Hail, Holy Mother, thou who didst bring forth the King who rules heaven and earth forever and ever.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world to the Queen of Heaven.

The Third Annual "A Night for the Seminarians" was held on April 14, 2012 at the St. Paschal Baylon Hall in Thousand Oaks, California. We were welcomed to the hall by the St. Paschal Baylon Branch 380 of the Italian Catholic Federation. The evening started at 5:00pm with everyone socializing, enjoying drinks from the bar served by Grand President Jane Dianda, Brian Shrivise and Deidre Burke. Some of the drinks were very interesting. We also enjoyed eating bruschetta along with our drinks.

At 6:00pm Branch 380 President Richard Interrante welcomed everyone and then Father Dave Heney, Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Church, gave the Prayer for Vocations and then led us in Grace before dinner. Grand President Jane Dianda then spoke to us about the Luigi and Augusta Providenza Fund and the importance the ICF puts in supporting our Seminarians through the fund. She also pointed out that all the net proceeds from the Seminarian Night Dinner go into the Providenza Fund.

Dinner was then served by The Italian Club officers from the California Lutheran University. Our dinner of Mixed Green Salad, Pasta and Veal Picata followed by assorted desserts was prepared by Chef Tino of the restaurant Viva la Pasta of Simi Valley. The dinner was excellent.

While eating dinner we were also entertained by the beautiful music of guitarist Alberto Dal Pino. Past Grand President Jim Jones commented that he really enjoyed the music of Alberto during dinner and that of Mark Tortorici later on. He thought that everything was well organized and he and Janice had a great time.

Third Annual Seminarian Night Continues to Make an Impact

Jim Friebel
Chacottina, The Ways and Means Committee

Public Relations Committee Announces New Guidelines

From the Public Relations Committee

Bollettino Photo Guidelines:
- When submitting a photo make sure that the picture is clear and not too dark even slightly out of focus or too dark will become even worse when it is placed in the newspaper. Most digital cameras have an auto focus, but you have to give it time to focus prior to taking the picture, most buttons are to be depressed half way to allow the camera to focus then fully depressed to take the picture. And remember keep the camera still for the best quality.

Website:
- The website is constantly be updated with new information along with more forms to make it easier for you the members and officers.
- If you have any information that you would like to see placed on the website please send the information to info@icf.org and it will be passed along to the Public Relations Committee where it will be reviewed to see if it can be placed on the website. If the info cannot be placed on the website you will be sent a reply with an explanation as to why.

Facebook Content Guidelines:
- When using the ICF Facebook page all posting must be placed in a positive manner. This includes all photos and written postings. This site is a great way to share with others the events happening throughout the ICF and the good things being accomplished by our members.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

Every member of the Italian Catholic Federation should know the particular objectives of our society. To a great extent, these objectives determine our program. Our main objective is our Lay Apostolate work. Yes, of course, donations to all of our programs are important. However, let us not forget we are first and foremost a service organization.

These services that we provide, for our charities, our parishes, our communities, our families and for each other make us who we are. It is the sense of pride and good-will towards others that brings us back to the ICF year after year -- not the money. Granted we need to raise money to help our charities and to better the lives of those we aim to serve, but it is the human connection, and the work that we do with each other -- and for each other -- that truly matters and makes a difference in each of our lives.

One suggestion would be to attend the Blood Drive on May 9, 2012 at Children’s Hospital, Oakland. This is National Thalassemia Day, and if you are in the area this would be a great way to fulfill your Apostolic service.

Once all is said and done in each of our lives, it isn’t the amount of money we have, or have raised, that will be our lasting legacy, it is the impact that we have had on the lives of future generations.

Seeing as how May is also a time to celebrate mothers, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts throughout our organization that have worked tirelessly for their families. It is their work that should be celebrated, and appreciated, every day of the year, not just on Mother’s Day!

On a personal side, I would like to thank my Mom for her love and dedication to not just me, but to our whole family. With her guidance and support I have become the confident woman I am today. Thank you Mom!

Jane Dianda
Grand President
Why Do We Celebrate Easter Season?

Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritualDirector.com

The greatest event in history was the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His resurrection validates His mission on Earth. He claimed He was God and proved it by dying and rising from the dead. Alleluia! Because he rose from the dead, he gives us hope.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, I would have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be” (Jn 14:1-3).

What a great comfort to us to know that Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him. All through the Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost Sunday, we rejoice. We are happy. We are in ecstasy. He promised us eternal life, and He is eager for us to be with Him.

We are really blessed to know and love Jesus and look forward to being with Him in heaven for all eternity. Alleluia!

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Nancy Corsi
Member of the Membership Committee

May has arrived and we are all preparing our gardens and flower beds for a successful crop. Are you cultivating your community and Parish to get new members for your Branch? Are you pruning and fertilizing your current members so they can grow and bloom into great leaders for the Federation? Yes, this is what we have to do to make our Branches successful, treat them like a prized garden and you will have beautiful fruit to harvest and demonstrate to our Parish and community that the Italian Catholic Federation is an organization that cares about their Faith, Heritage and the communities of which they are a part of. Focus on enhancing membership retention by ensuring that every member has a “buy in” to the Federation. Put every member on a committee and make sure they have a specific job to do. Keep in mind that many of our members have chaired events in years past and may not have the opportunity currently, but capitalize on the skills and experience they may continue to offer. Maybe they can help with calling members for meeting reminders, or help to arrange rides to meetings or events. Maybe they have young families at home and can send emails. Every member has something they can help with and it is so important that we all “feel needed”. Be sure your meeting environment is welcoming. I so often hear members say they went to a District or Branch Meeting and it was very cliqueish. Keep in mind how difficult it is for some to venture out into a new group and be mindful of our sincerest desire to make everyone feel “Welcome and a part of our Family”. Sometimes in all of the exuberance we forget some of the simplest courtesies to make folks feel comfortable and welcome. Be sure to introduce yourself, and get to know them a bit and introduce them to the gathering as a guest/potential new member. If you have Branch din-

ners do a “Bring a Friend, Bring a Family” potential new member and offer a complimentary dinner. That is a great way to introduce the Federation. We all have parishes and many have schools attached. Capitalize on the opportunity of our Family organization. I remember growing up our Saturday nights, we were serving the Italian dinners. The family was all there and we had our ICF Friends and created great memories that we still cherish today. How many organizations offer and encourage a family environment?

Do a bit of exploring and find small local papers or your Diocesan paper and put a notice about your Branch meeting date information, Branch or District Quarterly Communications or upcoming events including a contact person and phone number. Ask if you can put a short article in to share the values and the works of the ICF. Use the opportunity to educate the community on the donations provided by the ICF to the parish, local schools or religious programs, seminarians, scholarships, Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love, the Give to Live and the Providenza Funds. Focus on the opportunities that exist within the Federation to honor a member, a family, a religious or outstanding community member for awards that acknowledge their contributions to the community and society.

Invite a local reporter to your next function. They enjoy doing feature articles on community organizations. Use the membership brochures including contact person and number. Wear your ICF Name badges proudly. How many times has my name badge generated a conversation about the ICF? Folks instantly ask, What is the ICF...What do they do?

Let’s all focus, at every Branch and District on a great harvest this year by retaining our current members and fostering the growth of new members and family memberships.

Let’s all make our Gardens grow!!

Membership Stats as of April 2012 -- 11,485
Membership - July 2011: 11,698
New: 968
Reinstated: 15
Transfer in/out: 89
Deceased: 209
Non-Payment: 178
Cancelled: 809

High Five!
Top five areas and districts with increased membership.
Chicago +88
Los Angeles +40
Santa Rosa +29
Central Coast +16
Santa Barbara +12

Congratulations to the Las Vegas Area and San Gabriel District for also achieving increased membership.

If your branch has received a “Thank You” or any news from a Gifts of Love recipient, please let the editor know so it can be published in the Bollettino.
Did you know the song Santa Lucia was written by Teodoro Cottrau in 1849. Here is the song in Italian, and the English translation:

Santa Lucia

Sul mare luccica l'astro d'argento. Con questo zeffiro, così soave
Viene all'agine barchetta mia, Su passegieri, venite via
Oh, com'è bello star sulla nave;

Placida e l'onda, prospero e il vento
Venite all'agine barchetta mia, Su passegieri, venite via
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On the sea shimmers the silver star. The wave is peaceful, prosperous is the wind.
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Heritage Around the ICF

May 2012

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Santa Lucia

Happy Mothers Day.
Do You Know Thalassemia?

