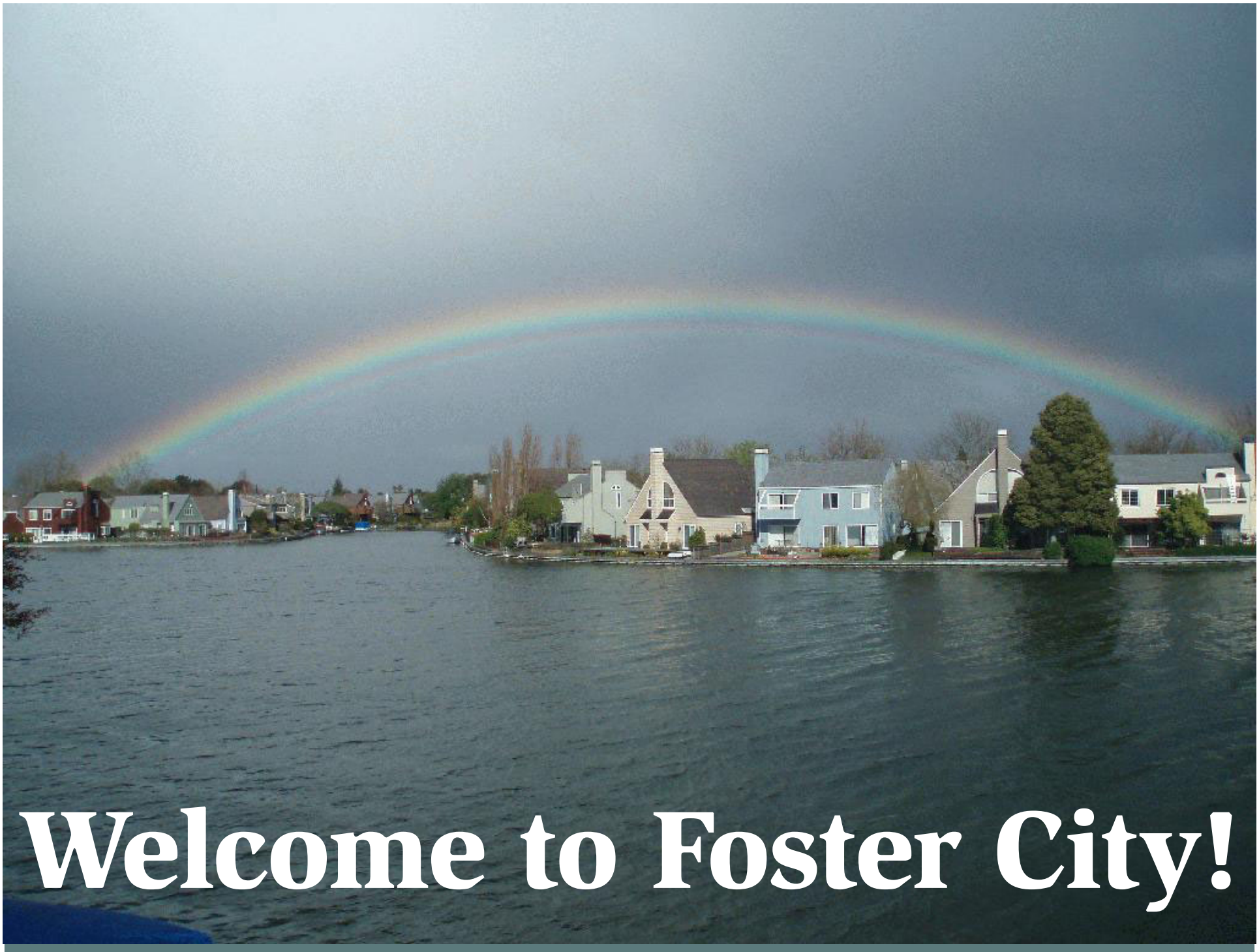

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Pope John XXIII Award Winner Wayne Shaffer

Bringing People Together

The Italian Catholic Federation is proud to present the 2011 Pope John XXIII Award to Wayne Shaffer of Branch 21, Santa Cruz.

In the early years, Wayne served his country by becoming an Eagle Scout, serving four years in the US Navy and volunteered with the Selective Service Board for twenty years.

As a life long member and alumni of Holy Cross parish and school he served in many capacities from altar server, head usher, Eucharistic minister to president of the parish council.

