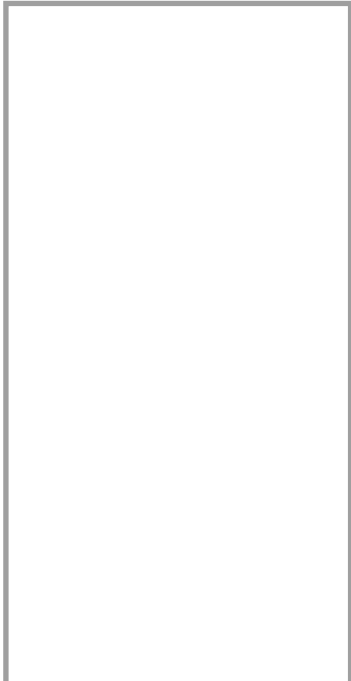




ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



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Pope St. John XXIII Award Winner--Wells of Life & Nick Jordan

Wells of Life & Nick Jordan were nominated by Central Council member Perry Shurko. Perry was first introduced to this group, based in Orange County, while attending Mass at St. Raymond in Downey. After doing more research Perry thought it was a great organization and that they should be nominated for the Award.



The following is information about Wells of Life and Nick Jordan.

Nick Jordan was born, raised, and educated in Ireland, and holds a bachelor's degree from University College, Dublin in both English and Education. Beginning as a schoolteacher in Ireland, he emigrated to the U.S. in 1986 to pursue new opportunities. Today he's a real estate broker in Orange County

with 17 years' experience as well as a shareholder with Regency Real Estate Brokers of Mission Viejo, CA. Nick founded Wells of Life in 2009 and is committed to bringing clean water to 1,000 communities in Uganda. He believes that conjoining business and philanthropy will allow him to inspire others to make an immediate difference in the world, a passion he shares with his family, friends, and business associates. Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, and a life by what we give," a quote that Nick Jordan holds true.

Perry in his nomination of Wells of Life & Nick Jordan said "I was first introduced to this organization earlier this year by one of its ambassadors, Sister Joan Hogan. She spoke of the hardships the villagers endure from not having access to clean water. Very often, they are left without clean water to bathe, cook, and drink. My parish was so moved that a second collection was taken up and they raised \$6,000 for one well and two very generous parishioners found

it within themselves to each donate an additional well, finishing with a total of three wells donated in one day." Perry went on to say that "Water is essential to life. It is one primary component of Life's Holy Trinity – Air, Food and Water..."

Nick Jordan in a blog posted on February 2020 stated "I have looked forward to this moment for 10 years. 500 wells is indeed a milestone on the road to bringing access to water to 1,000 communities across rural Uganda. That was a very bold and audacious goal set back in 2008 during my first trip to Uganda where I was so moved that I believe with God's help many would support an organization that I called Wells of life... We're committed to using all our available resources to help them access this basic human need."

The Italian Catholic Federation is honored to present to Wells of Life & Nick Jordan the Pope St. John the XXIII award.

Grand President's Award Winner--Mabel Willmon

President Rosemary Janis, Br. 27 Madera, wrote "It took just one conversation with Mabel Willmon for me to realize that she had the ICF running through her veins."



President Janis continued, "The Grand President's Award is for a member who demonstrates exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. Mabel does that in a big way. She draws people into the

organization like someone welcoming someone into a family. Her faith and the ICF go hand-in-hand and has helped her through many difficult times and she is always ready to suggest donating to the ICF charities. Her latest charity is to promote the Italian Studies Program at Fresno State. Mabel's willingness to attend meetings miles from her own town is definite proof that she lives and breathes the ICF. Over the years Mabel has held many board positions at both the Branch and District levels. She has been an active participant at all of the ICF Conventions that she has attended."

Jim & Carol Espinola stated "When our branch's existence was challenged by the reluctance of many of our members to assume the presidency, Mabel, acting as our mentor, was very supportive and encouraged us to work to find a solution. After a two-year struggle to

resolve this issue, we have been able to pull together a branch with the willingness of one of our members to step forward and assume the President's office. Mabel was always there for us during that time. Even though Mabel is not a member of our branch, we still consider her an honorary member and valued friend."

