small statuette of the town’s patron saint, Saint Joseph, located in the park toward the center of town. The Sicilian Heritage Festival is held in March each year. This festival focuses on the heritage of the first settlers in the town of Independence, LA.

**December Calendar Winners**

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**Bollettino Publication Notifications**

We ask that announcements for branch and district events be published one month early. For example if you want an announcement for an November event, please plan to publish it in the October issue. This means that you have to get it in as early as September 15. In this way, you can assure that your event will be announced in a timely fashion.

**Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief**

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the Eastern Seaboard and ultimately affected at least 24 states in various regions of the country causing many injuries, flooding, power outages, fires and massive destruction. Millions of homes and buildings have been damaged or destroyed with recovery costs estimated in the billions. Sadly, over one hundred were killed. Subsequently, the areas were again impacted by a Nor’ easter.

The Federation has decided to start a relief fund for the people who were devastated by these events in the East. $1,000 has already been donated from the Central Council to start the fund. We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people who were affected. Private Donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to the I.C.F. Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Hurricane Sandy Relief on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief. The deadline for donations is January 31, 2013, so we can forward the money on to help in the continuing efforts to aid the victims and their families.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. While Catholic Relief Services is carrying out its international mission to respond to Hurricane Sandy, they are working with their sister organization - Catholic Charities USA - in coordinating the relief efforts for food and other aid items, shelter, counseling, help in getting back to work and re-building here at home in the United States where our donation will be directed. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by this terrible disaster.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.
**In Loving Memory**

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**Scholarship Donations**

**Scholarship Donations - 1st Year**

- Anna Barberi - In memory of Virginia Petter
- Laura Angelino - In memory of Virginia Petter

**Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year**

- Taylor Olivera - Thank you to the Scholarship Program
- Bill and Maria Greco - Get well wishes for Pat Cordich

**Benvenuti Membri Nuovi**

**Report Date:** 12/13/2012

- LINDA A MARCELLI - Branch 007
- CATHERINE V SHERRER - Branch 010
- JO ANNA MARZI - Branch 014
- REV JOSEPH L OСCHIUTO - Branch 021
- LORI R GALL - Branch 039
- MARCO D GALL - Branch 039
- WILLIAM J GANCE - Branch 039
- GLORIA TIENDA - Branch 052
- MIKE TIENDA - Branch 052
- JIMMIE RAMPOLDI - Branch 154
- MARY JANE RAMPOLDI - Branch 154
- DEBRA J LOMBARDO - Branch 290
- ALFONSO PACARELLA - Branch 440

**Cooley's Anemia Donations**

- Mrs. Johanna Tacci and Family - In memory of Sal Tacci
- Bill and Maria Greco - Get well wishes for Mike Cannady
- Taylor Olivera - Thank you to the Scholarship Program
- Bill and Maria Greco - Get well wishes for Pat Cordich

**Benedictus Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations**

- Rev. William Donnelly, S.J.
- Helen Demonte
- Donna Heitzenman
- Guido Alasia
- Helen Demonte
- Helen Demonte
- Margaret Yzturiz
- Guido Alasia
- Adalgisa Maiolini
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- Ronnie Green
- Richard Battaglia
- Joe Lico
- Helen Demonte
- Deceased Members of Santa Rosa District

**Gifts of Love Donations**

**In Memory of:**

- Joe Bonino - Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rossi and Janet
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda
- Joseph Anastasi
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- John and Barbie Morrill
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A New Year’s Resolution: Open the Door of Faith to Let the Light Come In

On October 11, 2012 the Catholic Church began the “Year of Faith” as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Throughout the Christmas season we have all enjoyed the wonder, brightness and joy that come to each of us through the Birth of our Savior. The love and charity that lives in our hearts during this time makes us strong in our faith.

As we enter the New Year of 2013, let us make this resolution: That we create a “moment of grace and of true commitment to strengthen our faith,” as the Holy Father has bid, because every Christian “must find the genuine spirit to give new life to evangelization.” Our objective is to rediscover our faith with the intent to offer courageously our existence to God.

We live in a world where secularism is forced upon us with endless attempts to change or correct the moral dimension of our life, in other words to make us be “politically correct.” So, this Year of Faith should spur every Christian to rediscover our faith life and help us make every effort to share in the apostolic growth of the Church. According to the words of the Apostle Paul “Despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it.” (Rm.5, 20) and it is “faith that saves us.” (Mt. 14, 22, 36).

The Year of Faith also suggests that the best way to remember and commemorate the memory of that Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, is to focus on the heart of its message. It is the message of faith in Jesus Christ, the one Savior of the World. It must be proclaimed to the people of today, with the same power of the Spirit like the very first Christians.