He currently coordinates the outreach ministry to Sunshine Villa. He also gives his time in maintenance projects for the church grounds.

"He is a kind and giving person and very generous to the needy," said Julie Locatelli, president of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. "He is truly a God-send to our community and we are all so proud that he is a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 21."

For 34 years, Wayne has volunteered twice a month at Dominican Hospital visiting patients and offering Holy Communion. He has been involved with St. Francis soup kitchen since 1989. He is currently serving his 15th year as president of the Board of Directors. He also co-founded and serves

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Grand President's Award: Liana Giovannini Figone

Dedicated to the ICF and Her Heritage

For more than 60 year Liana Giovannini Figone has served the Italian Catholic Federation through her leadership and example. She is well known and well regarded for her service and dedication to the ICF, to other agencies and committees, and to the Italian community.

At the branch level, Liana, with the officers, has worked to ensure the continuation of Branch 50 in San Francisco as an active branch within the Federation.

As a member of the ICF, Liana has been vice president to Branch 38, held 30 terms of office as president of Branch 50, been 1st vice president of the San Francisco District from 1999-2002 and president of the district from 2003-2006. Liana has also been the

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The Family of the Year Award: The Mencarini-Newsome Family

Working Together For the Community

In 1968, Louis and Mary Mencarini became charter members of Br. 236 in Highlands, Calif. This association has been on going for three generations. Louis served as the 2nd vice president for years as well as holding other offices and wrote for the *Bollettino*. Louis was awarded the District's President Award for dedicated service in 1993. Mary has been involved in many activities in the branch, district and parish functions. She has served as branch secre-

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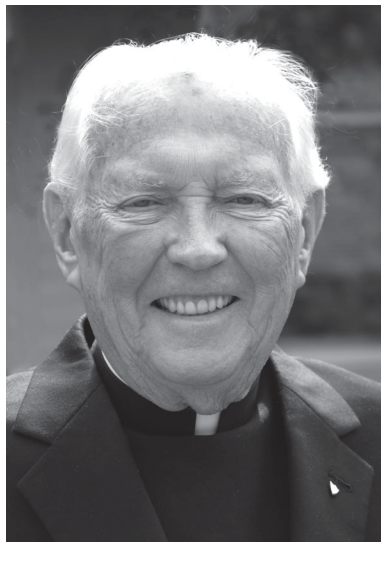
Mother Teresa Award: Father Frances Murray

Strong Supporter of the San Francisco District



In the San Francisco District of the Italian Catholic Federation Father Frances Murray is a more than familiar face.

As the ICF Archdiocesan Chaplain for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Father Frank has always been available to celebrate special events, Masses, Chaplains' Nights, joint installations and Bishop's Days. He has also enthusiastically attended many ICF Conventions, even traveling as far as Chicago to attend.

"Father continues to amaze the members of the ICF with his energy and devotion, even though he is required to be on dialysis three days a week," said San Francisco District Deputy Victor Arnaudo.

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Young Adult Leadership Award Pamela J. Andersen

Teaching and Volunteering to Make a Difference

Pamela J. Andersen has been a member of Branch 342 since January of 2008 and immediately jumped into action. She has served as trustee since 2009 and in 2011 became the branch correspondent to the *Bollettino*.

"Pamela exemplifies what all branches of the ICF need," said Barbara O'Rourke, member of Branch 342. "Currently she is working and volunteering, which tells me that she will continue to be a progressive member."

Pamela has served her parish in Grass Valley as a Eucharistic minister a member of its Pastoral Council and as a catechist for several grades, including the First Communion preparation class. She has been honored

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Wayne Shaffer

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as president on the board of the Siena House Maternity Home of Santa Cruz County and is involved in its daily operation. He is involved in many other needy causes.

Just like Pope John XXIII, Wayne tries to bring people together across whatever boundaries there might be: religious, social, economic, cultural, language, etc. He is a man of deep prayer and concern for social justice, especially for the most downcast and vulnerable. Indeed, Wayne "lights up" when helping a mother in need at Siena Maternity Home, which he co-founded, and he is especially animated when engaging people in social and, particularly, outreach activities.