Kerin Cavallero shared "Branch 27 is indebted to Mabel in many ways. The most recent example of this was in December 2019 when we were just about ready to close our doors because we had no president. We generally don't have a meeting in December since our Christmas Party serves as the meeting. However, Mabel insisted we have a meeting and I am sure she was instrumental in getting Central Council President Vince Piro to attend the meeting too. Mabel, acting as our mentor, was adamant 'I

am not going to let this branch close.' She even said that she would be president if no one were to step-up. After much discussion and encouragement from Mabel and Vince we had a President! If it weren't for Mabel's caring guidance, I am convinced our branch would have been closed. While Mabel is not a member of Branch 27, she is our guardian angel, mentor and friend. In light of her love for, and dedication to the ICF, I feel Mabel has exhibited the outstanding qualities that would be required of a recipient of the Grand President's Award."

The Italian Catholic Federation is honored to present to Mabel Willmon the Grand President's Award.

Family of the Year Award Winner--The Cook Family

What is an ICF family? Simply put, this is a family who eats, sleeps and breathes the Italian Catholic Federation's culture, customs and vision. Considering this description, it should be no surprise to learn that the 2020 Family of the Year is The Cook Family from Branch 13, Martinez.

Tom, Mary, Rosemary and Paul (along with their pup, Echo) have been serving the ICF individually then as a family for over 25 years. The family is visible at St. Catherine of Siena Parish regularly representing our organization: coordinating fundraisers, serving at mass, executing one of the ICF's most successful branch blood drives and supporting parish-wide events proudly wearing the ICF logo--just to provide a few examples of their family's devotion to the ICF, parish and the community. The Cook Family is also supportive of

the Contra Costa District, the Oakland Diocese and the federation-wide programs of the ICF.

The Cook Children, Rosemary and Paul, are both recipients of the ICF Young Adult Leadership Award, received in 2012 and 2016, respectively. Their accomplishments and contributions are a result of a family commitment to pray and serve together. Parents, Tom and Mary, set the tone for their family's ICF involvement. In a day when many families focus on other extra-curricular activities, Tom and Mary chose the ICF as their family's organization where they can serve together. Of course, there are other individual commitments, but church and ICF is first for this family.

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Message from the Convention Directors' Chairperson

Roselynn Jarrett
September 2020

Clergy, Members and Friends,

Did you know that when the strategic plan was created, the Central Council and district representatives established a tagline for the Italian Catholic Federation? Our tagline is "One Faith, Many Cultures."

This message is to convey a sense of belonging. The ICF is an organization of many cultures. We celebrate our members' heritages and customs year-round. We formed in 1924 in hopes to bring Italians back to the Catholic Church. Over time, just like our own families, we grew to be a multi-cultural group. Regardless of our origins, our Catholic faith is what holds us together.

Our national convention's theme was to be "One Faith, Many Cultures" to emphasize the message of being a welcoming, diverse community. Although our face-to-face convention had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, this theme continues to be one that we live as members, as Catholics, as human beings who have come together from

around the world to face the same challenge.

What I miss most about not having a face-to-face convention is the socialization between members. A variety of workshops, a mass and other parts of the convention will be held virtually; but it is the hugs, the laughter and the two cheek Italian kisses that will be absent.

Although there is an absence of physical connections, having a virtual event still brings us together in the same way branch and districts still come together. Many branch and district meetings are held online or by teleconference. Some are held in a socially distanced setting such as a backyard or driveway. Branches have been forming phone trees and



newsletters to remain connected.

Our branches are still supporting their parishes and communities. Scholarships are still being given. Grants from our Gifts of Love program are still being awarded. Seminary bursas are still being provided. The ICF is not in vacation mode, we are essential volunteers working from home. A pandemic will not stop us from functioning.

Preparing for our annual meeting takes many months of planning. I extend my appreciation to everyone who assisted in the early stages of coordinating our convention in Garden Grove/Anaheim, especially Karen Kocvara and the Orange District. I look forward to working with your group in 2023. I also extend my gratitude to the Convention Director's Committee and the office staff for their flexibility during an unusual time.

I encourage you to continue the message of "One Faith, Many Cultures."

Sempre Avanti!

Roselynn Jarrett

Convention Directors' Chairperson

Grand President's 2020 Convention Welcome

Vince Piro

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As Grand President, I welcome everyone to the first virtual "convention" of the Italian Catholic Federation. While we cannot meet in person due to COVID-19, this online gathering of members promises to be a "place" where we can gather to share ideas, fellowship, and our faith.



Our Central Council Members have worked very hard to provide exciting and energetic workshops and forums. I hope everyone is able to participate in as many activities as possible. I think after many months of Shelter-in-Place orders, we will certainly enjoy each other's fellowship.

