



# BOLLETTINO



## 2020 Convention Update

Vince Piro, Grand President

In the last few weeks, members have had many questions and concerns regarding our 2020 ICF Annual Convention. First off, let me say that the health and well-being of our members is of foremost importance to the leadership of the Federation. Second, Rose Jarrett, the Convention Director, the Convention Committee, and the Central Council Executive Committee have had several conversations about what is the best plan moving forward. Finally, this will be the first topic of conversation at the next Central Council Meeting.

### HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW TO DATE.

**1. Is the convention still be held this year?** The short answer is yes. The convention does not take place until September, so any decision to cancel it now would be considered premature by the hotel. Rose has been in conversation with the hotel and given several updates to the Executive Committee. In California, Stay-at-Home orders only extend until late spring, and we do not know what will be the status of COVID-19 or health directives in future months. We have a contract with the hotel, which includes substantial fees for cancellation of the event at this point. Now, that being said, the situation as we get closer to September could warrant a cancellation. It is just too early to make that decision right now.

**2. When will we have to decide on convention delegates?** Your list of delegates and any letters from your branch requesting to be excused will now be due August 1. This is an extension. However, we do ask that you send in your delegate list with alternates as soon as possible for planning purposes. You can elect delegates in several ways, using absentee ballots, email, newsletters, or phone. The late fee for submitting your delegate list has been eliminated.

**3. Is the annual raffle still on?** The annual raffle is still on. There will still be a drawing. The contactless fundraiser provides vitally important finances to the federation and local branches. Please, encourage this fundraiser and sell as many tickets as possible. The financial health of the Federation depends on this major fundraiser. Remember \$10 now stays with the branch and could be a useful branch fundraiser.

**4. Will we have a yearbook this year?** Of course! Our annual year/souvenir book is a great way to record and celebrate the history of the Federation. We encourage you to still send pages in for the yearbook. We want to see all those happy faces of family and friends. The deadline remains the same.

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## You Wouldn't Believe this Trip!!!

Carmen Kilcullen

*This is an account of our time aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship and subsequent stay at Travis Air Force Base.*

On Friday, February 21, 2020, my husband, Larry, and I set sail on the Grand Princess cruise liner for a 15-day trip to the Hawaiian Islands. We wanted to have some relaxing time, especially having experienced the loss of our home in the 2017 Tubbs fire and the whole process of rebuilding. We endured a year and one half of building decisions, dealing with inspectors and working with suppliers who often made serious errors. At any rate, we happily moved into our new home on Oct 9, 2019.

The first 10 days of the trip were wonderful, even though the ocean



was often quite choppy. It was difficult to walk around without staggering here and there.

We relaxed and did pretty much what we wanted from the list of cruise activities. We had some wonderful dinners and saw some outstanding shows.

Little did we know what was to come.

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### Prayer from Pope Francis for the Coronavirus:

*Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness.*

*At your command, the sick were made well.*

*Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing Love.*

*Heal those that are sick with the virus.*

*May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.*

*Heal us from our fear that prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.*

*Bless you all.*

## ICF Members Come Together as We Self-Isolate

Nanette Scarpellini Metz

Throughout the Italian Catholic Federation and the world, we are working through a new norm. By staying home and limiting physical contact we are all trying to make our communities safe. Throughout the branches we have many members that are essential workers doing their part every day to take care of the community. ICF members are finding their own way to help too.

Members deliver food and supplies to the needy. In the Santa Clara Valley, Al & Diane Vallorz, in conjunction with Tony & Alba's Pizza, are donating and delivering food.

In Thousand Oaks, Branch 380 members are sewing face masks to help protect us.

In Marin, Branch 332 collected toiletries and paper towels to deliver with Meals on Wheels. Who knew a roll of toilet paper could be so precious?

Members are reaching out to other members isolated during this time. In San Jose at Branch 368, members Avis Erkel, Noreen Gillio, Cathie Orlowski, and Joyce Robba, phoned all its members to keep everyone informed. Other branches are also participating in a phone tree to share updates and some-

times just to chat.

Many of the parish priests are offering virtual masses so members and other parishioners are able to attend from the safety of their homes. This would be a good time to 'visit' other churches and to pray together.

Even though we may be sheltering-in-place and restricted by the stay-at-home order, know that we are not alone. Hopefully the restrictions will ease soon. In the meantime, be sure to share how your branch is coping with the new world order. *You might start a movement of kindness.*

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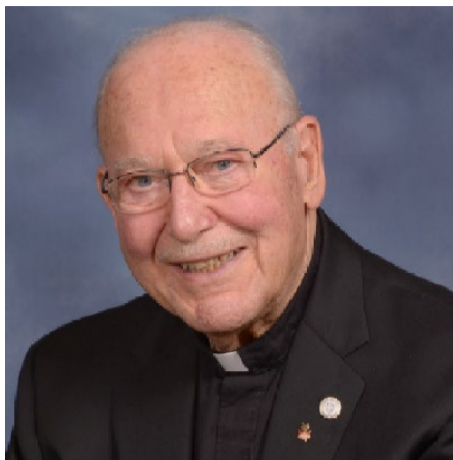
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positive and informative.

**June issue deadline is  
May 10, 2020.**

**Thank you!**

## STORM-PANDEMIC-JESUS



Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director

***Jesus was asleep in the back of  
the boat. Other boats were with  
Him. A violent storm came up.***

They were in storms before, but  
not like this. This one was differ-  
ent! Waves were breaking over  
the whole boat and it was already  
filling up. The Apostles were first  
uneasy, then scared; and finally  
they got to the point of panic.  
They didn't know what to do! Like

scared children, they turned to  
Jesus and woke Him up. *'Teacher,  
do you not care that we are per-  
ishing?'* He woke up, rebuked the  
wind, and said to the sea, *'Quiet!  
Be still!'* The wind ceased and  
there was great calm. (Mk. 4:35-  
49)

We too, and the world over, are  
all in the same **boat**. A dangerous  
pandemic has emerged. We've  
experienced epidemics before but  
not like this. This one is differ-  
ent! People are getting sick from  
an unseen, pernicious, and silent  
**storm**. People are dying by the  
thousands. We don't know where  
the virus is at any given moment.  
We are really scared and don't



know what to do. So we stay  
home and stay away from people.  
There is no known vaccine and  
no known medication to eradicate  
and end the violent spread of this  
pandemic.

We don't know what to do, ex-  
cept...

...we turn to Jesus. Like scared  
children, we ask, ***Teacher, do you  
not care that we are perishing?***

Please Lord, rebuke this pandemic  
as you did the destructive waters  
of the sea that day. Please say what  
you said to the storm. ***Quiet! Be  
still!*** We are terrified and need  
your strength.

Yes, we have faith, we have faith  
in you. We know you love us be-  
cause you died on the cross to save  
us. Strengthen our faith and com-  
fort us during this time of need.  
Help us, dear Jesus!

We believe in you.

***Help our unbelief.*** -Amen.

## Friendly Reminder

Ways and Means Committee

Just a friendly reminder that a great  
way to make a little money for your  
branch is selling our yearly raffle  
tickets during these hard time of  
not being able to have fundraisers.  
This is a simple way to bring some  
extra money in. Remember you  
can always call the office and ask  
for more books to be sent to you !!

A book sells for \$20.00 and the  
Branch keeps \$10.00. You do not  
have to buy the whole book. The  
tickets can be sold separately.

Also, PLEASE don't forget to  
send it your FAMILY VACATION  
MEMORIES for the 2021 calendar.  
We have extended the deadline date  
to June 1.

Your Birthday and Anniversary  
dates for the 2021 Calendar are also  
needed by the June 1st.

Please stay safe during these dif-  
ficult times

*God Bless!*

*Your Ways and Means Committee*

## Membership Managing Change

Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson

For most of us it has now been over  
45 days of staying in place, staying at  
home and healthy. We talk about how  
change is neces-  
sary. Change can  
be positive, with  
some regrets. But  
most of us never  
thought we would  
experience ex-  
treme changes  
made in a matter  
of days and forced upon us for our  
own safety, outside of our control.  
This kind of change causes feelings



of fear of the unknown, feelings of  
loss and helplessness. Along with  
these initial feelings come the real-  
ization of the importance of friends,  
family and our faith in God and His  
blessings. Once we have completed  
this journey, we will never look at  
change in the same way.

How will this crisis affect us in re-  
sponse to our home lives, our work,  
faith and yes, ICF?

We talk of how ICF is an extension  
of our faith, friendships, family and  
helping those in need. Has being a  
member of the ICF family helped

you to navigate these months of un-  
certainty and confinement? I know  
if I need support or a simple phone  
call or email, I can reach out to my  
ICF family. It is the simple every-  
day things that help us survive this  
complicated event. This is what the  
Italian Catholic Federation is about.

May the Blessings of Easter and  
Our Blessed Mother continue to  
protect and guide us. Hope to see  
you, in person, very soon. Stay safe  
and well.

*Pat Mages*

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## Pray Together Online

Check out the online Rosary website:

<http://www.comepraytherosary.org>

Richard Interrante from Branch 380  
developed the site about 10 years ago  
and recently updated it so that it also  
works with mobile phones and tablets.

The site allows people from around the  
world to pray the Rosary together (and  
shows how many people are praying  
with you), or individually. It's had mil-  
lions of visitors over the last decade.

Try this online option for those who  
want to pray together.

# Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

For most of my days during the Stay-at-Home orders in California, I spend my time with my 8-year old grandson and 4 dogs, one of which is a 16 1/2 year old Dalmatian. While I certainly feel loved, there are times I wish I had a little more adult conversation. This isolation certainly has its challenges, and I definitely have missed my branch's monthly meetings as I am sure many ICF members have.

That is why I encourage us to do the best we can to stay in touch during these challenging times. This may be especially important for our senior members who depend on ICF meetings for socialization and fellowship.

**What can we do? There are many options.**

**1. Phone tree:** A branch can create a phone tree in which members are responsible for calling each other to share ICF information, discuss articles in the Bollettino or just chat. It's often nice to hear from a kindred spirit.

**2. Create a branch Facebook page:** A branch can create a Facebook page. Group Facebook

pages allow for restricted membership. With a branch Facebook page, members can share photos and messages with each other. These Facebook groups often have a real sense of community as people chat with one another.

**3. Use the ICF Facebook page.** The Federation has its own Facebook page that any member can join. Again, one can share messages and photos with other members.

**4. Start a newsletter.** If your branch doesn't have a newsletter, this might be the time to start one to communicate with members. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. It can be used to share branch information, conduct business, and share personal stories. This newsletter can be shared through email or the traditional postal service.

**5. Use the ICF phone conference line for meetings:** The ICF has a phone conference service that branches can use for meetings. It



is simple to use and accessible to members. Contact Leonard Zasoski if you wish to use this service.

**6. Use a service such as Zoom or Go-to-Meeting.** These online services allow for groups of people to meet over the Internet. Using our computer or phone cameras, these services allow members to see each other as they hold discussion.

**6. Form a Sunshine committee:** This committee can send cards and greetings to individual members. Just receiving a small note can brighten our day.

Stay-at-Home can be rather isolating for some, especially those who are more social. By finding different ways to stay in contact, we can help alleviate some of this isolation. For others of us, having a bit of contact with fellow ICF members during Stay-at-Home might prevent us from talking to the dogs.

*My prayers go out to each of you. Stay home, stay healthy and stay safe.*

Vince

## ICF is Going Green!



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## Family Recipes from Diana Letizia Mackinson

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand 1st Vice President

Diana Letizia Mackinson, from Branch 442 in Pleasant Hill, emailed me recently that she has been meaning to share some recipes and decided to share this one with us. It is a recipe



her mom, Joan Letizia, originated and Diana herself makes often. Mom Joan and Dad Tom (Branch President for several years) were members of the Branch in Alhambra (St. Therese), which has since closed. Diana says, *It is pretty easy and great for a weeknight dinner. You can roast some small potatoes with other veggies in another pan for a complete weeknight meal. I hope our readers will enjoy it.*

### Italian Style Baked Chicken Parmesan

4-6 skinless chicken pieces, rinsed and patted dry

Olive oil

1 cup Italian Style seasoned bread crumbs

½ cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

1 Tbsp. dry parsley flakes

1 tsp. garlic powder

½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Spray baking pan with cooking spray. Put some olive oil in pan and coat chicken lightly with the oil. Mix other ingredients in a plastic bag. Add chicken pieces one by one to the bag and coat. Add chicken to the pan.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for about 45-60 minutes (depending upon size of chicken pieces) until lightly browned.



**Be careful not to overcook.**

**Remove from oven and serve!**

NOTE: When I made this, I lined the pan with foil for easier clean up. I did not have the Italian Style seasoned bread crumbs, so I took my regular bread crumbs and added 1 ½ tsp. of Italian Seasoning. I used chicken breast with bone in and skin on and cooked for 50 minutes as directed. Simple and Delicious.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been

handed down with the members of the ICF.