This should be our mission as members of the Catholic faith, and as members of the Italian Catholic Federation. It is the hope of our leaders and of every single member of the ICF that we may find in the celebration of this Year of Faith the opportunity for a return to a deeper faith in the Gospel of Jesus, and a more fruitful apostolate so that we may be transformed into the likeness of Jesus until our encounter with our Lord.

The Apostolic/Charity Committee: Jim Acitelli, Chair; Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand and Marco Galeazzi

District Workshops in 2013

Dante Galeazzi, Life Member

Your ICF Workshop Committee is ready and available to plan NOW for a presentation to your District. We will demonstrate any 60 to 90 minute presentation on many of the ICF Programs. Presidents, please discuss and select at least two or three topics for a presentation by the Workshop Committee to introduce topics such as spiritual activities, membership growth, Awards Program, heritage/history of the ICF, financial reporting, fundraiser’s for charitable programs, Officers/Deputy duties and again any other topic for the District and your Branches. The Workshop Committee wants to schedule your District’s Workshop event during the months of March, April or May 2013, for the topics of your district’s/branches’ choice. Once the district/branches selects at least two or three topics that “best suit” your needs contact Dante Galeazzi via email at dantegaleazzinpc@aol.com or cell phone 209 815 8825.

Branch presidents, discuss with your officers and again at your district meeting your desired program selection. The Committees hope your district’s selects a date promptly for your first choice and because there is such a demand for these ICF Workshops we recommend a second date for approval.

Live to Give

Happy New Year from the Live To Give Committee

Nina Malone
Central Council Life Member
Chairperson, LIVE TO GIVE

It is unbelievable to think that our “newest” committee in the ICF is over a year old already. As the saying goes, time flies! This year, I am so fortunate to once again have by my side Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator for Children’s Hospital in Oakland and our most recent recipient of the Pope John XXIII Award; Central Council Member Lisa Crudo; and Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Al Teglia. We are this year happy to have Central Council Member James Acitelli sharing his background and knowledge as he joins our committee.

Our first event as a committee was the blood drive conducted at our annual Convention held in Reno, Nevada in 2012. It was a huge success in many ways, and we hope this will become an annual tradition for the Federation. In addition, we are striving to set up a LIVE TO GIVE branch program in 2013 and are looking for eager and willing members to serve as branch chairpersons for their area. I hope you will give some consideration to the possibility of starting blood drives in your parishes or partnering with those that have already been established to grow and nurture their success. Along the way, each month the committee will continue to bring you enlightening and thought-provoking information that you can share with your family, friends and neighbors. So, be looking for more to come from this exciting new committee in future Bollettino issues!

IRS And State Of California Franchise Tax Board

George Bacigalupi
Grand Treasurer

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State.

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2012 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture
Editor, Gino Moliterno

The Italian American Experience: An Encyclopedia
Edited by Salvatore J. LaGumina and Frank J. Cavaiol

The Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture is a reference book covering Italian society from after World War II. As the editor, Gino Moliterno, explains in the brief introduction, the 50 plus years following the Great War have been a time of great change in Italian culture, moving from “from a predominantly rural and relatively provincial culture into a bustling, post-industrial, metropolitan society.” This was time of great unification for Italy and a time when it entered the international arena even more fully, joining both NATO and the European Union. This reference book focuses on these modern decades, offering “over 900 entries covering every aspect of life and culture in the Italian First Republic.” Entries will appeal to both the academic researcher and the more general reader interested in Italian modern life.

For the purposes of this reference book, the editors have interpreted “culture” in the broadest sense of the term. The editor explains that the entries cover “all social activities and institutions and all communicative and symbolic practices which might be considered as forming part of a distinctively Italian ‘way of life’.” The reader will find entries that cover aspects of “high” culture as well as entries that deal with popular culture. Therefore, one will find entries on Italo Calvino, a key figure in modern Italian literature, alongside entries on comics and detective fiction. (Interestingly, Calvino, himself, often blurred the distinctions between high culture and pop culture in his literary works.) There are even entries about television, for “As Umberto Eco has noted, one of the most significant cultural achievements in the postwar period, namely the use of a standard Italian language throughout the peninsula, was finally brought about neither through literature nor the efforts of intellectuals but quite effortlessly by television. It is indeed significant that Italy is the only country in the world where a television magazine controlling three national networks has been elected, even if only briefly, to the office of Prime Minister . . .”

To provide a full understanding of modern Italian culture, the editor has included a few entries that do not pertain to life on the peninsula. The reader will find entries on “migration”, ‘literature of migration’, ‘Italian outside Italy’ (referring to the language) and ‘Italian-American Cinema.’