This year's convention theme "One Faith, Many Cultures" is certainly relevant in today's climate with the many challenges our nation is facing. I know the Federation remembers its immigrant past, the challenges, discrimination, and difficulties that our ancestors often faced, and because of this, we welcome all Catholics into our organization, especially those that have been marginalized by society. We share our faith in Christ with all our brother and sisters, regardless of race, culture, or background. And we often serve those less fortunate in our communities, who may not share our faith but share our humanity.

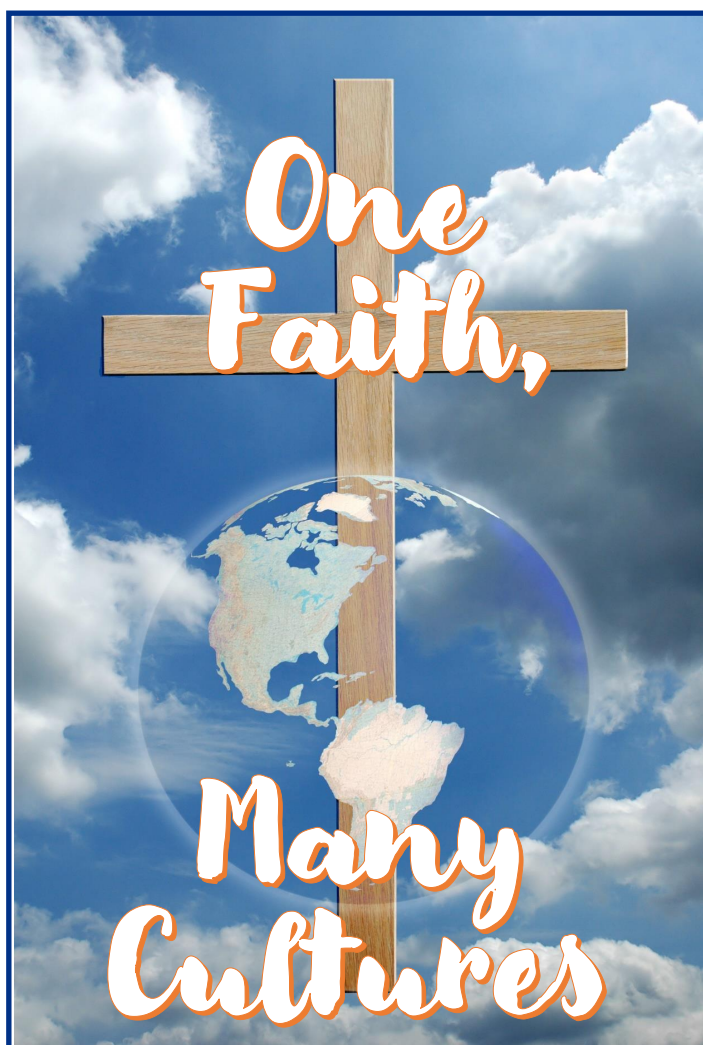
We do this because of one thing only: our faith in Christ. The Lord called us to "Love one another; as I have loved you." As members of an organization devoted to charitable work, we do this every day in our parishes and our communities.

And while our faith and love are better shared in person, I believe, that it will also be present as it transmits across the Internet through bytes and bits. It is that strong, that important, and that relevant in our lives.

Robyn and I would like to thank all of the members of the Italian Catholic Federation for all of your support over this last year. It is a great pleasure to be serving you as your Grand President.

Vincent Piro

Grand President



Italian Catholic Federation

Virtual Convention

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Links to each event, will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

11:00am **Memorial Mass:** Reverend Christopher Bennett, presiding

2:00pm **Interactive Session:** Open Forum with Central Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons – Email your questions in advance to rjarrett@icf.org to allow like topics to be combined. The Treasurer's report and Mentor Program update will be presented at this time.

6:30pm **Happy Hour:** Join your ICF peers at a 'Mask'erade Ball. Briefly wear your favorite face mask for a chance to win a prize. More prizes will also be distributed as we pull the seven winners of our convention raffle. Participate with your household or consider having a social distancing party with your fellow members during our happy hour.

Workshops: Pre-recorded workshops will be posted on the ICF website and on our Facebook page for members to view.

Award Presentations: Our award recipients will be honored remotely. Their presentations will be available online.

Blood Drive: Make an appointment to donate blood between August 17 – September 4th: American Red Cross: 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) Vitalant: 877-25-VITAL (258-4825). All blood donors will be entered into a raffle.

Yearbooks: Each branch will receive a yearbook by mail. Additional copies will be available for \$25, which includes shipping.