Send them to me at drodoni@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

**Buon Appetito!**



## How is Your Branch Caring?

Lauren Kilcullen, Apostolate—Charity Chairperson

A reminder that the 2020 Apostolate—Charity Reporting Form is available for all branches online at the Members Area at [icf.org](http://icf.org).

The Committee urges all branches to complete the form and return it to the Central Council Office by the July 7 deadline. We understand that most fundraising activities have been put on hold, however, the Reporting Form covers charitable donations and activities from July 2019 – June 2020. Please complete the report and send in to the ICF Office.



The forms are more than a prize competition for the individual branches. Completed forms allow Central Council to compile accurate data regarding all the good works our branches do. Every branch provides some apostolate – charity work, so there should be no reason not to complete the form. In opening new branches and recruiting new members, it has been found that many people join the ICF because of our charitable giving. Having the details from the forms, will give us accurate information to use in our recruitment process.

Thank you,

Lauren Kilcullen

Apostolate-Charity Committee  
Chairperson



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? Have burning questions to ask?

You can still do this even during a pandemic!

Set up a phone call, WHATSAPP, FACETIME or ZOOM Conference and have a personal conversation with Laurice Levine, Thalassaemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com)

Learn more about Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

## Mother Cabrini Shrine

*Due to the current "Pandemic" the Chapel and Library will be closed to the Public and will reopen as soon as the current situation has passed.*

Please include the Chapel to your Branch's list of places to visit in 2020 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF's Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church's first American Saint.

DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are available for sale in English and Italian. The Gift Shop also received copies of the latest book on Mother Cabrini, "God's Messenger, The Astounding Achievements Of Mother Cabrini..." by Nicole Gregory. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com).



Thank you for your continued support!  
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## Blood is Desperately Needed

Laurice Levine--The Live to Give Committee

These are unprecedented times – a time in America that is being compared to World War II. We are fighting a different war now; an invisible one – one against COVID-19, a global pandemic. According to the American Red Cross, by mid-March the nation was approximately 400,000 units of blood short due to quarantine measures resulting in thousands of blood drives being cancelled at churches, school and businesses. While these social distancing measures are proving to be lifesaving, there are countless challenges – one major one being the fragile blood supply. Blood has a shelf life – 42 days – and then it expires. This means the blood supply ALWAYS needs to be replenished and you cannot stockpile blood and save it for times of crisis. This presents a real obstacle and could be a life and death issue for anyone who needs blood – be it through an emergency or routinely.

People with Cooley's Anemia are especially at risk because they receive blood transfusions every 2-3 weeks throughout life. Their need for blood continues even during pandemics. I spoke with the American Red Cross several times and early in March was considering having to find and designate my own blood donors to assure I would receive my much-needed transfusion. Since then, the Surgeon General and other

prominent medical professionals have spoken out about the continued need for blood and the importance of donating blood during this time. While blood mobile drives are not possible, blood drives are restarting in big facilities with new health and safety measures, included social distancing, to protect the donor. The public has once again risen to the occasion and have also made appointments at their local blood bank to donate where again there are increased protections for the blood donor. COVID-19 has NOT been found to be transmissible through the blood so it is both safe for the blood donor and the blood recipient. The blood supply is slowly being replenished, but remember, this is a continuous process because the need for blood never ends.

**If you would like to donate blood, find a blood bank near you:**

**American Red Cross Blood Services:**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

**Vitalant:**

<https://www.vitalant.org>

*For More Information or Questions:*

Laurice Levine

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*For all the blood donors out there – thank you for giving the gift of life.*

*When was the last time you had a chance to save a life? The simple act of donating blood gives you this opportunity!*

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# Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz, 2nd Grand Vice President & Heritage Chair

As I sit and write this article for May and think about Mother's Day, I can't fathom what is ahead of us? What is our new normal?



I wondered what it must have been like to our ancestors, coming to a strange country, with very little knowledge of what their future looked like. They faced the same problems with flu epidemics that we are, only they were at a greater disadvantage. They didn't have nightly news to update them on how to stay safe.

According to the CDC, the influenza pandemic of 1918–1919 coincided with a major wave of immigration to the United States. More than 23.5 million newcomers arrived between 1880 and the 1920s, mostly from Southern and Eastern Europe, Asia, Canada, and Mexico.

Among the two largest immigrant groups, Southern Italians and Eastern European Jews, immigrant physicians, community spokespeople, newspapers, and religious and fraternal groups shouldered the burden. They disseminated public health information to their respective communities in culturally sensitive manners and in the languages the newcomers understood, offering crucial services to immigrants and American public health officials.

We are fortunate to have the information on how to slow the virus. We don't hug, we stay 6 feet apart, wear a facemask and gloves. Wash our hands (singing *Happy Birthday*).

We watch Mass online and buy way too much toilet paper, but what I also see is the thread that binds us together. We try in any way we can to support our local small businesses. We see public displays of thanks for our healthcare workers. We buy dinners to go and we check in with our friends and family, more often.

As a family we sit together and eat, talk and pray together. We appreciate what we have and dream

about the vacations, birthdays, anniversaries we've missed. We find that our families have come together again, not having to run to baseball games, soccer practice or just too busy to call. This will all start again in God's time, but I think during this social distancing we have the time to pause and declutter.

Discover the joy in simplifying our way too busy lives. Great time to dig into our family's past and a time to make a new and different future for you and family.

The author, Laura Kelly Fanucci, a Minnesota resident, writes a syndicated column, "Faith at Home," published in Catholic newspapers nationwide and has written six books.

Final thought: This poem is a gift — literally. Think about it. Her syndicated columns and books don't come free. But this poem is being copied, pasted and shared electronically at no cost to those sharing and reading it. Its rewards — to Fanucci and the rest of us — are not material. They are spiritual.

May you stay safe, pray more and look forward to the day when we can gather once again.

Ciao! Denise

*When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way — better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

By Laura Kelly Fanucci

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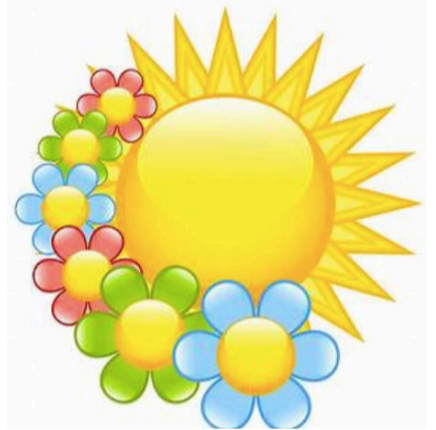
**5. What about awards?** Will we still be having awards this year? Of course. We still want to honor those who do good work. More information will be presented in the future. All deadlines remain in place.

**6. Will we still be able to offer by-law proposals to the Federation?** Proposals for by-law changes are due by the deadline established in our by-laws, April 30. If we need to address this issue any further, we will discuss it at the June Central Council meeting.

**7. Will we hold elections to Central Council?** Yes, elections to Central Council will be held this year. All deadlines remain in place. More information will follow on the process as the situation dictates.

It is all our hopes that the country is able to steer clear of the COVID-19 threat in upcoming months and that we are able to gather together at our annual convention. Not only is it essential to the business of our organization, it is a time of rejuvenation, a time to catch up with old friends, and a time to worship together.

Vince Piro, Grand President



## Cruise Adventure

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Two passengers and 21 crew members on the previous Mexico cruise had tested positive for the coronavirus. The 2 passengers debarked in San Francisco and were taken to hospitals. The 21 crew members continued in quarantine on the cruise with us.

Fearing an outbreak of the virus aboard ship, on Wednesday, March 4, we were told to go to our staterooms and shelter there for the remainder of the trip until the ship would arrive in Oakland to dock. We were in the stateroom from Wednesday until we debarked on March 10.

We ordered our food every day from a menu and it was delivered by a crew member at our door. We had to do general cleanup since no one was

allowed into the stateroom.

It was nice to have a mini-suite which gave us a parlor in addition to the balcony so we could stretch a bit. What did we do? We watched TV, read, did crossword puzzles (me) and slept a lot. We did practically the same things when we were quarantined at Travis Air Force Base. We spent 6 days in this constricted environment which did not count toward our subsequent quarantine.

The ship was not allowed into San Francisco Bay and it circled around the Pacific coast waiting for clearance. All sorts of government agencies boarded. Don't ask me who they were. We never knew, but they kept giving orders and making all kinds of disparate decisions. You could often tell that the Captain sounded frustrated when he gave his usual updates.

Finally, on Tuesday, March 10, we

were allowed to disembark. We were given colored-coded tags for our luggage and told that 800 of us passengers would be driven to Travis Air Force Base.

Well, you know about the best laid plans...? Ticket colors and departure times did not coincide. We finally left in late afternoon and arrived at Travis at about 10:30 p.m. We were given sandwiches and water on the bus (we hadn't eaten since breakfast). Travis was not exactly prepared for this large group of people. There was quite a bit of confusion over room assignments, luggage, etc. We finally arrived at our room at Midnight! The room had been sanitized, but there was no toilet paper, soap,



cups or glasses etc.,. Naturally, we had to call for these items and, since everyone was in the same situation, it took time to receive them. By Tuesday the 17th, things started to run more smoothly. The medics took our temperature twice a day and food was delivered 3 times a day. It took 3 days before we had coffee.

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Cruise Adventure

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We did not stay in the main hotel but had a one-bedroom apartment in a complex of about 20 apartments. The place was somewhat depressing, but, at least, we could go out and walk around. The grounds were enclosed with a 4-foot fence and guards were posted at specific places.

Larry made friends with one of the food persons and she brought him the paper every morning. The personnel with whom we came in contact were wonderful and efficient. The food was fairly good and there was plenty of it. We couldn't eat all of it sometimes.

While at Travis, both Monsignor Cardelli and our pastor, Father Sean Rogers, called and offered prayers and counsel. We thank both of them for their concern.

Finally, on March 24, we were allowed to leave. We chose to go to a staging area outside of Travis where our daughter, Lauren, could pick us up. We left about 7:30 a.m. and arrived home shortly after. Home never looked so good!

How do we feel about all this? It's hard to define it. The stay at Travis was somewhat boring and not the most pleasant of experiences. It seems that we lost a part of our lives. We did endure it. And, I guess that's about all one can say.

Carmen Kilcullen



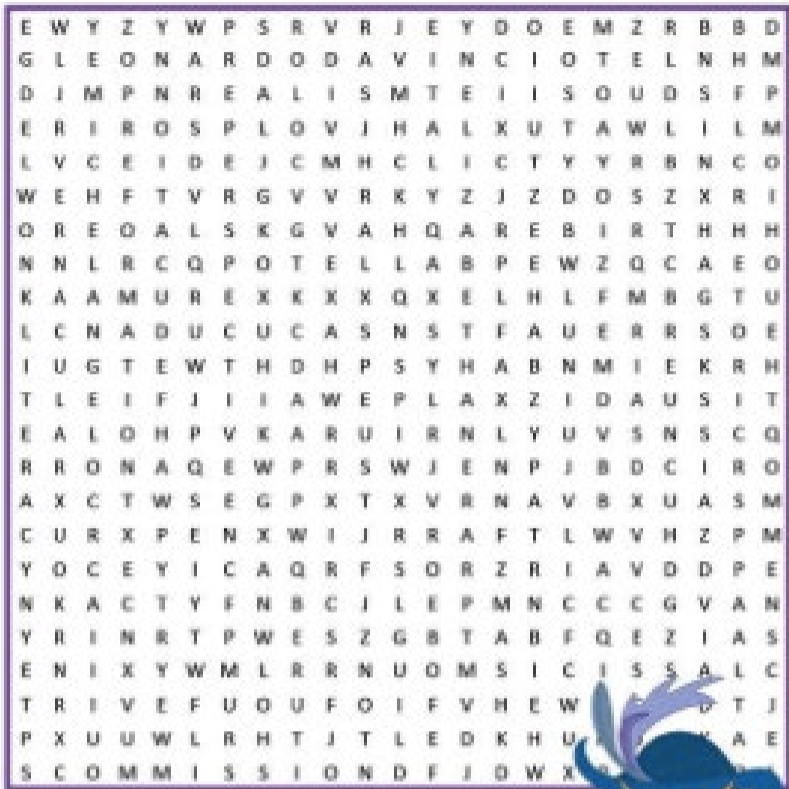
Branch 173 Members Franca and Frank Benvenuto have their own cruise line experience after spending 29 days onboard in the midst of pandemic. They are home safe and sound.