"He has a special place in his heart for actions for those in need, and he is constantly working to lift them up, usually in the most gentle and unnoticed of ways," said Rev. Mark Stetz, pastor at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz. "Wayne's religion and spirituality are dynamically lived out in his actions and outlooks. Like Pope John XXIII, his prayer is incarnate in his life, actions and caring. And like the Pope who opened windows to let the Spirit in, Wayne dedicates himself creatively and reliably to bring about necessary change and improvement for many."

After the passing of his brother in 1997, Wayne developed a private park as a memorial for his brother and friends. With athletic and religious themes, Wayne shares his park with various youth groups, scouts, service clubs and church groups. He is described as vibrant and vital parishioner. Just like Pope John XXIII, Wayne works to bring people together across whatever boundaries there might be. Wayne lives his faith out in ways that inspire many others to help others. While not seeking a spotlight, he is well known and admired for his generous service.

"Pope John XXIII was known for his deep desire – so integrated in his being – to unite people and get people to work together for the good of all. He was a pioneer in collaboration, visioning, and selfless service," Rev. Stetz said. "Wayne Shaffer lives this out in ways that inspire many in our parish, diocese and civic community."

"It is not an exaggeration to say that Wayne Shaffer is a 'community treasure,' " said Ken Cole, Homeless Services Center executive director. "He is someone who "walks his talk" and is known by his works. And his works are many."

He truly espouses the virtues of the late Pope. The Italian Catholic Federation is happy to award this special tribute to Wayne Shaffer.

Liana Figone

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Branch 50 correspondent for the Bollettino for 30 years.

In addition Liana has served the St. Vincent de Paul parish at fundraisers and on the parish council. She served as lector for Fr. Efrem's Italian masses. Her late husband and Liana organized the District Chaplains' mass and dinner celebration for many years.

Over the years, Liana has organized many fundraisers for the Italian radio programs, Little Sisters of the Poor Aux., Cathedral School for Boys, and the Italian-American Community Service Aux. She has been co-editor for Italian TV programs, and a translator for recent Italian arrivals in the SF Bay Area.

"Over the years, Liana has worked for the church, the parish and the elementary school here in the Marina," said Rev. John K. Ring, pastor of The Church of St. Vincent de Paul in San Francisco. "She has demonstrated her love of the church and the religious in various ways. When asked, she and her late husband, Aldo, readily agreed to assist at events at the church."

At the branch and district level, membership recruitment has always been an important goal for Liana. With her branch officers, Liana attempts new avenues to attract members, such as creating a bowling league. Liana has been instrumental in promoting branch scholarships for the parish school and the ICF Scholarship Fund.

"It is due to her efforts and her branch officers that this branch has remained active and vital in the Federation," said ICF Grand Treasurer and Past Grand President George Bacigalupi.

Liana's work hasn't just been noticed by the ICF… it goes a bit more global. In 1976, the Italian government awarded the title "Cavalieri della Stella Solidarita" for service to the Italian community.

"I have observed Liana's deep regard for her Italian heritage many times," Rev. Ring continued. "She takes many opportunities to share this heritage with others. The Italian heritage she shares with others includes language, cuisine, art and history, and her love of the church."

Fr. Frank Murray

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Upon joining the Italian Catholic Federation as the Chaplain of the San Mateo District Father Frank – as he is affectionately referred to as – said that he "wanted to love and care for ICF people and bring the Gospel message to all" – and that is exactly what he has done.

As far as Father Frank is concerned anyone he meets is a friend and worthy of his love and care.

Since his ordination in 1953, Father Frank has served faithfully and well at a number of Archdiocesan parishes including St. Gregory, St. Kevin, and St. Charles. He is well-remembered for his warmth, kindness, deep faith, and responsiveness to the needs of parishioners, and to his responsibilities to patients and staff at Kaiser Medical Center and Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City.

"When I think of Fr. Frank, the thought that comes to mind is of a priest imbued with the spirit of God and with a tremendous commitment to bring that spirit of God's love to all who cross his path," said Fr. John Ryan, past at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Burlingame.

Although retired, Father Frank remains very active. He is Chaplain of the San Mateo District and Archdiocesan Chaplain of the San Francisco Archdiocese; he is a Faithful Friar to 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council; chaplain to 3rd Degree Council 1346; active member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher; and says Mass weekly at Serenity House, San Francisco.

Even after suffering from his own kidney failure in 2006, Father Frank didn't stop offering prayers and comfort to those in need.