**Laurice Levine**
Outreach Coordinator
Children’s Hospital Oakland

**Thalassemia** is a genetic blood disorder that causes severe anemia. Patients with Beta-Thalassemia Major are required to have routine blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks. In one year, a person with Thalassemia needs approximately 36-48 units of blood to survive.

Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant is the only known cure for patients with Thalassemia. However, it is not universal because a person needs an exact bone marrow match and the procedure is invasive and can be fatal. A bone marrow transplant recipient may use 20 units of red blood cells and 120 units of platelets.

**When:** Wed, May 9, 2012
8:00am-2:30pm

**Where:** Children’s Hospital Oakland
747 Fifty Second St. Oakland, CA 94609

**Sign-Up:** Please Contact Laurice Levine at 510-428-3885 x5427
Llevine@mail.cho.org

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

--- Aesop ---

New Name Badges Are Here!

Branches may now order a customizable name badge for their members. A template to create your name inserts will be emailed with each order. All your branch needs to do is edit, print and insert.

Name badges may include titles such as President, Chaplain, Deputy, Charter Member, Committee Chairperson, etc. They can be worn at meetings, events, masses, festivals and other activities.

Consider ordering for your branch. Name badges are available from the office for $1 each, plus shipping.

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Jane Dianda

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**Things to Ponder**

“A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.”

- Washington Irving
Cooley’s Anemia Donations

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In memory of John Romeo
Terri and Diana Berry
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Pat and Louie Cordich
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In memory of Mary Cuter
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In memory of Olga Galletti

Interested in learning more about the ICF’s National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If your Branch would like members of the Cooley’s Anemia Team at Children’s Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact: Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Gifts of Love Helps Those in Need

This is a picture of Julian Fischer that has Cerebral Palsy in his walker at E.C.E class. He has advanced after taking equestrian therapy class for which he received grants from the Gifts of Love Program.
Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour
Barbara Hodgson

Little Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy
David Hoffman

This month I review two books that visitors to Italy will find both useful and fun. Italy is a country with a complex and, at times, confusing history that can leave the tourist baffled and bewildered. Two books, Italy Out of Hand and Little Facts about Well Known Place: Italy attempt to straighten out the facts and give the reader insights into this wonderful country where the unknown history is often more interesting than the official history.

In Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour, Barbara Hodgson writes a book that is not your traditional guidebook. It does not offer tourist information, such as tips for travel, information on tourist attractions, or recommendations for hotels and restaurants. However, it is a fascinating guide to a fantastical country. In the introduction, Hodgson describes her book this way: “This is not a guidebook; it has no hotels, and few restaurants, and all the maps are at least 80 years old. Italy Out of Hand concentrates, instead, on oddities: long-lost facts, strange personalities, and unorthodox behaviors that erupted over the course of its nearly 3000-year history . . .” Hodgson arranges the book according to various regions and cities throughout Italy: Genova, Milano, Padova, Pisa, Roma, Napoli, Sicilia and more. Each chapter gives the reader very brief essays on famous Italians, art, history, and culture, focusing not on the official history of Italy but on little known and unusual facts that make the country so interesting.

When “touring” Florence, Hodgson tells the terrifying tale of San Lorenzo. In 1791, the Grand Duke of Tuscany had 49 corpses of the Medici family interred in a subterranean vault of the Medici Chapel. In 1871, almost one hundred years later, the keepers of the church decided to open the vault in order to move the corpses into the chapel proper. What they found was horrifying. Someone, possibly thieves, had beaten them there and they discovered “Rats scuttling in and out of shattered coffins. The bones of those not embalmed had been flung about. Those who had been preserved gazed upon their discoverers with dark and maniacal expressions on their wizened faces. Rings had been torn off fingers, and bracelets and necklaces off wrists and necks . . .” Giovanni delle Bande Nere’s corpse was trapped in his rusted armor and had to be extracted from his “metal sarcophagus.”