Zona Divertimento

Renaissance

WORD SEARCH

- Apprentice
- Ballet
- Canoe
- City-State
- Classicism
- Commission
- Education
- Elizabethan Era
- Florence
- Fresco
- Guild
- Humanism
- Italy
- Knowledge
- Landscape
- Leonardo Da Vinci
- Literacy
- Lute
- Medici
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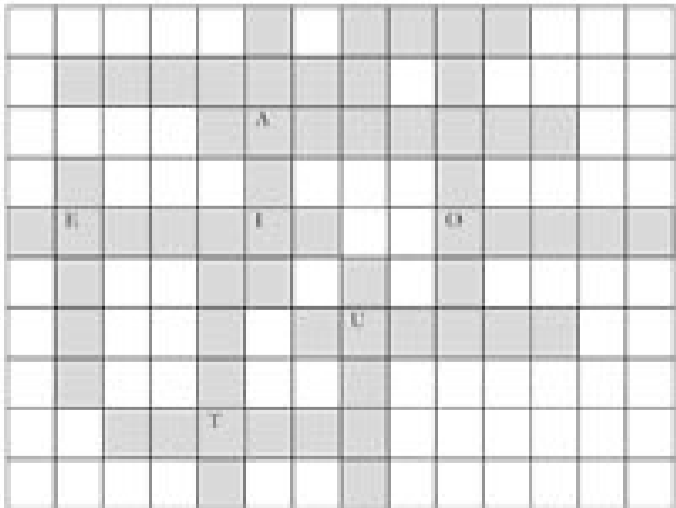


Maestro, musica!



Inserisci le 12 parole negli spazi vuoti della griglia

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- CANZONI
- DIBUZZO
- ITALIA
- MAESTRO
- MELODIA
- MUSICA
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# Branch Reports

## SAN FRANCISCO

**San Francisco**  
**Maria S. S. Immacolata,**  
**Br. 1**

Dear Members:

Hope all had an enjoyable Easter!

Upcoming: June no meeting

Get well wishes to Joe Allen.

Condolences to the family of Marina Balestreri - a member since 1967 -who passed away recently.

*Happy Mother's Day to all Branch 1 Mothers.*

*Ciao! Toni Morsello*

**San Francisco**  
**St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

A Big Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!

For those who celebrate a birthday in May - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Joellyn, the Office Manager at St. Elizabeth Parish - Congratulations on your retirement.

Thank you so very much for all of your help during the years. You always took care of our problems. You will be greatly missed.

Sorry, our Champagne Bingo had to be cancelled.

Our prayers are with all of our members and their families, and those who have relatives in Italy, during these difficult times.

All of the dates listed on our ICF Calendar will be postponed until further notice.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember the following dates, if they take place:

May 24th - Mass

May 25th - Meeting

Ciao,

*Eva Perata, President*

## SAN MATEO

**Burlingame**  
**Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

This Easter will not be like any other many of us have ever experienced. We know our members are staying healthy and following the restrictions.

All dates previously mentioned in last month's article will be changed and will



Photos from Br. 173 Installation in January where we honored 3 members that have been in the ICF for more than 75 years. Rina Cassanego and Lorriane Rollandi (no photo as she was not at the installation) have been members of the ICF for 77 years. Sophie Collins is a Charter Member.

be advised once we know it is safe to make those changes.

Luckily we can still go to virtual Mass in our area. We were able to have a pot luck celebration for St. Joseph's feast day along with enjoying the the latest information re Cooley's Anemia. We are always lucky to be able to listen to Laurice Levine keeping us up to date.

To any of our members that are going through sickness or difficult times, we are praying for you!

We are very glad that Franca and Frank Benvenuto are home safely after being aboard a cruise line and finally getting home in good condition after 29 days.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

*God Bless,*

*Roz Emery*

**Millbrae**  
**St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Hopefully with this report we find everyone healthy. Due to the virus pandemic we are canceling our May meeting and event and are following the recommendations of medical experts that we practice social distancing. Hopefully, we can resume our get-togethers in June.

We are happy to announce 3 new members—Marie D'Asaro, Carmen Deguara and Lewis Grasberger.

*Rose Marie Morando*

*Corresponding Secretary*

**MARIN**  
**Larkspur**  
**St. James, Br. 161**

Since May is devoted to Mother's Day, I have included a couple poems describing a mother.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and hope that everyone will be back to good health real soon. Special prayers to Father Brian Costello.

Please everyone stay safe and healthy, keep your distance and stay inside during these trying times, and hope to see everyone soon.



There will be no monthly meetings until further notice.

*Wishing everyone a very Happy Mother's Day.*

*Anna Biggio*

*Recording Secretary*

**Novato**  
**Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332**

Both our April and May dinner meetings were canceled, but in the absence of our physical presence and participation, we have continued to pray for the safety of all our members, their families, and our ICF extended family.

The March meeting however, which took place immediately before the shelter-at-home directive, did allow us to fulfill our Lenten Apostolic commitment. Our Branch collected toiletries and towels as donations to organizations in our community. Working with Marin's Meals on Wheels program, 70 gallon size baggies were given to seniors in our community, with each bag containing an assortment of personal items including shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, socks, washcloths, lotions, brushes, combs and razors. Additionally, over 40 bath size towels were donated to the Marin Mobile Showers program for the homeless, and \$200 was donated to Our Lady of Loretto St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist them with their work with the people in our community. A very special "GRAZIE" to everyone for their generous support.

In May, we ask Mary, our Virgin Mother, to keep close to her heart the intentions of all of our mothers, and we place in her care our deceased mothers. **Happy Mothers' Day to All!**



## LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Well, what can I say? It's a crazy world we're living in.

I hope and that everyone is well and healthy. Even though we couldn't be with some of our loved ones - family and friends, I hope you all had a Blessed Easter. Christ has truly Risen. Let's hope that things get back to normal real soon.

The LA District was scheduled to have an Officers Meeting on Saturday, May 2, but probably got cancelled. We are planning a General Meeting on Saturday, May 30 with time and place to be determined.

I would like to wish all of the Mothers, God Mothers, Mother's in Law, Grand Mother's Step Mother's and our Mothers in Heaven a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

Let us also say a Hail Mary together to our Beloved Mother Mary.

*Amen. Till next time we meet.*

### A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears  
Can soothe our disappointments  
And calm all our fears  
There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real  
There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day  
For a mother's hears and mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above

### TO MY OTHER MOTHER

You are the other Mother I received  
The day I wed your Son,  
And I want to thank you Mom,  
For the loving things you've done.  
You've given me a gracious Man  
With whom I share my life  
You are his lovely Mother,  
And I his lucky wife  
You used to pat his little head,  
And now I hold his hand,  
You raised in love a little boy  
And then gave me the Man

*Author Unknown*

Perry Shurko, LA District President.

## Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Our prayers go out to all Members, families, friends, and a big Thank You to all first responders who continue to help those suffering under the present "Pandemic" and continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of this crisis.

Please let your family and friends know that National Branch 67 is now accepting applications for membership regardless of their place of residency. You can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Please stay safe and healthy!

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA  
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## South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Our prayers go out to all Members, families, friends, and a big Thank You to all first responders-who continue to help those suffering under the present "Pandemic" and continue to pray

for the speedy Resolution of this crisis.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery.

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward.

May they rest in peace.

Stay safe and healthy,

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President  
ICF Branch 108 C 626 372-7812

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## Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the members who have birthdays in the months of April and May. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

As you know, due to the corona virus crisis, we cancelled our St. Joseph's Table and we had no meetings in April. At this time we don't know if it's possible to reschedule our St. Joseph's Table later this year or whether we will be able to operate our Fireworks Stand this year. We will keep you posted.

We have some sad news to report - we recently heard from our member, Lynn Enrico that her beloved husband, Thomas, passed away. Thomas and Lynn had moved to Missouri a few years ago, but remained ICF members, and when they could, they attended our St. Joseph's Table. Also, they kindly supported our St. Joseph's Table by being table sponsors every year. We will have a table sign in Loving Memory of Thomas Enrico at our next St. Joseph's Table.

Also, we are sad to report that Eileen Viera, who was an ICF Trustee for several years passed away on April 9th. She had been sick for a few years.

Sincere condolences to Lynn Enrico for the loss of her beloved husband Thomas; and sincere condolences to Alfred Viera (who has been our Sentinel for several years) and his family for the loss of his beloved wife, Eileen.

May Thomas and Eileen Rest in Peace. We pray for them and their families, and for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless!*

*Frank Salomone*

## San Pedro St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Branch 115 hopes all members of the ICF are staying healthy by observing the guidelines established by the CDC and your local governments.

While we aren't having customary parish or ICF gatherings it doesn't mean we aren't staying in touch.

Our parish is offering daily mass and rosary shown through Facebook. I have seen many of our members' names pop up and it feels good to connect on this level.

Although this time can be emotionally challenging this hard time will pass and we can return to the good works of our branch.

Hopefully our May events will go on as planned

May 9th 5:15 p.m. mass in honor of Madonna del A'ro. Please bring flowers.

May 21st 6 p.m. potluck meeting to meet and greet our scholarship winners

*God's blessing to all*

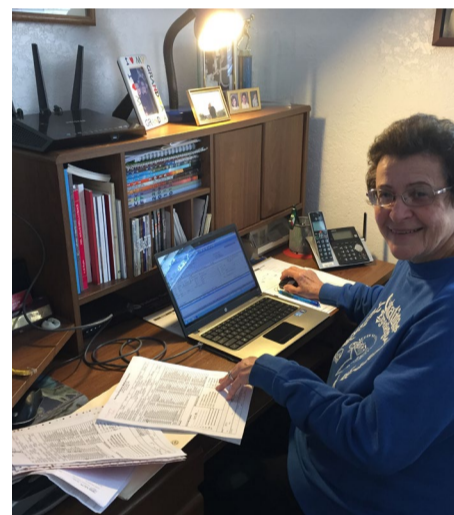
*Anita Trujillo Treasurer*



Br.111.May.March Birthdays - Estera, Tanina & Della



Br.111, May.Eileen & Alfred - Rest in Peace, Eileen



San Pedro Branch 115 first Vice President Anna Di Leva is working from home like many others during this corona virus pandemic. Wish all of our members to stay healthy and safe.

## Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

Hope everyone had a nice Easter, under the circumstances. As there was no meeting and will be no meeting for May, from the branch and myself, stay safe and healthy.

This, too, shall pass.

*Lolly M.*



## Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

At the time we are writing this article, we are all in a stay-at-home order. We are all provably getting a little antsy. I know there is only so much cleaning, reorganizing and crafty things to do before you tire of it all.

Pray for the patience God will give it to you.

I have had family in NY that have been infected and it scares me to think that any of you would get that sick. They came through it but are scared that it may be another 6 weeks until they really know the side effects

So stay home

Pray. Call each other. Text friends. Watch TV. We will get thru this together

*God Bless,*

*Andrea Linn*

## Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Christ is Risen Alleluia, or as we say in Ukrainian- Xrestos Voskres.

It didn't quite seem like Easter this year, but, in another sense maybe it did. The Apostles were locked and hiding when The Resurrection occurred.

Hopefully the St Joseph Table that we had planned will be rescheduled for later on this year and I don't know if our May Bingo will be on or off as of the writing of this article.

I would like to wish all of the Mothers and Mother figures in Branch 362 a very Happy Mother's Day.

We did have some sad news to report, we lost a member- Helen Gonzales who battled cancer for some time and also Terry Drobeck who almost made it to 100. God Bless then and may they Rest In Peace Amen.

*Let's hope and pray the world will renew itself.*

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# CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE MEMORANDUM

TO: 2020 ICF Central Council Candidates  
 FROM: Roselynn Jarrett, Convention Director  
 RE: Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2020 Convention

## Application Process

1. Applications are available from the ICF Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the ICF Office by **August 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be eligible to run for Central Council. This deadline is firm.
3. A candidate is no longer required to be a convention delegate.

## Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the ICF Office by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the *Bollettino*, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the *Bollettino* Editor by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Email [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) and [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org). Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed **300 words**.

## Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel's food & beverage guidelines. For example, candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.
3. **There will be no candidate hospitality rooms.** This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items during registration hours.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and **shall not exceed 2 minutes**.

## Other Information

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the ICF Convention Director.

**Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!**

## EAST BAY DISTRICT

It has been a REALLY long time since our last meeting and we do not know when we will be able to meet again. Hopefully all are well and able to have your needs met. Please read the prayer from Pope Francis for COVID-19 in the write up from our Lady of Grace, even as we shelter at home we can do this much to help each other.

Stay well, pray and care for each other.

*Happy Mother's Day to all.  
Looking forward to seeing you soon.  
Pat Grasso*

### Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

HAPPY HOLY WEEK! Although this is not our usual Holy Week and Easter, we are grateful, with modern technology, to access services on-line from our various churches. For this we are blessed.

As all of us are experiencing, our lives have been turned upside down for a time, resulting in the cancellation of our meetings and fund raising events. This is naturally, very disappointing to our different branches, as many plans were underway and had to be canceled. The most important element is to stay healthy during this crisis and come back with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Collectively we will get through this and hopefully be stronger for it.

We pray for all the many healthcare providers and people serving our elderly and most vulnerable. It is hard to put into words our gratitude to these unselfish people who put their own lives at risk. May the Lord bless them in their work and keep them healthy.

We pray for all people affected by the virus and members of our Branch who are dealing with other health issues. They are always in our prayers.

Hopefully, by next month, we will have some positive news to report. In the meantime, stay well.

*HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN,  
ALLELIA*

*Until next time, Ciao  
Judy Bates*

### Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Our last meeting was March 12th and because of the shelter in place order we have not been able to meet since then. Unfortunately, many of our upcoming fund raisers were cancelled and hopefully rescheduled for a later date.

In the meantime I would like to share the following poems.