"Father Murray provides an example to our patients and staff through his quiet endurance of his health problems," said Cathy Rosaia, BSN RN, Director of Renal Services at Mills-Peninsual Health Services. "He continues to minister to the sick by offering quiet encouragement to other patients, many of whom only leave the house to come for their medical care. He has counseled our nurses and technicians during their personal trials and tribulations and has brought at least one 'lost' soul back to the church."

To know Father Frank is to know a genuine servant of the Lord, who expresses his priesthood by being ever present to the people with whom he is with at the particular time.

He is a quiet giant whose love of God is unselfishly given to all who meet him," said Mary Ellen Hoffman, secretary to Northwestern Lieutenancy of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher.

Mencarini-Newsome

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tary, treasurer, trustee and sentinel. She is a registered nurse and has volunteered for her children's school, music and sports activities.

Their youngest daughter Susan and her husband Jay Newsome moved to Fresno and joined Br. 308 in 1989.

Susan has served as branch trustee and for the past 3 years served as Financial Secretary/Treasurer.

She and Jay are Optometrists and practice in the Fresno area. They have both been named the Optometrist of the year. Both have served as president of the Central California Optometric Society with Susan as the first woman president. She volunteers at the Poverello House where she is involved in providing free eye exams and glasses for the homeless and low income adults and children.

Jay specializes in low vision and geriatrics. He has served as Branch 2nd vice president and Financial Secretary/treasurer. He is involved in all branch activities, especially when it comes to clean up, serving wine and is known as doing the "guy jobs".

Nichols, age 17 works with Br. 236 and Br. 308, working on the Lenten dinners and like his dad, does "guy Jobs. He plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

Cameron is 13 years old and like his brother is involved in the branch in many activities. Michael Fina, has been an unofficial member of the family and became an official member last year. He attends ICF activities, helps out wherever he is needed. Upon graduation, he plans to persue a degree in biology and attends optometry school. The three boys all volunteer at the Poverello House to help the poor. They are truly a family of giving to others.

"They all work without complaint and with a cheerful and gracious attitude," said Michael W. Berdinella of Branch 308, Fresno. "They have been raised to be Catholic gentlemen."

To quote, Louis and Mary, "the ICF has been such an important part of growing up in our family, it was like an extended family. We wanted to share these values with our children. We remember the 4 "Fs" of being a good Italian; Food, Faith, Family and Fun. We try in our household."

Best of Luck
to all of the 2011
ICF Award
Recipients!

Pamela Andersen

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with many awards through her teaching career. She received the Linda School PTA Honorary Service Award in 2007, the MJUSD A+ Employee Award in 2007 and the Yuba County Teacher Who Makes a Difference Award in 2008.

"Pamela has generously used her gifts of time and talent to serve in various leadership ministries of the parish," said Karen Burford, director of Faith Formation at St. Patrick Church. "She has a keen ability to reach young people through teaching and sharing about Jesus."

Pamela has also served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for humanity form 1998-2010. She also served as secretary for this organization and assisted with fundraising. She was honored to receive the Rock Award from Habitat for Humanity.

"As a young leader in our community, Pam Andersen represents integrity, loyalty, generosity, fellowship, Christian faith and humanity in the true sense of the word," said Deborah Arakel, executive director of Evade County Habitat for Humanity.

2011 Convention Agenda

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September 1, 2011 – September 5, 2011

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

11:30am	Bocce	Columbus/Drake
5:15pm	Buses Depart for Dinner	Lobby
7:00pm	Dinner	Our Lady of Angels Hall, Burlingame

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

8:00am - 9:00am	**Convention Registration**	Magellan Foyer
8:00am	Depart for Tour	Lobby
9:00am	Mass	Drake/Alexandria
9:00am	Depart for Golf	Lobby
10:00am - 12:00pm	**Convention Registration**	Magellan Foyer
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Pedro Tournament	Syracuse
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Bingo	Columbus/Drake
1:30pm - 6:00pm	**Convention Registration**	Magellan Foyer
7:00pm - 7:45pm	Orientation for New Delegates	Syracuse
8:00pm	**OFFICIAL OPENING**	Magellan Ballroom

Call to Order
Steven R. Fuentes - Convention Director's Chairman
Past Grand President - Life Member of Central Council