Charitable Donations: Donations to Cooley's Anemia, Scholarships, Gifts of Love and the Providenza Seminary Fund may be mailed to the ICF office. Donation cards are not required. You may indicate the occasion and the honorees name on a separate sheet of paper. Donations will be recognized in the Bollettino.

All are welcome. Please join us.

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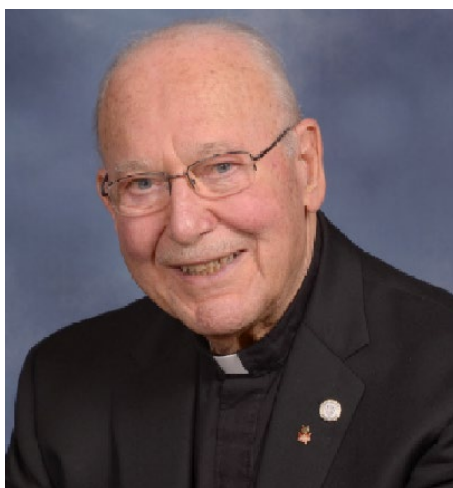
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**October issue
deadline is September 10, 2020.**

Thank you!

Do not let your hearts be troubled

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director



Faith is a gift from God. It is a pre-
cious and beautiful gift. We believe
in Jesus and in what Jesus said not
because it makes sense, or because
we can prove it to be true. We be-
lieve in Jesus and what He told us,
(we have Faith) just because He said
so. That is FAITH.

But Faith is still a **gift**. Like any
gift it can be accepted or rejected.
It can be lost or it can be thrown
away. On the other hand, Faith can
be enhanced and strengthened, made
more beautiful and precious by the
way we live our lives. Our Faith
“glorifies God by our lives.”



The Italian Catholic Federation
(ICF) has many members from a
variety of different cultures. One
does not have to be an Italian to be
a member of the ICF.

The ICF boasts of members whose
nationalities are Polish, Portuguese,
Irish, German, and many more other
groups. Even though there are many
cultures, they are all the same in that
all have the same gift of **FAITH**. In
the song, One Bread, One Body by
John Michael Talbot, the words, “...
and we though many, throughout the
earth, we are one body in this one
Lord...” The ICF reflects this love
of God and neighbor, especially in
its Mission Statement.

*Through families and fellowship,
the Italian Catholic Federation
promotes and supports the Catholic
Faith and its values, encourages
apostolic and charitable works, and
celebrates our Italian American
heritage and all the heritages of our
communities.* (Mission Statement ICF)

May Covid-19 be eradicated soon.
We pray as if it all depends upon
God and we work and cooperate as
if it all depends upon us. Dear Lord,
help us in this time of need. Though
we are many cultures, we are united
as one in Christ Our Lord.

The Countless Ways ICF Funds Have Supported Cooley's Anemia

By Laurice Levine

The ICF has donated \$2,221,754 to
Cooley's Anemia (thalassemia) since
it was adopted as the National Charity
in 1982, under the direction of then
ICF Grand President David Botta. The
funds have been used in a wide variety
of ways.

Early on, before the Federal Govern-
ment supported research for rare dis-
eases such as Cooley's Anemia, the ICF
was instrumental in supporting research
that led to improved medication and
technology. The advances made are
the reason patients are able to survive
into adulthood. Now, that government
grants fund research money can be put
toward psychosocial care for patients
and families.

The median survival age for thalas-
semia major in 1975 was about 15
years. Those patients died of heart iron
overload. Currently, the calculated me-
dian survival age for thalassemia major
patients is about 65 years. While this
is an incredible improvement, it also
exemplifies one of the challenges that
all modern children with rare genetic
disorders face: while they are now sur-
viving well into adulthood, there are
too few adult providers with the special
expertise required to manage them.
Thalassemia is so rare in the United
States that adult providers do not have

the opportunity to develop adequate
knowledge to provide quality care to
patients. To conquer this obstacle, Chil-
dren's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is
developing adult provider co-manage-
ment networks between adult providers
and pediatric specialists so that patients
who have survived childhood can con-
tinue to have productive, long lives. Of
course, parallel to this is the importance
of making sure that every patient in
the country, whether pediatric or adult,
has access to the specialized centers
of excellence. There are only about
eight major thalassemia centers in the
United States. Consequently, countless
patients are managed in smaller com-
munity practices, as they do not live
close enough to a major center.