*Happy Mother's Day to all.  
Stay well and take care of each other.  
Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.*

## CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Our meeting scheduled for April 23 was canceled due to the shelter in place order. If we are able to meet in May, our district president, Patty Jarrett will contact us with information about the time and place. The next meeting after that will be held on Thursday, June 25 at the Round Table Pizza party room in Martinez at 7:00 p.m.

The annual District Communion Breakfast scheduled for May 31 has been canceled. At our next meeting we will discuss holding this in the fall.

We still hope to have our Oakland A's Italian night on Saturday August 1.

Further information on this event and other future events for our district will be announced as we find out when the current limitations on gatherings will be lifted.

Also, branches should be discussing if possible, how many delegates they will be sending to the convention.

This information will be needed soon. For now, keep praying with your parishes "virtually" for all those who are ill and for an end to this pandemic.

*Blessings to all for a joyous Easter season with your families!*

*Diana Letizia Mackinson*

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR COVID-19

O Mary,  
you shine always on our way  
as sign of our safety and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you.  
Health of the Sick,  
who at the foot of the Cross bound  
yourself to the suffering of Jesus,  
keeping strong in your faith.  
O Salvation of God's people,  
you know what we need  
and we are sure you will provide it  
for us  
just as at Cana of Galilee  
the joy and feasting could return  
after that moment of trial.  
Mother of Divine Love, help us,  
to conform ourselves to the will of  
the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us,  
He who took upon Himself our sufferings  
and is marked by our sorrows  
and so lead us toward the Cross  
to the joy of the Resurrection. *Amen.*

### Prayer for the Pandemic Corona Virus situation

Almighty and merciful God,  
who show your love to all creation everywhere,  
hear graciously the prayers we make  
for all those affected by the corona Virus  
in various parts of the world.

We come before you asking  
for quick control of the outbreak,  
for the healing of those affected,  
for the victims and their families.

We pray for the doctors,  
nurses and healthcare workers  
that they may courageously and cautiously  
take care of those affected.

We pray for those doing the research  
that an effective vaccine  
to combat the sickness is speedily found.  
We pray for the Government and health authorities  
that they take appropriate steps  
for the good of the People.

Lord, we ask all these  
through the loving intercession of  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
St. Joseph, and Our Blessed Mother. *Amen*

### Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

While there are no events to promote, no gatherings to attend, the people of God still gather albeit virtually to pray: for each other, for our priests; and for the world. St. Catherine of Siena church continues to live-stream daily Mass at 8 a.m. and Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. PST via <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialStCatherineofSienaChurch> or download the parish app or visit the website [stcmz.org](http://stcmz.org). There are many ways to stay connected. We also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet via Zoom daily at 3 p.m. If you'd like to join in, let me know and I'll include you in the link. For now, let us continue to pray together the Prayer for the Pandemic pictured below.

We are Easter people! While the churches may be empty, so is the tomb! Let us rise with Christ with hope and joy for new beginnings. Alleluia!

*Ciao for now,  
Mary Cook*

### Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

As our branch meetings are still on hold while we remain sheltered-in-place, it occurred to me that most couples are currently sharing much more 'togetherness' than they're used to. So I reached out to some of our members to share their Couples Coping Strategies. While they provided a lot of good advice, their answers have been severely edited...

Derek and Helen Petersen have agreed that, for the sake of romance, they would comb their hair at least once a day, and would wear regular clothes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dennis and Donna Hoffmann have been reading and cooking more, getting together for meals and deep conversation. Donna noted that she heard the sales of alcohol and marijuana were way up, but assured me that they have only enjoyed a cocktail or two.

Jesse and Karen Esquivel pass the time recuperating, as Karen is home recovering from a bad fall. Turns out, Jesse is a pretty good nurse (who knew?), but apparently, he doesn't fill out the white uniform very well.

Bill and Diane Thomas enjoy getting out of the house and working together in the yard, where they might have the opportunity to wave to a friend or neighbor. Diane also shared that she heard the time to change from your daytime pajamas to your nighttime pajamas is officially 8:00 p.m.

Kris and Nancy Carlos are still newlyweds...

Whatever your strategy, pray for each other, reach out to each other, stay safe, and know that we will get through this together.

*Blessings,  
~Helen*



**Pittsburg  
San Domenico, Br. 72**

**Danville  
St. Isidore, Br. 352**

Dear Members,  
Hope all of you are staying healthy. Things have been different for all of us during these hectic times we are living. We had to cancel our March and April meetings. Once the shelter in place order is lifted I will set up our next meeting. You will get your invitation in the mail with the details.

Once things are back to normal we will enjoy many ICF events. Such as: The various district events like the A's Baseball game for Italian night. The District night of Recollection and the Communion Breakfast. There will be the ICF Golf Tournament on July 31 in Santa Rosa. Which will include a delicious banquet. Watch for details in the Bollettino. The Convention will be held in Garden Grove over Labor Day weekend. Make plans to attend. Those are just a few things to look forward to.

At our meeting convention raffle tickets will be distributed. Each book is \$20.00 dollars. Our branch gets to keep half the proceeds. This is a easy fundraiser. A great way to make money. Lets sale a lot of tickets.

We want to wish a happy 90th birthday to our second vice and hostess, Josie Leontini.

We also want to wish all of our Mom's a Happy Mothers day!

Looking forward to when we can meet again. Until then, Stay happy and healthy.

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti!!*  
*Your President,*  
*Patty*

**Richmond  
St. Raymond, Br. 154**

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Walter Costa and Toni Reeder's not to be forgotten Corned Beef and Cabbage at our March 09,2020, meeting. We swear that is the best corned beef ever! Thank you, Toni and Walter for a splendid meal. Preceding the meeting was mass conducted by Father Al.

Due to the shelter in place order we have cancel our Ravioli Fundraiser. We hope to reschedule by May or perhaps June.

Because of the shelter in place we have cancelled the April meeting and possibly the May meeting. Your safety is our primary concern.

If you have not paid your dues by now, you may have been dropped from membership. Please call Toni Reeder, if you wish to continue your membership or if you are not sure you have paid your dues.

*Stay Safe!!*

Like all groups, we very disappointed to cancel our annual March corned beef & cabbage dinner and April Spring fundraiser. While our lives have been disrupted, as this global virus spreads, there has been a silver lining. We are thankful for the life pause, as we observe daily acts of kindness taking place in our community. We are stopping to 'smell the roses' and finding joy in simple things. We call, Face-Time or Zoom to keep in "touch," instead of texting or emailing. A reprioritization has occurred, with a focus on reaching out to meet the needs of others. Our members are here to help; let us know where we can assist.

The Danville Branch would also like to take this time to acknowledge and thank our dear member, Steve Gouig, for his many years of service and dedication as our Branch Treasurer. Steve set a high standard in both diligence and attention to detail that will be difficult to follow. In addition to his way with numbers, Steve's passion for his family, fellow board members and our entire membership, has been a blessing. Steve has been a good friend and mentor to many of us, and we will sorely miss his participation. We are sending our prayers and best wishes during his current health challenges. We're thinking of you, Steve!

We are definitely looking forward to our next meeting, whenever that may be. You can be sure that food will be involved! In the meantime, take good care of yourselves, your family and friends.

*Ciao,*  
*Branch 352*

**Brentwood  
Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Br. 432**

Fellow members of the ICF, it's been almost a month since we have started Shelter-in-Place. These are difficult time for us. Our generation has never seen a world-wide crisis like this. Let's not forget our parents who lived through the Great Depression of the thirties and the Second World War. Their hardship lasted roughly 15 years.

Now, is the time we must all continue to have faith in God. Look around us and see how people are starting to support one another; strangers helping strangers, countries helping one another. I noticed that some TV commercials are now adding, "God Bless" at the end of the their commercial. This says it all!

This is the time we must pull together and pray, pray the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy - especially now during this Lenten Season. We must continue to have faith and trust in Our Lord, that HE will help us thru this challenging time.

*May God Bless us all!!! Members of the ICF #432*



Branch 442 Virtual Meeting

**Pleasant Hill  
Christ the King, Br. 442**

As I sit here writing this month's Bollettino article, it's somewhere around day 28 + of our local Shelter-In-Place. I can't seem to remember what day of the week it is but, it is sunny outside, my teens are home, no one is sick, I have TP, hand sanitizer, and food for dinner. And I can still buy tomato and pepper plants for my garden without even getting out of my car. We must appreciate the little things.

Who's been watching Sunday mass on their computer, in their PJ's, with a cup of coffee? Or seeing images of major cities, as empty as can be? Are you connecting with family and grandkids using Zoom? Who could have imagined this? So many sick and dying. I hope when this appears in May, things will have turned for the better.

Speaking of Zoom, our officers held the April Officer's meeting using Zoom this week. It worked as well as it could for a group of ICF members not used to waiting for their turn to talk!! We decided to try to have our April General Meeting on Zoom. When you read this in May, it will either have been a great idea, or a really bad one.

If April goes well, our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, time TBD. Please watch your email for the Evite.

Please take care everyone. Keep the sick and our healthcare workers in your prayers.

*As Easter Season lasts 50 days past Easter Sunday, we still wish everyone a Buona Pasqua!*

*Juliette Cote-Recording Secretary*



**SACRAMENTO  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

**Auburn  
St. Joseph, Br. 342**

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and current stay at home orders, our branch has postponed our events for May. We will hopefully be able to have our Corporate Mass and Member Appreciation Dinner at a later date. We will keep you posted. We hope you are all safe and healthy.

*Ciao!*  
*Pam Andersen*





GOLDEN

Ticket

BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The annual convention raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes.

The golden ticket books are \$20 each. Your branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$2 each.

Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. For each additional book sold exceeding last year's total, your branch receives an entry to a special \$250 raffle. Stubs and a branch check are due to the office by August 15 for this special raffle.



CONVENTION BINGO

Delta by Marriott, Garden Grove/Anaheim  
Friday, September 4  
2pm – 4pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack:  
\$25 Advance Reservations  
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Jackpots based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.

### Concelebrated Sunday Mass


September 6, 2020  
5:15pm

Diocese of Orange  
Christ Cathedral  
13280 Chapman Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA

Located one mile from  
Delta by Marriott

Bus transportation available.  
Please make your reservation  
on the branch headcount form  
by August 15. Departure  
preferences will be honored  
by date headcount is received.

Round trip bus fare is  
\$5 per person.  
Complimentary for Clergy.



Two Bus Options:

Departure 1  
Leave Delta Hotel at 3:15pm.  
Free time to tour Cathedral  
campus prior to 5:15 mass.  
Depart Cathedral 6:30pm  
(or once mass concludes).

Departure 2  
Leave Delta Hotel at 4:15pm  
Free time to tour Cathedral  
campus following mass.  
Depart Cathedral 7:30pm.

There is no Sunday dinner  
planned at the hotel. Branches  
and Districts are encouraged to  
have their meetings or events  
before or after the  
concelebrated mass.

SAINTLY SATURDAY BANQUET

"CONSULT NOT YOUR FEARS, BUT  
YOUR HOPES & YOUR DREAMS."  
-SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII

"FAITH IN ACTION IS LOVE AND  
LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE."  
-SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The Italian Catholic Federation  
invites you to the annual  
convention banquet, honoring  
the recipients of our  
Saint Pope John XXIII and  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta awards.

Banquet Menu:  
Baby Greens Salad, Flat Iron  
Steak, Potato Au Gratin, Seasonal  
Vegetables, Rolls & Butter,  
Mango Coconut Cake,  
Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Tea  
(Other beverages available at the no-host bar)

Suggested attire: Semi-formal

September 5, 2020  
6:30 PM No-host Cocktails  
7:15 PM Seating Begins  
Delta by Marriott-Garden Grove

Please use the branch headcount form  
to make your reservation by August 15.

Delegates  
Included in Registration  
\$75 Non-Delegates  
\$35 Children 12 and Younger  
(Pasta entrée)

Respectfully, reservations are firm once  
headcount is submitted to the venue.

Convention Thursday Night Dinner/Dance



## That's Amore!

Orange District invites you to  
an Italian Wedding Reception!

featuring The Sicilian Band

Thursday, September 3, 2020  
6:00 pm No Host Cocktails  
7:00 pm Dinner  
Sweet Gem Caesar  
Apple Fennel Stuffed Chicken  
Tiramisu

Three-Course Dinner  
No Host Bar  
Silent Auction & Raffle  
Live Music  
Dancing

Delta Hotels by  
Marriott Anaheim Garden Grove

\$70 per adult  
\$35 per child (pasta entree)

Let's celebrate together as one big ICF family!

