

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Promoting Faith, Family and Heritage Since 1924



Orator Training

Agenda

- **Responsibilities of Orator per the ICF By-laws**
 - Leads the opening and closing prayer of the Branch in the absence of the Chaplain
 - Works with the Apostolate Chairperson in promoting the religious program of the Branch
- **Additional points**

Let's step through each....

**The Orator leads the
opening and closing
prayer of the Branch in
the absence of the
Chaplain**

The Orator can lead prayers at Branch Meetings & Events

- When the Branch Chaplain is not present, the Orator will assist with the following:
 - Officers Monthly Meetings
 - Opening Prayer
 - Closing Prayer
 - Branch Monthly Meetings
 - Meal Blessing
 - Opening Prayer
 - Closing Prayer
- Closing prayers typically end with petitions to our ICF patron saints and the host parish saint's name if one:
“Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for us”,
“Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us”, and so on



**The Orator shall work
with the Apostolate
Chairperson in
promoting the religious
program of the Branch**

The Orator assists with the religious programs

- In cooperation with the Apostolate Chairperson and 1st Vice President, assistance can be given to engage members in programs such as:
 - Religious events sponsored by the parish
 - Retreats or Religious Guest Speakers
 - Prayer Opportunities – Rosary, prayer service, Eucharistic adoration, saints' feast day Mass
 - Branch-sponsored events
 - Communion breakfast – members attend Sunday Mass together then go to breakfast
 - Religious guest speakers at General Meetings
 - Mass intentions for living and deceased members
 - Announcement of religious events in the Diocese

Additional Points

ICF Patron Saint Prayers

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayer

Feast Day: January 4



Lord, God, you blessed
Elizabeth Ann Seton with gifts of grace as
wife and mother,
Educator and foundress,
So that she might spend her life
In service to your people.

Through her example and prayers,
May we learn to express
Our love for you
In love for our fellow men and women.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ICF Patron Saint Prayers

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

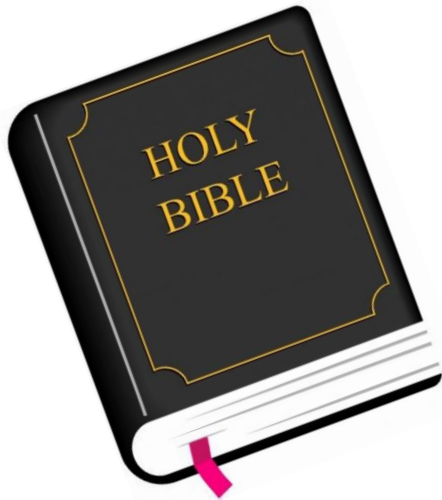
Prayer

Feast Day: November 13

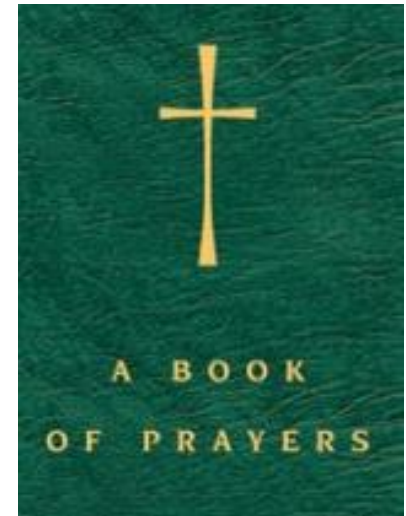


God our Father,
Who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
from Italy
To serve the immigrants of America
By her example,
Teach us to have concern for the stranger,
The sick, and all those in need,
And by her prayers help us to see Christ
In all the men and women we meet.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Other Ideas for Finding a Prayer