As CHLA actively develops this pro-
gram, it is the hope that it will become
a model accepted by insurance provid-
ers for management of thalassemia
patients. Currently, many insurance
companies will not pay for a pediatric
doctor to care for an adult patient.
Working through all of the barriers and
problems of developing an effective co-
management model is very complicated
and involves dealing with interpersonal
relationships and development of trust-
ing relationships between patients and
their family practice doctors, as well as
trusting relationships between centers

of excellence and community provid-
ers. This process also requires close
collaboration with participating patient-
oriented community groups. CHLA has
already been working on this problem
actively for several years and has been
able to get some philanthropic funding
to support and pilot the development
of a co-management program. It is Dr.
Coates's intention to utilize the ad-
ditional funds from the ICF to expand
this co-management program; patients'
longevity and their quality of life de-
pends on the success of this endeavor.

Funds are also put towards the follow-
ing:

- Uncompensated Care
- Patient travel to the hospital and
to summer camp (Camp has been can-
celled for the summer of 2020)
- Thalassemia Newsletter “In that
Vein”
- If you would like to be on the mail-
ing list please contact Laurice Levine.
- Christmas Party

Thank you ICF for your continued sup-
port to your National Charity, Cooley's
Anemia!

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro, Grand President

Due to COVID-19, this year, the Federation is holding its first virtual "convention." This virtual gathering - while not a convention in the true sense - promises to be an exciting weekend of events that allow us to gather and share our fellowship.

Rose Jarrett, the Convention Director, the Convention Committee, and members of the Central Council have put together a series of online workshops, live events, and a mass that will allow us to share ideas, spend time together, and celebrate our faith.

This year's convention theme - "One Faith, Many Cultures" - is certainly relevant and important in today's social climate, for it reflects what is essential to the values of our organization.

While we honor our history based

on our Italian immigrant past, today we are open to Catholics of all cultures and backgrounds. We not only celebrate the diversity of our organization but realize that it is one of our strengths. We learn from and grow both personally and spiritually from hearing different voices and perspectives as we gather together in Christ.

I am reminded of Pope Francis' reflections on diversity: "The Holy Spirit creates 'diversity' in the Church. The First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12. He creates diversity! It's true this diversity is so rich, so beautiful. But then, the same Holy Spirit creates unity, and in this way the Church is one in diversity. And, to use a beautiful word of an Evangelist whom I love very much, a diversity 'reconciled' by the Holy Spirit."

This "reconciled diversity" represents the modern ICF. We come from many backgrounds, experiences, and cultures, but we are reconciled in Christ as we practice our faith together.

Furthermore, as an organization founded on the experience of Italian immigrants, we understand and stand in unity with those voices that have been marginalized. Our ancestors felt the pain of discrimination, and we reject all forms of oppression as Christ did. We value love and unity as we reach out and embrace all.

This weekend of "virtual" events promises to be a time in which we celebrate the diversity and unity brought to us by the Holy Spirit. It will be a time of fellowship, friendship, and family brought to us by our faith.

Cook Family

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All members of the family serve as officers, even working remotely for the ICF while away at college. When an office needs to be filled or a committee or event needs to be chaired, you can count on The Cooks to accept any need or request. It is amazing to witness their acts, and to see their nomination packet for this award - it could fill an entire Bollettino.

To describe our family of the year in one word, dedication is the most obvious. There is an attitude of love and devotion from The Cook Family when it comes to the ICF. They are naturally dedicated to our mission and genuinely want to be part of our success.

It is with great appreciation and applause that the Central Council acknowledge The Cooks as our 2020 Family of the Year.

We stand strong together - as Americans - many cultures, races and faiths, but one nation under God. --Bob Taft

Family Recipes--Flourless Chocolate Torte

Deborah Rodondi, Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. The last week of July, I went to the Russian River and met up with my dear friend Barbara (since high school). Some of you may have met Barb at the Sacramento convention, as she lives not far from there and came and spent time with us. We usually try to get together for a week at least once a year. We find we love coming to the Russian River and enjoying the peacefulness of the area in the great California Redwoods. Our mission is usually a lot of late night girl talk, some wine and trying new recipes. This year one of the recipes Barb brought for us to try was a flourless cake torte. While it was baking, the kitchen smelled amazingly delicious. We had a hard time staying out of there.



Flourless Chocolate Torte

Prep time 20 minutes

Bake time 40 minutes and cooling time

5 large eggs separated
12 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
¾ cup butter
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
½ cup or less confectioner's sugar (powdered sugar optional)

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2) In a double boiler or in microwave according to package instructions, melt the chocolate chips and butter. Stirring until smooth. Set aside to cool slightly.
- 3) Separate egg white and egg yolks, put each in a large mixing bowl. With mixer beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored, several minutes.
- 4) Beat chocolate mixture into the egg yolk mixture.