When “touring” Milano, Hodgson gives the reader the history of the Ambrosiana Library. Founded by Cardinal Federico Borromeo in 1609, the library is assumed to be named after St. Ambrose, but “the distinctive and not unpleasant odor permeating the building suggests an alternative origin.” Even Dante commented on the fragrant aroma when he described the library, “With such an odor as ambrosia has.” Several famous visitors have been given permission to roam freely among the library’s many treasures, but by the time Mary Shelley, the famous writer of Frankenstein, visited, patrons were closely observed by the staff for fear of theft. In fact, a visitor had attempted to steal Petrarch’s annotated manuscript of Virgil.

Italy Out of Hand is a beautifully designed book, full of pictures, interesting side-bars, maps, and drawings, intended to capture and please the reader’s eye. Compact and sturdy enough for a carry-on bag, it would please the reader’s eye. Compact and sturdy enough for a carry-on bag, it would

Adults interested in Italy will appreciate Hoffman’s volume is a light, fun, fact-filled book. It is part of a series of books on different places, including Disneyland, New York, and Paris. Both Italy Out of Hand: A Capricious Tour and Little Known Facts about Well Known Places: Italy are offbeat but valuable traveling companions. You might not want to throw away your Michelin or DK Eyewitness travel guides, but you’ll want to pack these books along as well.
The Other Pope Pius XXIII

I’m sure that if I were to ask anyone between 35 and 100 who Pope Pius XXIII was, they would surely answer: “That nice little guy who was elected Pope because they thought he wouldn’t rock the boat, who then he shocked them all in 1599, when he convened Vatican II, the council which renewed the Church and modified its institutions.” Now, that answer would be correct, at least partly, because there was another Pius XXIII, years ago, who preferred to pray than play. That pope was a real scourge who was more rightly classified as an antipope than a just plain pope. (For the benefit of those who are not up on their papal nomenclature, an antipope is a pretended to the papal throne during the time a duly elected pope is still in office.) Over the years, there have been 37 antipopes who have attempted to arrogate papal authority and power. Most were cranks while others garnered considerable ecclesiastical and political strength, as did Baldassare Cossa, the first Pius XXIII.

Cossa, born circa 1370, descended from a disreputable Neapolitan family. He began a career in the military and later transferred his aggressive skills to service for the Church. Early on, he showed great energy, talent and intellect. He studied law and, after taking his degree, he entered the service of the Papal Curia. He was made Cardinal by Pope Boniface IX and, in 1403, he was sent to Bologna where, for five years, he proved to be an astute financial administrator of the papal territory as well as a skilful statesman and a strong commander.

One of his biographers grants that he was an able commander but also utterly world-minded, ambitious, crafty, unscrupulous and immoral: in short, a good soldier but no churchman. Usually, persons who are similarly described are not elected to the papacy; however, every once-in-a-while, one such gets through the lines. Cardinal Cossa played an important part in the Council of Pisa, where two popes, Gregory XII of Rome and Benedict XIII of Avignon, were deposed and where he engineered the election of a seventy-year-old Franciscan, Alexander V.

The fact that Alexander V was not politically astute presented an opportunity for Cossa, who promptly volunteered to “guide” the Pope through the political shoals of the papacy. The Pope’s dependence on Cossa brought allegations that he was less a Pope than a tool of Cossa. Nonetheless, the partnership continued. During that time, the entrepreneurial Cossa was building a very profitable side business selling indulgences (the remission of temporal punishments for sins). He also sold a line of preferments (promotions in rank) and, what the Mafia would euphemistically call “protection.” Bribes to fellow cardinals and to members of the Curia were also part of his stock and trade.

When the plague swept close to the papal residence in Pisa, Alexander moved his papacy to Bologna where, a year later, he died. Rumor had it that he had been poisoned; others believed that Alexander V just plain died naturally.