RSVP and payment due by August 15, 2020

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail RSVP and payment to:  
Italian Catholic Federation Branch 379  
Attn: Karen Kocvara  
17272 Almelo Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Check Memo Line: Italian Wedding

## ICF Central Council Ways and Means Committee

in Conjunction with the Golf Tournament invites you on

**Saturday, August 1, 2020 to join us at either**Wine Tasting in the World Famous  
Dry Creek ValleyAntiquing in the quaint shops around  
Healdsburg Plaza

OR

**Itinerary**

- 10:00 a.m.** All meet at St. John's Church, corner of Matheson and East Streets in Healdsburg.  
Wine Tasters follow each other to Dry Creek Valley.  
Antiquers can either walk to Healdsburg Plaza from the Church or drive the few blocks.
- 10:30 a.m.** Wine tasters meet at Saini Vineyards for a private tasting & vineyard tour with the owners.
- 11:30 a.m.** Visit Ferrari-Carano Winery for private tasting in their cellars with the Wine Club Manager.  
Time will be provided after the tasting to tour the gardens.
- 12:30 p.m.** Antiquers & Wine Tasters will meet at Warm Spring Dam picnic grounds & enjoy a box lunch from Costeaux Bakery. Stay after lunch and enjoy the Visitors Center or drive to Lake Sonoma Overlook

**Cost** (includes Picnic Grounds Fee & Box Lunch)

Wine Tasting \$55 per person

Antiquers \$25 per person

Page 2 is your reservation form and box lunch choice.

Return completed form and check made out to Italian Catholic Federation  
no later than July 18th to

ICF Office 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

**Reservation Form**
**Costeaux & Wine Tasting or Antiquing**  
*French Bakery*


 Send completed Form & Check made out to *Italian Catholic Federation* to the  
 ICF Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621  
 no later than **July 18th, 2020**
**BOXED LUNCHES**

Costeaux gourmet boxed lunches include a delicious sandwich, sweet treat, seasonal fruit salad, kettle chips, along with mayonnaise and mustard on the side. Bottled water is also included.

**SALAMI**

Ciabatta roll, dry salami, house made pesto, tomato, lettuce, jack cheese

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**TURKEY**

Croissant, roasted turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROSCIUTTO**

Soft roll, prosciutto, tomato, lettuce, jack cheese

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEGETABLE**

Seeded sour roll, grilled vegetables, roasted red bell pepper, goat cheese, house made pesto, lettuce, tomato

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State &amp; Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests Antiquing @ \$25 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests Wine Tasting @ \$55 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Italian Catholic Federation Central Council ~ 20th Annual

**GOLF TOURNAMENT****Friday, July 31, 2020** **New Location****3330 Yulupa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405****4 Person Scramble/Range Balls****10:00 a.m. Hot Buffet Breakfast** **Shotgun Start: 11:30 a.m.****Banquet prepared by Bob Acquistapace & Br. 198**

St. Eugene's Hall - 2323 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Menu: Salad - Risotto - Chicken Cordon Blu - Dessert - HOSTED Bar

There will be a raffle with a fantastic array of Prizes!

On Saturday August 1st, there will be 2 events you can choose to join either Wine Tasting Tour of Saini Vineyards &amp; Ferrari Carano Winery or a half day of Antiquing then all will meet at the Ferrari Carano Winery for lunch. The price for either event will include a box lunch from Costeaux Bakery. More information to follow.

**Price**\$170 (includes hot buffet Breakfast, 18 holes of golf with Cart & Banquet)  
After July 19, 2020 price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only \$35**Reservation Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2020****Sign-Up**

If a person brings in 3 foursomes, that person golfs for free

Name	Handicap

**Banquet Only**Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$35 per Banquet guest), payable to the ICF Golf Tournament  
send check & reservation form to the address below by JULY 19th! Remember \$180 per player after July 19th.

ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive #110, Oakland, CA 94621~(888)-ICF-1924~FAX (510) 633-9758~ icf.org

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**HOLE SPONSORSHIP**A PROFESSIONALLY MADE SIGN WILL BE MADE  
AND PLACED AT THE HOLE OF YOUR CHOICE.  
SPONSORSHIP FEE \$100.00

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Wording on Sign:**


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Please make your check payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621



# Convention Friday Tour September 4, 2020

## Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Thalassemia Program

Learn more about ICF’s National Charity Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)

- CHLA Guided Tour may include a visit to the hematology unit, hospital lab, and blood bank in addition to main hospital
- Welcome by Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, ICF Thalassemia Outreach Program Consultant
- Lunch and discussion with Dr. Thomas Coates, MD, Director, Sickle/Hemoglobinopathy Program, Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases
- Learn how ICF’s donations make a difference to research and treatment!

**\$35 per person**  
Includes transportation and lunch  
**RSVP and payment due by August 1, 2020**

Tour subject to change due to COVID-19; if cancelled, payment will be refunded.

9:30 a.m. Departure from Delta Hotels by Marriott Anaheim Garden Grove  
Return to hotel around 2 p.m.

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Email \_\_\_\_\_



Mail RSVP and payment to:  
Italian Catholic Federation Branch 379  
Attn: Karen Kocvara  
17272 Almelo Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Check Memo Line: CHLA Tour

The state of public health will be assessed as the date approaches to ensure it is safe to conduct tours at the hospital.

## 2020 CONVENTION REGISTRATION ANAHEIM / GARDEN GROVE BRANCH DELEGATE LIST

BRANCH NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Active Members as of March 31st: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Delegates: \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE EVENT GOVERNMENT STAY AT HOME ORDERS ARE IN AFFECT OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND, CAUSING THE CONVENTION TO BE CANCELLED, DELEGATE REGISTRATION WILL BE REFUNDED.**

**Delegate registration deadline extended to August 1.**  
Early registration is appreciated, if possible. Elections for additional delegates may be held in the method best for your branch to follow. Examples include: web based meetings, teleconference, or ballot by mail. Members may self-nominate to the Branch Secretary and the ballot created if an election is needed.

DELEGATE NAME: (Print clearly)	Check for 1st time Delegate	Date Arriving	Email Address
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

**ALTERNATE DELEGATES:**

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Instructions:** Mail this form with registration payment of \$325.00 per delegate to:  
Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621.

**Delegate registration fee includes:** NEW Friday Dinner prior to the Opening Ceremonies, Saturday Banquet, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and convention related expenses such as microphones.

Branch Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Delegates: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$325.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ or Recording Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR I.C.F. Office Use:** Delegates: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_



The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2021 "Daily Raffle" theme:

## "Family Travel Memories"

### We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a FAMILY RECIPE from a Camping Trip or Cabin Stay and ANECDOTE about your Family Vacation.
- Share PICTURES that hold a fond memory of your Family Vacation.
- **Sell! Sell! Sell!** The "Daily Raffle" is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!

### ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations...Branch and District events.

### PRICE SCHEDULE

\$10 – one name/event; \$15 – 2 names/events;  
\$20 – 4 names/events

(Additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above.)

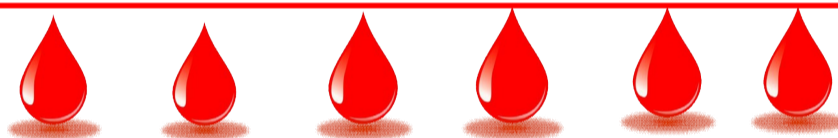
Example: \$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10 or  
\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20  
Deadline for names and payment is: June 1, 2020

**Mail information and checks payable to:**  
Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621



The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino  
Members: Lisa Crudo and Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Member At Large: Joseph Pachinger  
Advisor: Leonard Rossi, C.L.J.

For further questions, call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058



Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Convention Blood Drive**  
Friday, September 4th, 2020, Time TBA  
at the Convention Hotel  
Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle  
Sponsored by:  
The ICF Live to Give Committee  
**We NEED 40 ADVANCE SIGN-UPS**

For more information:

Laurice Levine  
LLevine430@aol.com  
360-860-2023



## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

Review the five award opportunities and complete the application. There is one shared application available for all categories. The deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is May 1. Previous year's nominations are eligible for resubmission.

### POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

The highest award bestowed by the I.C.F. is presented at the Saturday Night Convention Banquet. The recipient may be of any religious denomination and shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors 2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man 3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities. A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award during the Sunday General Session. A \$1000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

### SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

### GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award will be presented during the Sunday General Session to an outstanding lay member of the Federation. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

The I.C.F. Family of the Year is recognized during the Saturday General Session. This award honors an I.C.F. Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A \$500 donation will be made to the family's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

### FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

### YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and possesses the enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision to become a leader who will guide the Federation in the decades ahead. The recipient will receive this award during the Saturday General Session. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.



## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Award:

\_\_\_\_\_ Pope Saint John XXIII  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saint Teresa of Calcutta  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grand President's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family of the Year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Leadership

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Please include with this application:

- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.

Nominee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch #/City: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Endorsement:

Start discussing possible candidates for convention awards now.  
Nominations must be submitted by May 1st!

## Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

Robert Basuino, Grand Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2020. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee

for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point, the Bylaws Committee will "certify" the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention, the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention, the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

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Social Service Coordination**

**ITALIAN-AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES AGENCY**  
providing services to the  
Italian-American  
community since 1916

**CASA FUGAZI**  
678 Green Street, San Francisco,  
CA 94133 • (415) 362-6423

Italian Community Services has been in operation since 1916 in the Bay Area. It works with Italian-American individuals and families by providing them with trusted resources to help them live healthy, independent and productive lives.

The organization is committed to honoring and preserving the Italian language and culture, with an emphasis on the strength and support that comes from family, community, education and goodwill.

For more information, visit its website at <https://www.italiancs.com> or send email to [info@italiancs.com](mailto:info@italiancs.com)

## Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: March 9, 2020

### Branch 019

Joye E Bacigalupi

### Branch 229

Donald L Theriault

### Branch 021

Vittorina S Howell    Laura R Taay  
Michael R Taay

### Branch 246

Dante Bravo    Sophia Bravo  
Carolyn J Ratonel

### Branch 027

James Catalano    Andrew D Gomez  
Jacob A Gomez    Gina E Villa

### Branch 291

Christopher Arriaga    Dylan Fleming  
Jennifer Fleming    Jonathan Fleming  
Mackinley Fleming    Rylee Fleming  
Avery E Orr    June Vang

### Branch 036

James J Culcasi    Rosine L Culcasi  
Brock Gurunian    Mardee Killiam  
Bella Lofaso    Efrain Medina  
Cynthia Lopez Monroe  
Richard S Monroe    Linda Radley  
Richard Radley    Nancy Rice  
John J Ruccello    Janet Russo  
Nicola Scarpello

### Branch 342

Geonni De Nardi    John D De Nardi  
Julie M De Nardi    Geri Wuelfing

### Branch 368

Carol Rossi    Robert Zahn

### Branch 028

Camille Reimal    Larry Reimal  
Larry Reimal Jr    Rachel Reimal  
Rebeca Reimal

### Branch 374

Gloria M Mc Gaughey

### Branch 391

Ema M Martin

### Branch 036

Andrew Clarke    Joe Sweeney  
Phyllis Sweeney

### Branch 392

Michael L Bono    Rosa Carbonara  
Giuseppa Giannola    Maria Talaganis

### Branch 039

Angela (Chris) Crain    Bobby Quartaroli  
Diane Rogina-Layhee    Nancy D Schertz

### Branch 395

Elliot Fry

### Branch 045

Angelo J De Stefano

### Branch 403

Carmen P De Guara    Lewis Grasberger

### Branch 154

Ma Jojo (Joy) T Lee    Carmel Mould  
John Mould

### Branch 406

Kathy Wilmes

### Branch 214

Anita Covione

### Branch 408

David O'Hara

### Branch 218

Barbara Lynn Barnes    Patrick L Barnes  
Maria Teresa Ioele    Carolyn M Jones

### Branch 439

Tommaso Parisi

### Branch 447

Paul Weavers

## Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: April 10, 2020

Vince and Rita Saso  
In memory of Philip Shackel  
Roy Cavalieri  
In honor of the 90th birthday  
of Frank Aguilar

Eva Stern  
In honor of the 50th wedding  
anniversary of Bill and Maria  
Greco  
Officers/Members of Br. 5  
In memory of Hank Martin

## Live to Give Blood Donations

Report date: April 10, 2020

Br. 82 Blood Drive Donations  
Pat Bortolotto  
Elizabeth Brusa  
Karen Eichler  
Lisa Fugazi  
Anthony D. Vaccarezza  
Clare Fekkers  
In honor of the birthday of  
Stacy Fekkers Parry

Paulette Frink  
In memory of Kim Frink  
Patricia Martinelli  
In memory of Marie O'Brien  
Teresa Mustin  
In memory of Tim Mustin  
Mark Niemantsverdriet  
In memory of Karen  
Karen Rosson  
In memory of David Botta

When making checks out for the Scholarship Fund, Providenza Fund, Gifts of Love or Cooley's Anemia.

Please make checks out to the Italian Catholic Federation, and in the memo line, please put where you would like the money to go to, ie: Scholarship, Providenza, etc.

