

# 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
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  - **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: Roselynn 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