In May, 1410, Cardinal Cossa, and other cardinals, met in conclave, at Bologna, to elect the successor to Alexander V. There, the bullying Cossa took over not only administratively but also physically. He asked for the stole of Saint Peter, saying, “I will place it upon the one man who most deserves it.” The long silken band was given to Cossa who then draped it around his neck and declared: “I am Pope.” The vote of the stunned and subdued cardinals was unanimous. Baldassare Cossa was crowned Pope John XXIII.

The following day, he celebrated mass in the Church of Saint Peter where another cardinal showed him the service because he had only, the day before, become a priest.

In early 1411, John XXIII left Bologna for Rome. On arrival, he promptly summoned a new council for the purpose of carrying out ecclesiastical reforms. However, the council was not rated as effective. In the meanwhile, John was forging a number of political alliances with foes warring in France and Italy. At one time, one fighting group got so close to Rome that John fled to Florence for his safety.

Along came Sigismund, Roman Emperor and King of Hungary, a rough and tumble leader who was determined to end the confused state of affairs which had divided Christendom into three papal obediences since 1378, and which had spawned three rival popes: John XXIII, Benedict XIII and Gregory XII. Sigismund pressured John XXIII to convocate the Council of Constance in order to settle the schism between the three popes. John did so, in November, 1414, suspecting full well that he might not retain the papacy. His instincts were correct because the Council formally accused him of perjury, gross misconduct and simony, the selling of spiritual things like sacraments and holy relics. John stunned the cardinals by reluctantly promising to abdicate if his two rivals would also do so. Then he fled, was located and forced to return to the Council, which formally deposed him. The Council also accepted the abdication of Gregory XII and dismissed any papal claims of Benedict XIII, two years later, thus clearing the way for the election of Pope Martin V in 1417.

Subsequently, John XXIII was held prisoner in Germany for three years and later promoted to Cardinal Bishop of Tusculum by Pope Martin V. He died in 1419.

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At 7:00pm Mark Tortorici “Torch” and his band started playing the music of many classical songs as we danced along or just enjoyed listening to. The evening just flowed smoothly as we all enjoyed ourselves very much.

“Pat and Lou Mages, and their Thousand Oaks Committee are to be commended for putting together a very fun-filled and successful event,” commented Life Member Emeritus Jody Balestrieri. “And what a great job the wives of your Committee Members did behind the scenes. All the men and women on Pat’s Committee really did a great job to make everyone feel welcome and happy about being there. The music was great, the food and all that dessert was too much, but very-very good. It was a fun night for everyone – and for those who were unable to attend – they missed a great party. Please convey my appreciation and best wishes to all who made the evening such a great success.”

We were honored with the attendance of Fr. Dave Heney, Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon, Fr. Thai Le, Associate Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon and Fr. Joe Scerbo, Mission Friar at St. Paschal’s. All three told Event Chairman Pat Mages that they had a great time and Fr. Joe said that he wished they would do it again. We also want to thank Fr. Dave for letting us use the hall at no charge.

The Ways And Means Committee of Dante Gialazzi, Pat Mages, Andy Pappani, Leonard Rossi and Chairman Jim Friebel want to especially thank the members of Br. 380 who helped Pat Mages and her husband Lou put on this event. We were told that Anne Interrante is to be especially commended for the work she did in getting the word out locally about the event, and Ron and Lauri Coffman for doing the beautiful decorations. The Committee also wants to thank the ICF Districts and Branches that supported the event as Sponsors along with the individuals and businesses who also gave as Sponsors. We must also not forget the ICF members that traveled from the Los Angeles area. Thanks for coming and supporting us.

CC Members in attendance were GP Jane Dianda; 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski and wife Betty; Parliamentarian, Past GP and Life Member Leonard Rossi and wife Karen; Grand Trustee Andy Pappani and wife Siria; Grand Trustee Vincent Piro and wife Robyn; CC Member Pat Mages and husband Field Director Lou Mages; CC Member James Acitelli and wife Bette; Life Member Jim Friebel and wife Mary Ann; Past GP and Life Member Emeritus Jim Jones and wife Janice; Life Member Emeritus Jody Balestrieri and friend Eddie; Member Emeritus Forrest Price and wife Prudence; and Member Emeritus Helen Tatone.

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