However, space limitations do not allow for a full coverage of Italian culture outside of Italy proper, and one will not find entries, for example, covering the Little Italies found in the United States. The Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture will serve most readers well. Those interested in modern Italian culture, whether as a researcher or a general reader, will find this an extremely useful place to start and fairly comprehensive reference book.

While the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture focuses on Italian culture, The Italian American Experience is an encyclopedia that focuses on the culture of Italians in the United States.

As the editors note, The Italian American Experience “represents the first attempt to provide a truly comprehensive encyclopedic account of the Italian experience in the United States.” Taking over five years to compile the more than 400 entries, the editors gathered the contributions of one hundred and sixty-six scholars, many of them members of the American Italian Historical Association.

The entries themselves provide the reader with a wide range of subjects, from agriculture to World War II. As the editors explain, the encyclopedia “contains much more than the standard set of biographies; the volume includes substantial analyses of topics relating to the arts, history, religion, Italian organizations and groups . . . literature, pop culture, social science/politics, sports, wartime military and home front activities, and science and technology.” Many of the entries are several pages in length and offer an excellent overview of the topic for the general reader. Each entry also contains a bibliography to assist those who wish to do further research on the subject.

For those interested, I did not find an entry for the Italian Catholic Federation, but the ICF was mentioned in a few different entries. Of course, the standard biographies of famous Italian Americans make for good reading, but one can find entries for lesser-known figures as well.

The Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture and The Italian American Experience would make excellent reference books for any library that serves a large Italian American population, and individual ICF branches may even consider assisting local libraries in purchasing a copies of both these excellent resources.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu
-- The Celebration of Youth

La Befana Arrives January 6

Visit www.icf.org to print a La Befana coloring book. Here are a couple of pages from the coloring book.

La Befana wears an old coat, or black cloak, mended with colorful patches and old worn out shoes. La Befana is often depicted as being dirty and sooty as she has been down so many chimneys delivering presents! A translation of a poem about the legendary witch is as follows:

The Befana comes by night
With her shoes all tattered and torn
She comes dressed in the Roman way
Long life to the Befana!

She brings cinders and coals
To the naughty children
She brings sweets and lots of gifts.

What does La Befana look like?

She comes dressed in the Roman way
Long life to the Befana!
Holiday Party

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Arts and crafts were abundant. The DJ spun merry Christmas music while LA Photo booth captured special moments and silly smiles. Of course, the highlight of this holiday party was a visit from Santa Claus, Elf Jones and Elf Mages, who turned this event from a party to a spectacular.

Thank you to the ICF, members and staff for making these events possible. The true meaning of Christmas is the love that is so abundant in your hearts.

Thank You ICF From Thalassemia Team, Patients and Families

To: ICF Members

Subject: Thank You for Christmas Donations

Dear ICF Members:

On behalf of Dr. Vichinsky, the Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Staff at Children’s Hospital and Research Center at Oakland, and the patients and families in our care, I would like to thank you for your many Christmas donations – stimulating and fun toys, books, gift cards, and monetary donations. As always, you not only come through for us, but you go way above and beyond with your generosity and support. The ICF truly exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas – giving, caring, and loving.

Approximately, 250 patients, families, ICF members, volunteers and other guests came to our “Under the Sea” themed Christmas celebration. There were arts and crafts, a DJ, a photobooth, and games for prizes. Of course the visit from Santa Claus Pappani, Elf Jones, and Elf Mages was the highlight of the event.

As we head towards a new year, please keep in mind that outreach is a vital part of our program so if any of you would like to come and tour the hospital, please let me know. And of course I am always more than happy to come to your branch for a meeting or any other event.

We are truly grateful for your continued support as we could not put on these special events without your help. The ICF is a vital part of the outreach program. We literally would not exist without you. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. You make a positive difference in the lives of our patients and families and we sincerely appreciate all of your efforts on their behalf. Wishing you and yours a bright New Year filled with good health, peace and happiness.

Sincerely,

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

Central Council Member Andrew Pappani presenting the Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund money to Bishop Randolph R Calvo, Bishop of Reno.

San Diego Bishop’s Day Tony Anthony, and Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores.

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Thalassemia Blood Drive

Children’s Hospital Oakland, C.R.E.A.M and Blood Centers of the Pacific are collaborating to hold a blood drive in honor of ThAlassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)

EVENT LOCATION: 2399 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley, CA 94704
Near UC Berkeley campus

DATE & TIME: January 30, 2013
1pm-6pm

Please sign-up for an appointment!

To schedule your appointment, please sign up online at www.bloodheroes.com
Click on “Donate Blood” and enter Sponsor Code: THAL

Cream: www.creamnation.com
Blood Centers of the Pacific: www.bloodcenters.org
www.thalassemia.com