5) With clean dry mixer beat egg whites and cream of tartar at medium speed until foamy. Gradually add in sugar, 1 Tbls. at a time at high speed, continue beating until stiff glossy peaks form.

6) Fold a fourth of the egg white mixture into the chocolate mixture. Once well blended add the rest of the egg white mixture to the chocolate.

7) Put into a greased spring form or tart 9 inch baking pan. Bake for 40-45 minutes, until toothpick inserted comes out with moist crumbs. Do not overcook.

8) Cool on wire rack. Can dust with confectioner's sugar.

NOTE: Without the flour it is a bit fragile, so cut with a sharp knife and enjoy. Barb and I think it



would be amazing with a raspberry drizzle and fresh raspberries.

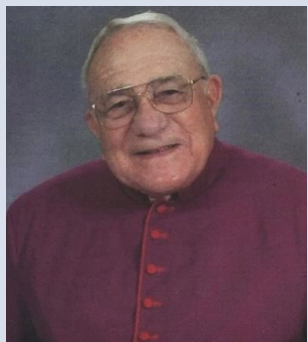
Several members have shared recipes with me; I look forward to sharing with you in the near future. I finally found yeast at the grocery store at the Russian River, so I can finally try making the no knead bread that looked so delicious. If it is as good as it looks, it will be in a future *Bollettino*. Be safe and call friends---it can be lonely sheltering in place.

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 drodondi@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!

In Memoriam for Monsignor Joseph J. Milani

June 8, 1925 – July 18, 2020



Monsignor Joseph Milani passed away peacefully from natural causes on July 18, 2020.

He was born June 8, 1925 in Marin County, the son of Tony and Maria Milani, immigrants from Lonate Pozzolo, Italy. The Milanis were a typical close-knit, happy Italian family. Young Joe loved sports, especially baseball, which he played with his friends often. His plan was to finish high school, get an engineering degree at UC Berkeley, and work with his father in the family business. But that's not quite the way it turned out. The local pastor began to visit the Milanis and ask when Joseph was going to take the test for the seminary. Joe and his father weren't receptive to the idea, but the pastor kept coming around and asking the same question. As Monsignor Joe later put it, "The next thing I knew I took the test and passed!", and shortly afterward he began attending St. Joseph Seminary in Los Altos. Eventually Joe began to see things differently. In his words, "Now I was seriously saying this is what God wanted me to do", and "by the time I got to the end of college, my mind was fairly made up [to become a priest]".

Joe completed his studies at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park and was ordained as a Catholic priest on June 16, 1950 by Archbishop John J. Mitty. His first parish was Sacred Heart in San Jose. Father Milani was assigned to parishes in San Jose and San Francisco before becoming pastor at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill in 1970 where he served for 11 years.

In 1981, San Jose split off from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and became a separate diocese led by Bishop Pierre DuMaine. Bishop DuMaine asked Father Joe to become the diocesan chancellor. Ultimately, Father Joe took the job and is one of the Founding Fathers of the diocese. For many years he served as chaplain of the Italian Catholic Federation of the Diocese of San Jose. He was a lifetime member of the Clergy Personnel Board, who earned 'honorary historian' status for his invaluable ability to have total recall from past events and decisions.

In 1985, Father Joe was appointed pastor at St. Joseph of Cupertino and stayed in that post until he retired in 1995 at age 70. In recognition of his invaluable service to the Church, Father Joe was made Honorary Prelate by Pope St. John Paul II in June of 2000, giving him the title of Monsignor.

For the 60th anniversary of his ordination in 2010, Monsignor Joe was interviewed by the St. Joseph staff. Looking back on his life, he said he was satisfied with how it all turned out. "I've always been happy in my priesthood. And if the Lord wants you, he'll get you."

Joe was very proud of his Italian heritage and enjoyed his role as chaplain with the Italian Catholic Federation and all of the wonderful friendships that evolved from that affiliation. In addition, he cherished his occasional trips back to his parents' hometown to spend time with his cousins.

Monsignor was committed to family and was a frequent guest for Sunday dinner and holidays at the home of his sister, Mary, and her husband, Frank Fabbro, and their six children: Cate, Barbara, John, Frank, Mary, and Michael, all of whom enjoyed the lively dinner conversations and great stories he would share. They loved him and will miss him dearly.

Monsignor Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Mary (Milani) Fabbro, and his brother-in-law, Frank Fabbro. He is survived by an extended family of nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Retired Priests Fund or the Italian Catholic Federation.