## Scholarship Donations

### Scholarship Donations: 1st Year

ICF Spouses' Association  
In memory of Rosalind Crudo  
Pat and Lou Mages  
In memory of Rosalind Crudo

Mary Lou Lawrence  
In memory of Carl J. Rossi  
Mary Lou Lawrence  
In memory of Robert A.  
Lawrence  
Saratina Riskie  
In memory of Carl Rossi  
Dee Danna  
In memory of Carl Rossi  
Anne Banister  
In memory of Carl J. Rossi  
Raymond and Lorraine Caruso  
In memory of Carl Rossi  
Mary Lipari  
In memory of Carl Rossi

### Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year

Dario and Theresa Della Maggiore  
In memory of Carl Rossi  
Russell and Louise Vento  
In memory of Carl Rossi

## Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

### IN MEMORY OF:

Marina Balestreri  
Ida Lomazzi  
Ida Lomazzi  
John Rossi  
John Rossi

### DONATED BY:

Officers/Members of Br. 1  
Officers/Members of Central Coast District  
Rosa Radicchi  
Officers/Members of Central Council  
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero

\*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 13  
Branch 14  
In memory of David Botta  
Officers/Members of Central Coast District  
In memory of David Botta  
Rosa Radicchi  
In memory of David Botta

Mr. and Mrs. M. Santos  
In memory of Victor Pasquini  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Pascale  
In memory of Victor Pasquini  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Rigley  
In memory of Victor Pasquini  
Officers/Members of Br. 5  
In memory of Norma Bommarito

## Bishops' Days

Jun. 14th	Stockton
Oct. 17th	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 18th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Nov. 8th	Los Angeles Archdiocese

## ICF General Fund Donation

Jane and Phil Argento  
In memory of Rosalie Stagnitto



## In Loving Memory

Report date: April 10, 2020

### Deceased Members

Robert F Murray	Branch 010
Virginia Bertoli	Branch 021
Shirley A Scott	Branch 021
Dorothy J Bushnell	Branch 039
Joseph Simile	Branch 048
Frank Scesa	Branch 054
Thomas B Enrico	Branch 111
Annette Shannon Batinovich	Branch 115
Jeanette L Alessio Way	Branch 230
Joan B Freitas	Branch 246
Homer Clees	Branch 291
Roger J Bender	Branch 368
Joseph Gresch	Branch 368
Richard D Hanley	Branch 368
Carl J Rossi	Branch 391
Jackie A Baker	Branch 408
Fred Petralia	Branch 408
Rocco Lo Surdo	Branch 418
Rosalie M Stagnitto	Branch 432
Mary Walter	Branch 432
Paul P Leo	Branch 444

## April Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Dina Rio	439	Des Plaines, IL	\$30
4/2	Mary Jo Belli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
4/3	Kathleen Kozacek		Los Altos Hills, CA	\$30
4/4	Paul Emerick	217	Redlands, CA	\$30
4/5	Branch 52		Healdsburg, CA	\$30
4/6	Mary Wynton	374	Pasadena, CA	\$30
4/7	Fr. Lodovico J. Landi	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/8	Jacque Wright		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
4/9	Tim & Julie Ryan		Fresno, CA	\$40
4/10	Mary Vella Treseler	403	Millbrae, CA	\$50
4/11	Heidi Ambiel	227	Aptos, CA	\$50
4/12	Leonard Smith	442	Concord, CA	\$100
4/13	Laticia Delcid	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$40
4/14	Jean Cosentino	445	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/15	Madonna Castro		Gardena, CA	\$30
4/16	Laura Meert		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/17	Ellen Pauly	227	Soquel, CA	\$30
4/18	Michael Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
4/19	Mark Deiro	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
4/20	David Picciola		Homer Glen, IL	\$30
4/21	Valerie Vanni	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/22	Branch 48		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/23	Lillian Dal Porto	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/24	Judy Wellbeloved	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
4/25	Adele Valdez	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
4/26	Barbara Vanni	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
4/27	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$30
4/28	Dave Madej	91	San Leandro, CA	\$30
4/29	Dana Pratt		Arroyo Grande, CA	\$30
4/30	Dorothy Saibene	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30

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Calling all little artists!

The Ways and Means committee will be sponsoring another little fundraiser featuring your children's artwork.

We will be making packets of All Occasion and/or Christmas cards to sell. Please have your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews submit any kind of drawing that they wish.

It can be themed (i.e. get well, Happy Birthday, Christmas etc..) or just any design they wish to create. They can be as colorful and creative as they want and can submit more than one design.

Please have designs created on clean/unlined/unfolded paper. Mail to the ICF office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland CA 94621, Attn: Ways and Means Committee.

Our team will then transform their artwork into lovely note cards in packs of 8 for \$10.00.

The deadline for submissions will be June 1, 2020. The cards will be available for purchase at ICF Convention and by request to the office by September 4, 2020.

See form below to include with submissions:

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch#: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: Child will be acknowledged by First Name and Age only) if you wish to state other information, please note above (ex: Grandchild of \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_)

### IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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 2019 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.**

**Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.**

The State limit for the tax year ending 2019 is the following:  
**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.**

**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.**

**\*\*\*THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED\*\*\***

**Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2020. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.**

**Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.**

Included in the Financial Secretaries' packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2019. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,  
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Treasurer

## Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Warm greetings to our extended ICF friends and family.

Our lives have been very different over the last few weeks. All of our scheduled meetings and events have been put on hold while we observe physical distancing during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Our St. Joseph Table, scheduled for late March, was one of those gatherings that was canceled. Like always, many volunteers had already signed up to bake goodies for this popular fundraiser. The spirit of the event was honored when several people posted photos of their homemade breads, cakes, and cookies that they, in turn, shared with their families.

Although we miss gathering with our Church community, we are grateful to Fr. George and Fr. Ramos for offering live stream Masses and liturgies on our St. Clare Facebook site.

We continue to reach out to each other via phone calls and e-mails and several volunteers have been preparing and delivering dinners to a couple of our home bound members.

During these difficult times, please know that we are thinking of all of you and pray that you remain healthy in both body and in spirit.

We continue to pray for our many special intentions and for everyone directly affected by the COVID-19 virus. We especially remember our health care workers and first responders who are on the front lines. May all of them be protected by our Lord's loving embrace.

Anne Finn

Recording Secretary

## Santa Rosa District Council

Our March 15th meeting in Petaluma was hosted by Br. 127. It was a successful gathering of 25 members. Perhaps our next meeting in June will produce more members. Think about it. Better days will be ahead. We will overcome this crisis.

I have just been informed by Linda Sherman, our ICF Corresponding Secretary that our Spiritual Heritage Day on May 3rd has been cancelled and there is not a future date decided.

By the way, we have our own Heritage Chair on our District Council. None other than Louise Vicino and what a tale she spun!! A tale of love and deceit and contentment. Great entertainment. Come and listen to this woman, please!!

Don't forget, our next Council meeting will be on June 28th. Now that you are warned I want to see you there.

Last June I celebrated my birthday with you all. Had a great time clinking all those glasses of wine. Don't forget, Lynette and Butch, please attend. I will try my best to e-mail the March Minutes to all of the recipients that I have found on Carmen's list. We all need to keep informed so that you will be able to submit suggestions and support.

Marilyn Sylvestri

## Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

As I write this, in early April, our upcoming events are on hold. We hope to resume with our May 20 Mother's and Father's Day Dinner. Please watch your email for updates on this.

We hope everyone is staying safe at home during this crisis.

Remember, Fr. Sean posts Sunday Mass on the parish website each weekend.

*To all the Mother's – Happy Mother's Day!*

Lauren Kilcullen

## Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

As we shelter in place and cancel all meetings, celebrations and scheduled ICF events, we have time...lots and lots of time to do other things. I for one, being laid off due to school closures have dumped drawers and closets, reorganized files and filled more yard barrels with weeds and bush trimmings than I thought possible. I weed and cut; next morning, there's more!

Speaking of growth, however, I have never before been able to experience Holy Week quite like this. Even though we're denied The Holy Eucharist during our COVID-19 Pandemic, I have never had the freedom to watch daily Mass, not once, but twice each day. Long distance chats with my neighbors by hollering across the street or across the fence show our concern and caring for one another. I wrote 2 snail mail letters to my brothers who don't text or use computers. I'm listening and The Holy Spirit is enabling me to conquer economic concerns; and a life altering, very personal, relationship is turning to gold. So far, my family and friends have not been harmed...yes, life interrupted feels like harm; hindsight usually teaches us that more has been gained than lost. Lives are being refocused and changed, values reassessed, hopefully, for the better.

I'm thinking/hoping that the ICF may benefit from this refocus and change. It's scary experiencing set-backs in membership and losing fundraising opportunities. Our schedule! What happened to our precious schedule?

As long as we have our health intact, with the help of Our Risen Lord, we will recover and grow! Have a Blessed though Different type of Easter; When we reconvene, we'll have many 2020, COVID-19 experiences to share!

Love,

Patsy Buchignani

## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Salve!

As we are going to press for another month, I have to acknowledge that our April 23rd Fundraiser has been canceled due to the current flu crises. Sonoma 103 is not meeting in the month of May neither formally or informally. Also, Ken Marshall informed me our April dinner was canceled. I will certainly miss the ambiance but I am thankful the Santa Rosa District Counsel was able to meet on March 15. Our luncheon hosts were the capable Board Members of Petaluma, Br.127. Never have I seen such coordination and synchrony and for all the volunteer members I applaud them also. Great job, Lucy!!

Until our quarantine is lifted I'm sure we can all find time for extra chores, whether in house or the garden. There is always time for reading or studying or for someone like me to properly submit an application for unemployment compensation. I need a guru!

Easter for many of us will be quiet but we do need to stay well. Hopefully our next Fundraiser in May will materialize. What a joy that will be!!

Let us all continue to pray for our safety, health and happiness. Perhaps it is time for a novena?

*Dira necessitas*

Marilyn Sylvestri

## Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Robert Acquistapace has replaced the Branch May Bollettino article with the President's Newsletter which was sent to each member previously.

Please pray for all the health care professionals, first responders, hospital custodial staffs and all those caring for patients infected with COVID-19. Also, pray for all those who have died from this unprecedented pandemic worldwide.

Please pray for all our mothers, living and deceased, as we celebrate Mother's Day this month.

*Stay safe and God bless us all.*

Ciao,

Gail Bongi-Azevedo

## Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

As our "shelter in place" continues in Sonoma County. We look forward to the day we will be able to attend our monthly meetings and enjoy our branch fund raisers and events. The reality is that our events are most probably cancelled or postponed until later in the summer or even fall.

This has been a time unlike any we've experienced before. Although we have been isolated from one another and practicing social distancing; I hope you were able to attend virtual masses and Easter dinner via skype or zoom with family and friends.

Are you aware that the "Italian Catholic Federation" has a Facebook page? This is a private group, so you will need to click on the JOIN box. Rose Jarrett is the moderator. It's a great place to see what other ICF members and branches are up to.

Please stay safe and pray for all our ICF brothers and sisters and those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Ciao,

Sharon Vannetti

## FRESNO

### Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

Our March meeting was a celebration of the feast day of Saint Patrick. The meeting room was beautifully decorated in green. Attendees were treated to live accordion music performed by our member Chuck DeFina, followed by a delicious meal of corned beef, cabbage and vegetables, coleslaw, pistachio jello salad, Irish soda bread and homemade desserts, all expertly prepared by committee chairs Marcia and

Jennifer Valorosi, and assisted by members Fred, Diane, Jim, Joan, and Ceci Massetti, Mark and Cari Beveridge, and Mike and Mary Keitz. Thank you to all for your efforts in making this such an enjoyable evening.

Our meeting included a presentation by visitors from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas chapter of our St. Joachim's parish, who talked about the planned March for Life in Madera. Our members voted to provide financial support to this very important community event.

Please pray for all individuals and their families affected by the COVID-19 virus, together with health care workers world-wide. Our elected leaders also need your prayers.

Ciao,

Mary Keitz

Recording Secretary



## Los Banos Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Hello again from Branch 31. Due to COVID-19 and the shelter in place order there is nothing to report on at this time. Following is a short letter from our president. Ciao, Giona Boffa!

A message from our president:

ICF Branch 31 would like to express our well wishes to all. May everyone stay home as much as possible and remain healthy. Many prayers for Italy and all the victims, and families of the victims, who have suffered from COVID-19. In these uncertain and difficult times let us not forget to trust in the Lord. God's Blessing on us all!

-Gary Caropreso  
President, ICF Branch 31

## Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Interesting times for all the world right now as we collectively deal with this international health crisis. We hope you are sheltering in place, keeping safe for yourself and loved ones. Our church and ICF events have been cancelled until further notice.

This is the time to focus on all the wonderful blessings we have in our lives. Be thankful for loving and caring family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. Be grateful for all the service personnel from medical staff to our sanitation workers who are potentially sacrificing their health daily to keep us healthy. Appreciate the little things we now have time to notice as for most of us our rushing through life has been replaced with time to "stop and smell the roses". Recognize we are much more secure in a place to live, food to eat and access to medical help than in many parts of the world.

Whether you are self-isolating indoors or able to get outside in your yards or for a refreshing walk, enjoy this beautiful spring weather. Think of phoning a senior member who is either living at home or in an assisted living environment.