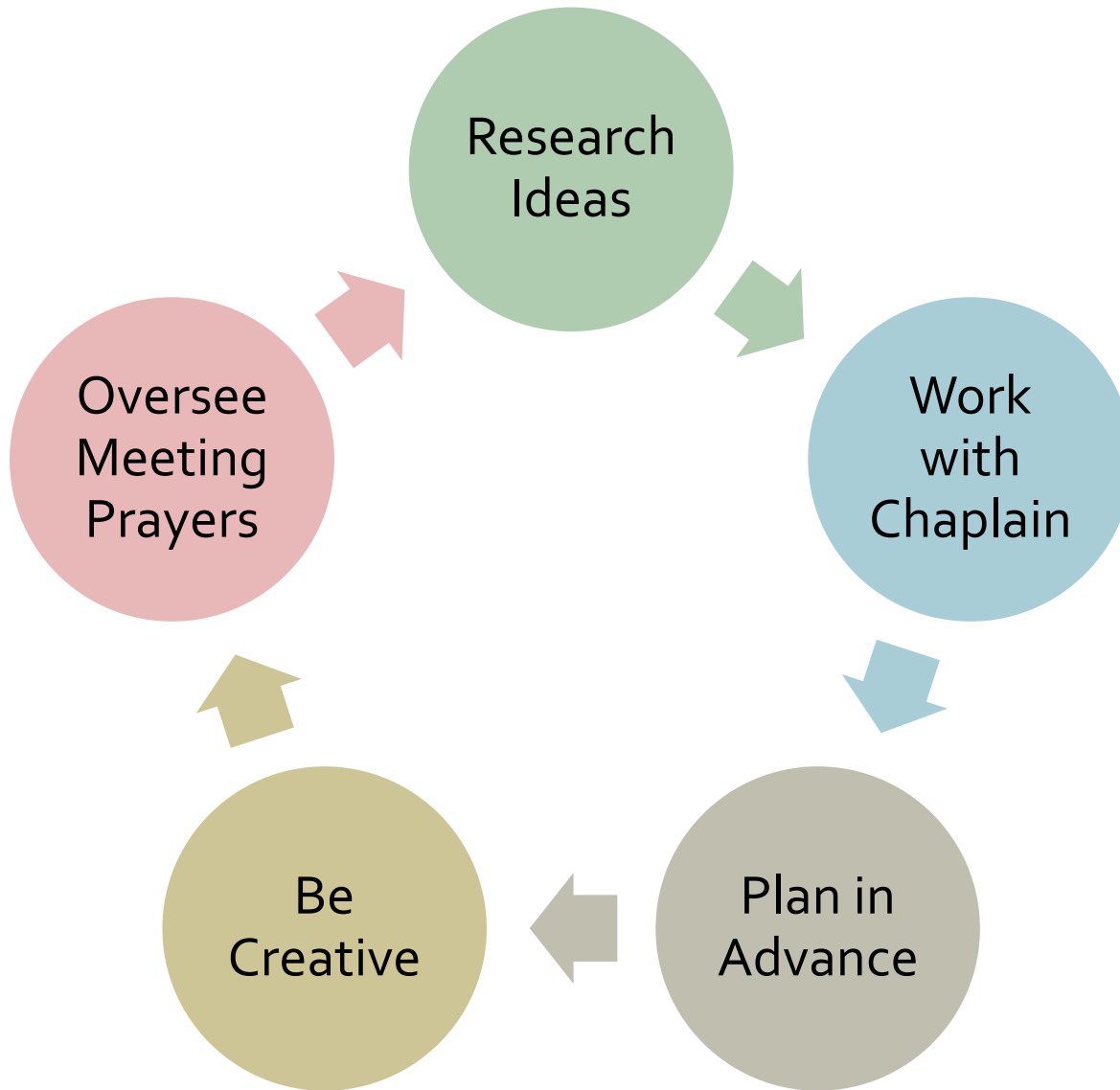


Daily devotional
Saint's prayer
Bible reading
Rosary
Poem
Catholic Prayer
Song
Petitions



Note: There are many ideas for prayers online!

Be Organized



More Information...

Bollettino

- Newspaper published 11x / yr
- Information on ICF areas of interest and reports from branches throughout the U.S.

Web Site

- www.icf.org
- Details about the organization and up-to-date information
- Officers' Portal

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