The Diocese of San Jose Retired Priests Fund 1150 N. First Street, Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95112-4966 ICF Central Office The Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

Apostolate--Charity Update

Lauren Kilcullen, Apostolate—Charity Chairperson

The Committee is meeting on August 8 to decide which branches will receive awards. In looking over the reports, I am heartened at the amount of charity the ICF still does in this strange time. Keep up the good work!

The awardees will be announced during the Virtual Convention on Saturday, September 5. The complete report will be on the ICF



website and published in the October *Bollettino*.

Please continue to support your parishes and local communities during this time of crisis. Remember to check in on your members by calling, sending cards or Zooming. Don't let our apostolic and charitable spirit get away from us!

Thank you,
Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate-Charity Committee
Chairperson

The Wonder of It All, LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

Doctors work feverishly. Premature baby lives



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

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

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



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

Who Are We?

Family Traditions: Honoring Heritage and Strengthening Families

Denise Antonowicz, 2nd Grand Vice President & Heritage Chair

Article from "The Growing Room – Children's Enrichment Centers" San Ramon, CA

The pace of our lives has changed considerably over the last six months. The technological advances that enhance our lives allow us to function, work, and operate fast and efficiently. Yet, those same advances can lead to a frenzied lifestyle where interpersonal communication and interaction with family members becomes fragmented and weakened. The family is the very foundation of our society. Keeping the family unit strong despite the assaults of modern times can be a daunting task for many people. The solution, however, is as close as our fondest childhood family memories. And chances are those cherished memories revolve around family traditions.



Family Traditions Provide Unity and a Sense of Belonging

Traditions bring family together. Whether it is family dinner, summer vacations, birthday and holiday celebrations, or weekly trips to Grandma's, traditions provide children a sense of belonging. Many of these traditions involve the passing down of multi-generational values. They pay homage to cultural heritage where language, customs, and cultural traditions are shared. Traditions are valuable tools to teach social ethics and family values, while promoting close family ties. On a micro level, they provide children a sense of security, love, and belonging. On a macro level, traditions highlight vibrant and rich cultural heritages and serve as a reminder of family sacrifice and expectations. They tell a story about a family. When coupled with religious or cultural events these traditions serve as rites of passage to instill confidence and pride in youth; this safeguards youth against seeking acceptance from peers or other outside social influences. Traditions not only impart a sense of identity and pride in children, it provides a sense of continuity that binds generations. Recent studies have cited that strong relationships with grandparents lead to less emotional or behavioral problems in children. Honoring family traditions provides a strong sense of self-identity and makes for a self-assured and happy child.

Family Traditions Provide Security

Providing children, a sense of security is one of the benefits of family traditions. When life moves at an unpredictable and staggering pace, family traditions are the antidote. Traditions come to be a constant in a child's life. They insulate against the chaos throughout the days and weeks by creating a "pause" that

allows children to feel comfortable and secure in the midst of an ever-changing world. Traditions can also serve as a safeguard in times of grief or change. The worry of moving to a new school or a new state can be reduced when a child knows that pizza night is still every Thursday or that Saturdays are still reserved for soccer in the park. This can be true even if the source of the change or discomfort come from within the family as in the case of divorce or death.

Family Traditions Support the Seasonality and Rhythms of Life

The passing of seasons, the cycles of the moon, and sunrise and sunsets are markers of time that live deeply within us. Honoring those rhythms with family traditions, both celebratory and ordinary, help ground children and provide them with a sense of peace and safety. Traditions revolving around the seasons in terms of holiday celebrations or a consistent bedtime routine serve the same purpose: it adds importance and meaning to the passing of time, while at the same time strengthening bonds and creating closeness. A steady rhythm throughout the day, week, months, and years creates signposts that children value and anticipate.

Family Traditions Reflect Your Family's Lifestyle

If your family wasn't steeped in tradition and you are feeling concerned about how to pass down or share cultural practices, not to worry; your traditions are whatever you make them. Start now by creating your own memories. A favorite family recipe followed by game night, an annual trip to the zoo or other local attractions, a camping trip, birthday celebrations at a special locale, service projects, or warm and loving bedtime routines are all traditions that will provide security and happiness now and guaranteed memories in the future. If you are hoping to celebrate heritage in a meaningful way that may not have been a part of your upbringing, turn to grandparents, encourage language and cultural studies, seek information and begin incorporating and honoring that important piece that ties children to their "tribe" and creates a connection with the past. Traditions provide wonderful lasting memories. They help create happy children and generous adults. Family traditions strengthen bonds, provide a strong sense of identity, and create a space for children to feel valued, safe, and loved. Family Traditions are wonderful way to celebrate life and the love that binds families together.