Affection and grace extend to all of you dear Branch 39 members. Keep well, stay mindful of our current pandemic and praise God for your blessings. Pray for a quick and complete end to our virus challenge. As we continue to hear: We will get through this together. *Buona festa della mamma. Amore ed affetto, Stephanie Lucich*



## MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST

### Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Well, dear friends, it's been a rough couple of months. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the Corona threat will have subsided and we have returned to some normalcy. We also hope that you and your families have stayed well. The inconvenience and loneliness has been difficult, and many have suffered debilitating illness and loss of life. Strong prayers are needed for those who have been afflicted, and for all those working 'the front lines'. God's love in scripture reads: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10

Due to the cancellation of upcoming Branch 21 events, there is little to announce. We do want to thank you all for your support of the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner. Thanks to Gary and Pitra Castiglioni and Roseann Costabile, the Irish fare (cooked by Italians), was delicious. Before long, we can all get together at another dinner.

It's time to buy the ICF Convention Raffle tickets and possibly win the Grand Prize of \$2,500! A few years ago, a member of our very own branch won it! You will also have a chance to win several other prizes. Please call Roseann or go to ICF21@gmail.com to reserve your raffle ticket purchase.

In closing, remember to check on one another, make a call, send a text. It really helps when one is shut in. A word of advice from Vivian Greene: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

*God Bless us one and all.*

*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary Branch 21*

### Salinas Nostra Senora Del Sasso, Br. 25

To our dear members, we think of you often and we hope everyone is safe at home and in good health and spirits in this difficult time of the pandemic. Many of us have watched the Masses and Easter Week services on line which are a great comfort. And the interior and exterior videos of the churches and cathedrals have been incredible and beautiful to see, the artworks and sculptures have been stunning.

If you have not already viewed it, please check out (on YouTube) the beautiful hymns sung by Andrea Bocelli on Easter Sunday at the Duomo in Milan.

It is likely the healthcare professionals will recommend that we do not congregate in large groups for some time, particularly those of us who are over 65 and have underlying medical conditions, so we will not be planning any meetings until June at the earliest. We wish all of the wonderful ICF Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. God bless all of the ICF members and their families.

*Julie Richards, President*

*JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary*

### Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Mother's Day blessing for Moms who holds the family together with love and nourish them with prayer.

*Her children arise and called her Blessed - Proverb 31-28.*

As I sit here in Shelter in Place, thinking of all our ICF members and their families. Hoping everyone is staying safe and well. Praying for our Nation and the World during this Coronavirus pandemic. We are all thankful we all have our faith during this difficult time. All of us miss being all together and enjoy our friendship socializing with one another. We are thankful for our doctors, nurses, first responders, all essential workers in our community and country. Please, continue to pray during this difficult time, and hopefully soon we will be back enjoying on ICF activities with our members, family and friends. During this time, we sure value the true meaning of our Italian Catholic Federation Family.

*Rejoice always, continually to pray, gives thanks to all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

*Stay safe -stay well,  
Elaine Valentine  
Financial Secretary*

### Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy May!

I would like to begin this entry with a prayer:

*Lord,*

*Today the day appears gigantic and my heart is suffocating with the weight of the world.*

*Help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope" over all other thoughts and troubles.*

*Fill me up with hope to give me a tangible reminder today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.*

*Amen.*

Happy Birthday to our May babies: beloved members Allison Barlow; my mom, and Trustee Susan Carbonel; Kathie Hedrick, Mazie Rodriguez, Rosella Salarpi, Eva Mae Sigala, Victor Sigala; Secretary, Ashley Stefani; and Marie Tonus!

I'd like to thank those who have worked so hard in protecting the health and safety of their community and loved ones. And thank you to our members and community for staying and working from home! Please continue to wash your hands, and stay safe and healthy.

*Until next time,*

*Natalie Carbonel*

### Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

Hopefully by the time you read this, the Coronavirus will be on its way out and life can get back to normal. Because of the virus, it was necessary to cancel our meetings until further notice. It was heartbreaking to hear how the pandemic affected the land of our ancestors, especially the province of Lombardy.

A special note of thanks goes to the parishes in our diocese who offered masses and supportive information online during the shelter-in-place.

Sincere condolences to Fran and Lou Boczek on the passing of their daughter, Shelley, in March. Shelley had been courageously battling cancer for several years.

One tradition at our monthly meetings is to read the names of members having birthdays and to sing to them. But in the absence of meetings, we take this opportunity to wish Happy Birthday to our members born in April and May, especially our sweet Karen Waldvogel who turned 60 on April 9.

Because of timing issues related to the Coronavirus, Scholarship Committee Chairman Andy Armanino encourages those sending in applications to get going with a letter of recommendation from a school official and other scholarship information requested in the application. The due date is still June 15.

Please keep Ken Waldvogel in your prayers. He remains at Pacific Coast Manor and is unable to have visitors due to the lockdown there.

Remember to get your Convention raffle tickets from Treasurer Jane Kotila. The cost is \$20, and \$10 of that stays with our branch.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*



## Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

April ended up being a very quiet and uneventful month for our Branch, as everyone “sheltered at home” in an effort to stay healthy. We pray all ICF members remained healthy and safe during the quarantine orders.

Our last 3 Lenten Fish Frys were canceled; however, we hope to have one more Fish Fry once the COVID-19 guidelines are lifted. We pray this is very soon! We also had to postpone our St. Joseph’s Table celebration in March, but we plan to hold it at our May General Membership Meeting.

Please continue to pray for these members of Br. 291 who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Theresa Aston, Anita Caracci, Dianne Clees, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Bruce Hensley, Paul Karp, Nick Sausa, Jim & Throck Scudder, June Steves, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, Laura Vopatek, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Dean, who passed away recently. Gloria was a member of our Branch until a few years ago when she moved away to be closer to family. Gloria was 97 years old.  
*Happy Mother’s Day!*  
*Keely Sanchez*  
*Recording Secretary*

## Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

During this challenging time of hunkering down and staying in many of us have cleaned out the garage, several closets, caught up on the ironing, pulled some weeds in between rain showers, and read a few good books. Neighbors and strangers have offered to shop for groceries and run errands, many of our ICF members have called to “check in,” and we have enjoyed supporting several of our local restaurants by ordering take out. However, if this lasts much longer I will discover my real hair color, and that’s not on my “need to know” list.

Because we all have more time to read and think about spiritual matters, I am passing along the following article which I hope you enjoy:

“Christianity is the most encouraging, the most joyous of all the religions in the world. There is no religion which throws off the burdens of life so completely, which gives so large a scope for the high spirits of the soul, and which welcomes to its bosom with so warm an embrace those things of beauty which are joys forever. The Christian religion has arduous phases . . . but at the end of it all is a Resurrection and not a burial, a festival and not a funeral, an ascent into the heights and not a lingering in the depths” – L. B. Jacks

*Yvonne Maddalena*

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

What a wonderful thing Al & Diane Valors are doing by donating and delivering food for the needy during these difficult times. And they are not charging anything for the service. You can help by sending a donation: Tony’s & Albas Pizza, 3137 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose, CA 95117.

If you didn’t see Fr. George’s (District Chaplain) singing the “Our Father” on the Special Prayer day – it is still available on “Santa Teresa Church – You Tube.” A weekly mass is also said every Saturday, at 5:30 p.m. Father also asks us to pray Santa Teresa’s Prayer – “Let nothing disturb you, - Let nothing frighten you - All things are passing away - God never changes – Patience obtains all things – Whoever has God lacks nothing – God alone suffices.”

I also know that John Gillio has been busy in his workshop crafting his special tile crosses. If you would like to purchase one contact him – 1 (408) 225-6372 or gilliojr@sbcglobal.net.

In January and February, we were lamenting about the lack of rain, then in March we have had an abundance of rain. So too with this virus – It will pass if we keep calm, follow the rules, keep the Faith. Lastly, let me know where I can get Toilet Paper.

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

*Buona Pasqua*

*Mike Nunziata*

## Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

As the hiatus continues in regards to ICF Branch 28 activities I would like to extend our wishes for your health, safety and well-being. Remember the social distancing requirements and protocols to remain safe. But as the physical distancing continues it is comforting to know that we can bring God and our fellow man into our hearts. In Archibald MacLeish’s Pulitzer Prize winning play J.B. chronicling the biblical Job’s terrible things afflicted on him, Job is guided by these words:

*Blow on the coal of the heart.*

*The candles in churches are out.*

*The lights have gone out in the sky.*

*Blow on the coal of the heart*

*And we’ll see by and by...*

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

## Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

This month has gone by so slowly. The news is on, giving statistics across the world that are very sobering. “Tutto il mondo e’ paese,” or “the world is a village.” Now those words ring true with an invisible enemy creating a disaster around the globe.

In my corner of the world, I say THANK YOU to the doctors, nurses, technicians and first responders; to the people who work in grocery stores and drugstores; to people who prepare food for others; to the words of encouragement from Denise Antonowicz,

our branch president; in other words, people who keep this world moving forward even though we have stopped!!

And how strange not to be able to attend Mass or receive the Eucharist. Thank you, Father Rick, Father Daniel and Brother Joseph, for the online devotions. While watching the Mass online, I realized how I had taken freely attending Mass for granted. It has made me understand how other people in another place and time must have felt when they were prevented from practicing their Faith...

I pray for my brothers and sisters in the ICF, and their families, especially for our first Vice President Julie Klem who lost her beloved father Stephen Klem.

*Stay Safe, Stay Strong, We Will Survive!*

*Lucy Amico*

## San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

During this COVID-19 outbreak, we find ourselves washing our hands, social distancing, and sheltering in place. Let us continue with these activities to help prevent further spread of this virus.

Since we remain at home, let us look at some fun future events. A fall festival in November is the Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique. This takes place in Mission San Jose (Fremont) at the convent of the Dominican Sisters. The festival is a two day event, taking place the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The boutique’s main attraction you ask? The special olive oil, that the sisters sell, is from olives grown from their own trees on convent land. When the Dominican Sisters arrived they were greeted by these trees, which dated before 1837.

When the sisters settled in, they began their production of olive oil in 1894, lasting until about 1965. After a 35-year lapse, the sisters once again began their olive oil production, beginning in 2000. The Sciabica Olive Oil Company of Modesto does the processing of this pure virgin oil.

The oil is used country wide, with the new boon of gourmet cooking, it has brought brisk sales to the sisters during their holiday festival.



Br. 191, Dominican Sisters Olive Oil of Mission San Jose

In addition to olive oil, cookies, fruit cakes, German apple Strudel, and beautiful home crafts can all be purchased. A boutique café to have lunch and entertainment with the sisters is also available.

It is an enjoyable time, as the grounds are beautiful in the fall. Do plan to attend, as you will not be disappointed.

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, 43326 Mission Circle (Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, California 84539

*Shirley Catania*

*Sentinel*

## San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

We thank Avis Erkel, Noreen Gillio, Cathie Orlowski, and Joyce Robba for phoning each of our members to help us stay connected during this difficult time of social distancing. Thank you, ladies, for showing your concern for the welfare of each person in our club, especially of those living alone. Hearing a loving, friendly voice really lifted my spirit. Sometimes we all need a little help from our friends.

Our pasta dinner planned for May is currently on hold, but we are hoping to have our bocce picnic at Almaden Lake in June, as we have for the past few years.

Father George Aranha, our pastor, is celebrating Mass every Saturday night at 5:30 p.m., and we can watch the Mass through You Tube. Though we cannot be in the church with him, we can enjoy the liturgy and the readings. Many a tear is being shed. Thank you, Father George, Jen Vasquez, Lynda DeManti, and Raul Carag for providing the video, audio, and music for us. Many viewers are also singing along with Father as we watch the video of him singing in the church. Some sustenance for the soul in a time of trial.

We miss each other so very much. As Pope Francis has requested, we pray for God’s help in overcoming this devastating pandemic. Not being able to attend Holy Week’s inspiring, touching liturgies is an additional burden for us. Please be safe.

*Praying for all of us, Judy Zahn*

## San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

We were all disappointed that we didn't get together in April during the Lenten Season and Holy Week. Due to the coronavirus concerns, our branch continues to adhere to preventative measures set forth by our government, ICF's Central Council, and St. Martin of Tours. We hope to meet in June, since all branches of ICF decided to cancel general meetings in May.

Congratulations to Al and Diana Vallorz for all of their hard work with seniors during these difficult times and for being featured in People Magazine and other national and international media. Al quotes Mother Theresa, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love;" he further states that "We are all in this together and it takes all of us to get through this." We are blessed to have Al and Diana in our branch.

Our members donated over \$1000 to help Al and Diana in their ministry. We continue to keep people affected by this virus in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, Marcie Rossi, for keeping us informed of St. Martin's streaming masses and liturgical schedule.

At this time, our popular "Wine Down with ICF" has been postponed in May and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 General Meeting— June 2, 2020 at 6:30 (tentative); Quarterly Communion—June 14, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at St Martin of Tours (tentative).

*Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day to our dear Moms! -Janis Patellaro*



Br. 445, A Traditional Easter Bread



Br. 445, Price Is Right Fundraiser



Br. 445, Carnivale Mask Making

## Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Well the world is certainly a different place now.

We trust all our members are safe and healthy.