Master of Ceremonies: Franklyn Lopes, Jr. -- CC Member
Opening Prayer: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - ICF Spiritual Director
Presentation of Colors: San Mateo County Sheriff's Honor Guard
Italian National Anthem: Nina Malone - Grand Secretary
National Anthem: Julia Barron - Member, Branch 163, San Mateo
Presentation of Grand President - James Jones - CC Life Member
Welcome: Barbara Firpo - President of the San Mateo District
Welcome by James Jones
Roll Call of Districts
Grand President's Award Presentation to Cav. Liana Giovannini Figone
Closing Prayer: Rev. Francis Murray - Archdiocesan Chaplain
Archdiocese of San Francisco
"Noi Vogliam Dio": Julia Barron - Member, Branch 163, San Mateo
Accompanied by Pat Mueller - East Bay District

9:00pm	Meet the Candidates	Magellan Foyer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

7:45am - 8:15am	Final Registration	Magellan Foyer
9:00am	Depart for Tour - Non Delegates	Lobby
8:30am - 9:20am	**Workshop**	
	Public Relations - The Value of Public Relations	Drake

Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Grand Trustee, Member of the Central Council

Fundraising - Ideas for Every Branch	Columbus

Deborah Rodondi - Grand Trustee, Member of the Central Council

Insurance - Important Information to Know	Syracuse

James Jones - Grand President, Life Member of the Central Council

9:30am - 10:20am	**Workshop**	
	Public Relations - The Value of Public Relations	Drake

Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Grand Trustee, Member of the Central Council

The Wonderful Charitable Works of the ICF	Columbus

Andrew Pappani - Grand Trustee, Member of the Central Council

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Spiritual - Improving our Relationship with God	Syracuse

Fr. Chris Bennett - Pastor, Santa Teresa Church - San Jose, California

11:30am - 12:00pm	Memorial Mass	Alexandria/Columbus
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Break	
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Chaplains' Luncheon Meeting	Stanford
2:00pm	**CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION**	Magellan Ballroom

Opening Prayer
Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee
Credentials Committee Report
Adoption of Rules and Regulations
Welcome New Branches and Delegates
Family of the Year Award Presentation to:
The Mencarini-Newsome Family
Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Pamela J. Andersen
Approval of Officers' Reports
Presentation of Proposals/Motions
Nomination of Hospitalization Committee
Speeches of Central Council Candidates
Convention Site Report
Attendance Drawing
Adjournment

6:00pm - 7:00pm	Delegates' Reception	Magellan Ballroom Foyer
7:30pm	**BANQUET**	Magellan Ballroom

Welcome: Barbara Firpo - President of the San Mateo District
Mistress of Ceremonies: Deborah Rodondi - Grand Trustee, Member of the Central Council
National Anthem: Nina Malone - Grand Secretary, CC Life Member
Invocation: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli - I.C.F. Spiritual Director
Remarks
Local Dignitaries
Presentation of Pope John XXIII Award
James Jones - Grand President, CC Life Member
Response - Wayne Shaffer
Closing Prayer: Rev. Francis Murray - Archdiocesan Chaplain, Archdiocese of San Francisco
"God Bless America": Nina Malone - Grand Secretary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

9:00am	**GENERAL SESSION**	Magellan Ballroom

Opening Prayer
Mother Teresa Award Presentation to Rev. Francis Murray
Election of Central Council Members
Election of Hospitalization Committee
Election of Convention Site
National Charity Presentation
Response - Dr. Elliott Vichinsky
Resolutions and Communications
Presentations:
Apostolate/Charity
Membership
Scholarship
Heritage
Ways and Means
Announcement of 2011 - 2012 National Charity
Donations to Scholarship, National Charity and Gifts of Love
Good of the Order
Attendance Drawing
Closing Prayer

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING (Lunch)		Syracuse
	— following General Session	
3:30pm	**CONCELEBRATED MASS**	Magellan Ballroom
6:00pm - 7:00pm	No-Host Cocktails	Magellan Ballroom Foyer
7:00pm	Dinner	Magellan Ballroom
8:00pm - 12:00am	Entertainment & Dancing	Magellan Ballroom
9:00pm	Convention Raffle and Drawing	

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

9:00am	**CLOSING SESSION**	Magellan Ballroom

Prayer Service
Installation of Central Council Officers
Installing Officer - James Jones, Past Grand President
Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council
Remarks by the New Grand President
"Noi Vogliam Dio"
Adjournment