We can report that we were happy to host one of the last Parish Events on Saturday March 7th. This was our Annual ICF/Resurrection School Pasta Dinner held to raise funds for the School's 5th graders field trip. They spend one week away from home at Walden Woods Science Camp during their 6th Grade School year. There was plenty of food and warm fellowship. We successfully raised funds similar to last year. A Big Thank You to - Patricia, Sandra, Tina, Donna, Steve, Wilma and Kate and all of our Volunteers, Donors and Sponsors.

Our ICF Blood Drive collected Blood from 23 Donors which was gratefully accepted during these special times by the Stanford Blood bank.

We look forward to gathering once again for our Meetings and Events.

*May God Bless us all in these special times.*



## Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

There are no festivities to report on. We did not have our corned beef and cabbage, or our St. Joseph's Table and Lenten soup supper in March. We will not be having a dinner in April. We will not be attending Holy Week remembrances, no Holy Thursday or Good Friday services, and no Easter celebration. But we keep these things in our hearts and souls and work and pray together to keep everyone safe. This pandemic will pass and we will get back to normal eventually.

Trying to keep things normal, I was able to get out and pick up some plants to get things going in my garden. I wore my face mask and gloves and washed up well when I got home. They were counting the people going into Home Depot with only one way in, and we were all keeping our distance of at least six feet. Everyone was behaving.

I've been in touch with a few of our members by phone or email and no one reports any serious health issues. One of our long time members, Donna Basilin, is recovering from knee surgery. My husband, Mike Sampognaro, put off back surgery just before everything started to shut down in mid-March and he is still hurting. Please keep them in your prayers.

We also want to extend our condolences to Mike Rossi and his family on the passing of his father, John Rossi (not related to COVID-19).

*Take care and stay safe.  
God bless!  
Maryclaire Sampognaro*

## San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Our last Branch 445 General Meeting was held in February. Now in the midst of COVID-19 we are staying at home, as are many other ICF members, living the the new normal of shelter-in-place. Our ICF group events have been cancelled or postponed. We reminisce via

past photos of our gathered times and look forward to joining together in fellowship again.

As Easter approaches, we shared via email to our members our 2019 Heritage report on "Easter Traditions in Italy." Last year this presentation led to a lively discussion as members recalled their Italian family Easter traditions through the years. Many remembered the sweet Easter breads baked by grandmothers and mothers. Rich in symbolism and made with three braided lengths of dough representing the Holy Trinity then formed together into a wreath symbolic of Jesus' Crown of Thorns. Colorful Easter Eggs within the wreath symbolized rebirth. Most all had an Easter dinner that included lamb - the symbol of life and sacrifice - the sacrifice of Christ the Lamb of God for humanity.

Holy Week and Easter will still be celebrated in homes and in churches as we watch videotaped or live streamed religious celebrations this year. We are grateful to our pastors and priests who have been sending spiritual care packages of prayer and celebrating Mass through Lent via the internet during our quarantine.

A few ICF members participated separately from their homes in a "sandwich ministry" for the Transfiguration Parish Community Outreach Program. A total of 60 Sack lunches were assembled, collected and then dispersed by the CMO program to the homeless.

For now, our 3rd Annual Price Is Right summer fundraiser is on hold due to COVID-19.

These are truly trying times. We pray for those who have died and those who are hospitalized due to this coronavirus. May God bless you, your families as well as our dedicated healthcare workers and all the essential workers that provide for us and our community everyday.

May you all stay safe and in good health...che possiate stare tutti al sicuro e in buona salute.

*Submitted by Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

# STOCKTON

**Modesto**  
**St. Stanislaus, Br. 48**

At the beginning of Lent, Deacon Jose` challenged us to find ways to experience Lent in a way we had never experienced it before. He never imagined that we would experience Lent like no other time in our lives. Having to attend mass over the internet is a whole new experience for me.

Our events in May will most likely be cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule our Bake Sale for a later time since this is our biggest fundraiser. I hope that things soon get back to normal.

Please keep Joseph Similie Sr. and his family in your prayers. He passed away March 15, 2020. He was a long time member of Branch 48.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays May 17, 2020 and June 14, 2020 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers!  
Coming up:

May 2-3, 2020 Bake Sale after the masses - Cancelled

May 13 6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Potluck - Cancelled

June 14 Bishop's Burse—Br 413 Angeles Camp???

Cecelia McGhee

**Lodi**  
**St. Anne's, Br. 82**

Buon Auguri, ICF Family!

"March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers." This proverb refers to nature, and it can also relate to our world situation with COVID -19. The virus blew into the US in March. In April it rained down on our states, and everyone stayed in to keep safe and healthy. Now May is here with the hope to venture out in the fresh air so missed by all.

After this experience, I'm sure we'll be so much more appreciative of everything and everyone around us. Hopefully on Sunday, May 10th we'll be able to actually hug our mothers to show our love and gratitude.

We continue to pray for all those who have been affected by COVID-19, especially our brothers and sisters in Italy.

Looking forward to the time we can meet again with our ICF members.

*Stare bene e stare al sicuro.*

Patty Litts

Corresponding Secretary

**Tracy**  
**St. Bernard, Br. 390**

Good luck to all those who applied for scholarship awards last month. We are looking forward to awarding these to you, as this is one of the donations we are happiest to give out to you all.

Our prayers go out to Italy and the Italians who are suffering through the overwhelming cases of this virus. I read that because Italy has such a warm family culture, the virus spread more quickly than other countries that do not customarily hug and kiss upon greeting friends and family...we also hug and kiss upon leaving after a visit with friends and family. Social distancing is especially hard on our families who cannot have the Sunday dinners we share as a family. Our children have taught some of us older folks how to do those 'virtual' dinners online - we cooked the same recipe all together and just watched each other eat the same dinner...and we topped it off with a birthday cake complete with candles that the birthday girl blew out from afar! Try it, you'll like it.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dave Millingar. May he rest in peace.

Steve Ridolfi continues to treat you to seeing yourselves on our Website: [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

Keeping your families in our prayers for this trying time of flu and virus season to come to an end soon.

*Rimanere in buona salute.*

Betty Hollars

**Stockton**  
**Presentation of the BVM,**  
**Br. 395**

I was hoping to write an article with good news that the virus was under control, but unfortunately we had to cancel our monthly meeting once again, as well as our district meeting that we were scheduled to host.

We are also sad to announce the passing of long time member Alva Garibaldi. She even attended our recent polenta dinner where her husband played the accordion. She will truly be missed.

Many of us are experiencing anxiety and fear, but together, and with our faith we can persevere.

*Let nothing disturb you,*

*Let nothing frighten you,*

*All things are passing away:*

*God never changes.*

*Patience obtains all things*

*Whoever has God lacks nothing;*

*God alone suffices.*

*Alla prossima,*

Mary Ann

Remember, start sending in  
*Bollettino* submissions  
for the June issue.

**Deadline is May 10th.**

Get your articles and photos in to

[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)

Include your branch number.

# ORANGE

**Irvine**  
**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

Our St. Joseph Day Table was cancelled because of safer-at-home restrictions to protect against spread of the coronavirus. The event is our chapter's biggest fundraiser and supports our charitable giving. The board will decide whether the St. Joseph Table will be rescheduled after the coronavirus crisis has passed.

We wish everyone to stay safe and healthy during this difficult time.

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

Ciao,

Marcida Dodson



Because of the Covid-19 virus our Tracy Branch #390 did not have our Annual Heritage Night, dinner/meeting, but here are a couple of photographs from last years event.



Robert Bacchetti and the boys getting the pasta ready for the nights dinner. It was great!



Here is accordionist, Steve Tucco, playing to the crowd as pictures taken during the year are shown.



## Cooley's Corner



### What Does Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Mean to Me? Quotes from Patients Around the World:

Thalassemia to me is a serious medical condition to carry, which does involve quite a lot of attention towards healthcare!  
Having stated this I can vouch that - it is manageable and I am witness to wonderful healthy citizens of various countries of the world including India and they are merely coincidentally Thalassemics by medical condition!  
So all you need is a bull headed family towards the notion that it's just a part of life and not the life itself. So keep at keeping well the way it works for you the best!  
-Hemant Bellani

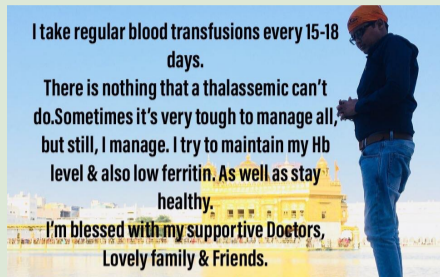


I was born with high ambitions in very supportive family. For me being Thalassemic Major is not my limiting factor, rather it is my plus point that imparts positive vibes in me and encourages me to perform out of box. Apart from my professional life I love to do painting as well and I am University Gold medalist in that. Other hobbies include Photography and Writing. I live patient life only once in 20 days i.e. during my transfusion day.

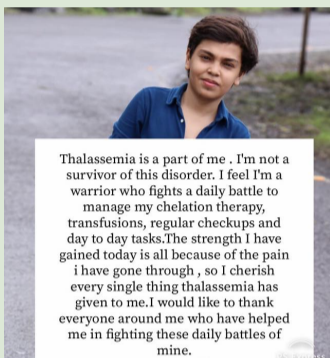
I urge all to never let this disease take over your dreams. Your will power determines your destiny. Regular dose of chelation therapy apart from regular blood transfusions is what we require to lead a normal life.



I take regular blood transfusions every 15-18 days.  
There is nothing that a thalassemic can't do. Sometimes it's very tough to manage all, but still, I manage. I try to maintain my Hb level & also low ferritin. As well as stay healthy.  
I'm blessed with my supportive Doctors, Lovely family & Friends.



Thalassemia is a part of me. I'm not a survivor of this disorder. I feel I'm a warrior who fights a daily battle to manage my chelation therapy, transfusions, regular checkups and day to day tasks. The strength I have gained today is all because of the pain I have gone through, so I cherish every single thing thalassemia has given to me. I would like to thank everyone around me who have helped me in fighting these daily battles of mine.



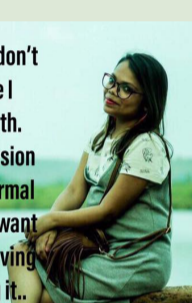
Thalassemia is a blood disorder which everyone can save from this if they have a knowledge about this.  
It is a preventable.

Being a thalassemic sometimes its challenging how u can fight from physical pain which you are getting from thalassemia. For me it is a big challenge being a thalassemic. I'm not so much active physically as compare to other people. I want to be active like other people but I'm not able to this creates a problem for me. But overall it is a experience which I am experiencing in this life which taught me the importance of blood.. but siding this whole thing I will say that thalassemia is just a disease. It's upon you how u tackle it. I never stop myself. I'm not physically active but then also I'm very mentally active. I set many goals in my life and I achieved my goals. I love to learn music and dance.

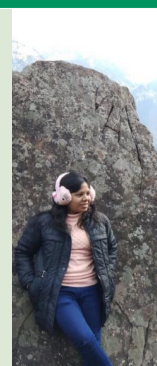
I have many goals in my academic area and I'm working on it so that I get success from that area too.  
Being a thalassemic you should not stop yourself. If you have dreams and goals like other people you can achieve it. It's just a disease if you are not physically active you should be active mentally. Don't stop yourself by just saying that I'm suffering from this problem and I cannot do it. You should push yourself whatever goals u have work on it.

For me it is a way of life. I don't consider it as a disease I consider it as my strength.

Managing regular transfusion and chelation with my normal work is a challenge that I want to win always. I am not having a disease I am managing it..



At times, it becomes difficult to fight with the outside world when you are already battling inside with your innerself...  
But, what a boring life it would have been without any adventurous story to share !!!...  
I take my health problems as hurdles in my race to excell in life... And everytime I overcome a hurdle it makes me stronger and fills in me a new spirit of confidence that can't be expressed in words...  
So, Thalassemia is an ever lasting source of adventure in my life..  
What has always worked for me is Believe in yourself and make a move..



Maintaining my treatment routine is my top priority. It can be challenging at times, but it's worth it. The future looks bright, and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to give back to the thalassemia community.



That day I chose life.... Every morning when I woke up I chose joy and happiness through numerous blood transfusions. To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices. Today I choose to feel life, not to deny Thalassemia but embrace it. I was happy with my life but never knew that a "beautiful dawn was waiting for me" which came through the rays of bone marrow transplant.  
-Vanya Bardeja

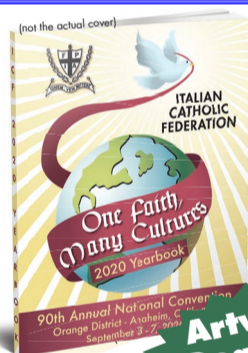


## Officer Training Available

Attention ICF Officers!

Officer training slides are available on our website for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator.

See the Officer Training section of the Members' Area page on the ICF website at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/> to download the slides.



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### COLOR!

The Branch 36 page looks great in the 2019 book! (See page 52.)  
So much more impactful than black and white.  
Please consider color for your story.



Information (Flyers, Forms, Contracts, etc.) on the Convention Yearbook has been sent to the Branch and District Presidents.