Remember to keep those stories alive....share them with your loved ones

Mother Cabrini Shrine

The Cabrini Chapel and Library will be available to view by appointment only and will conform to the State of California and Archdiocese of Los Angeles procedures regarding when we will be allowed to visit, proper masking, distancing and number of guests visiting each venue.

The Board is also looking into this year's annual Cabrini Mass and Pilgrimage on December 6th as a possible Virtual Event. Details will be announced in the near future.

Received News regarding an article entitled "St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Replaces Columbus in Colorado." The Article read: "On March 20, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed a law into effect that replaces the state's observance of Columbus Day in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Day." CNN reported: "This is the first paid state holiday recognizing a woman in the US."

The Chapel needs your support. Please spread the word regarding the following

Items for sale in the Chapel Gift Shop:

Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are still available for sale in English and Italian.

The Gift Shop also received copies of the Mother Cabrini book entitled

"God's Messenger, the Astounding Achievements of Mother Cabrini," by author 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. For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and help maintain the Shrine facility, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

Thank you for your continued support!
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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.

Please stay safe during these difficult times

God Bless!

Your Ways and Means Committee

Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: July 25, 2020		
Branch 135		Branch 374
Lynda Boone	Jennifer L Nunzir	Joel Wynton
Branch 237		Branch 379
Cyrus Wyatt Moore	Johnny Roa	Luke Joyce
Julieta Roa		

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.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani	Eva Stern
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David Biggio	Lorraine Iavarone

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Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani	Officers/Members of Santa Clara Valley District

HAPPY 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:	
John and Josephine Silva	Officers/Members of Br. 145

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND*:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Denise and Sal Campagna - members of Br. 28./Br. 184/Br. 435.

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 21 - Santa Cruz from their annual "No Bake Sale."

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 332 - Novato.

*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.

In Loving Memory

Deceased Members	
Report Date: July 26, 2020	
Irma Armas	Branch 007
Carl Rusca	Branch 010
Ron Siletto	Branch 026
Robin V Spohr	Branch 028
Helen E Bitter	Branch 032
Joe Bonanno	Branch 036
Vitina Pironi	Branch 036
Maria De Luca	Branch 115
Libera Morelli	Branch 115
Lucille Young	Branch 209
Edmund Mizia	Branch 218
Kenneth Waldvogel	Branch 227
Vinicio Tudoni	Branch 258
Mary Wynton	Branch 374
David R Millingar	Branch 390
Roger A Traina	Branch 390
June R Bianchi	Branch 403
Maria Caputo	Branch 403
Rev Msgr Joseph Milani	Branch 408
Barbara E Prete	Branch 443

Bishop's Days

Report date: July 25 2020	
Oct. 18th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Nov. 8th	Los Angeles Archdiocese

General Fund Donations

JoAnn Schiro	In memory of John Rossi
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Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: July 25 2020	
Branch 21	Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
Branch 48	In memory of I.C.F. Br. 4
Branch 127	Officers/Members of Br. 291
Branch 169	In memory of William Grogan
Branch 209	Sal and Denise Campagna
Branch 217	In memory of Domenic Norcia
Rosemary Janis	Sal and Denise Campagna
In memory of Edward Willmon	In memory of Kevin Clark
Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo	Sal and Denise Campagna
In memory of June Bianchi	In memory of John Rossi
Officers/Members of Br. 403	
In memory of June Bianchi	

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 21	Branch 408
Branch 48	Officers/Members of Br. 14
Branch 115	In memory of David M. Botta
Branch 127	Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
Branch 169	In memory of Vincent Cala
Branch 179	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Branch 209	In memory of Edward Willmon
Branch 217	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Branch 237	In memory of Maria Giampaoli
Branch 332	

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year	
Aldine Grisenti	Get well wishes for Gloria Garcia
A. Suzanne McMillin	In memory of John Rossi
Aldine Grisenti	In honor of the 90th birthday of Elsa Lavezzo
Mr. and Mrs. John Rusca	In memory of Carlo Rusca

2020 Gifts of Love Awards

Teresa Helfand, Gifts of Love Committee Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value in kindness, respect and helping others.

The Convention theme that was chosen this year "One Faith, Many Cultures" is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards.



As of the end of June, we have received \$661,755.76 in donations and granted awards of \$623,700.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program.

Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities.

We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work

with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

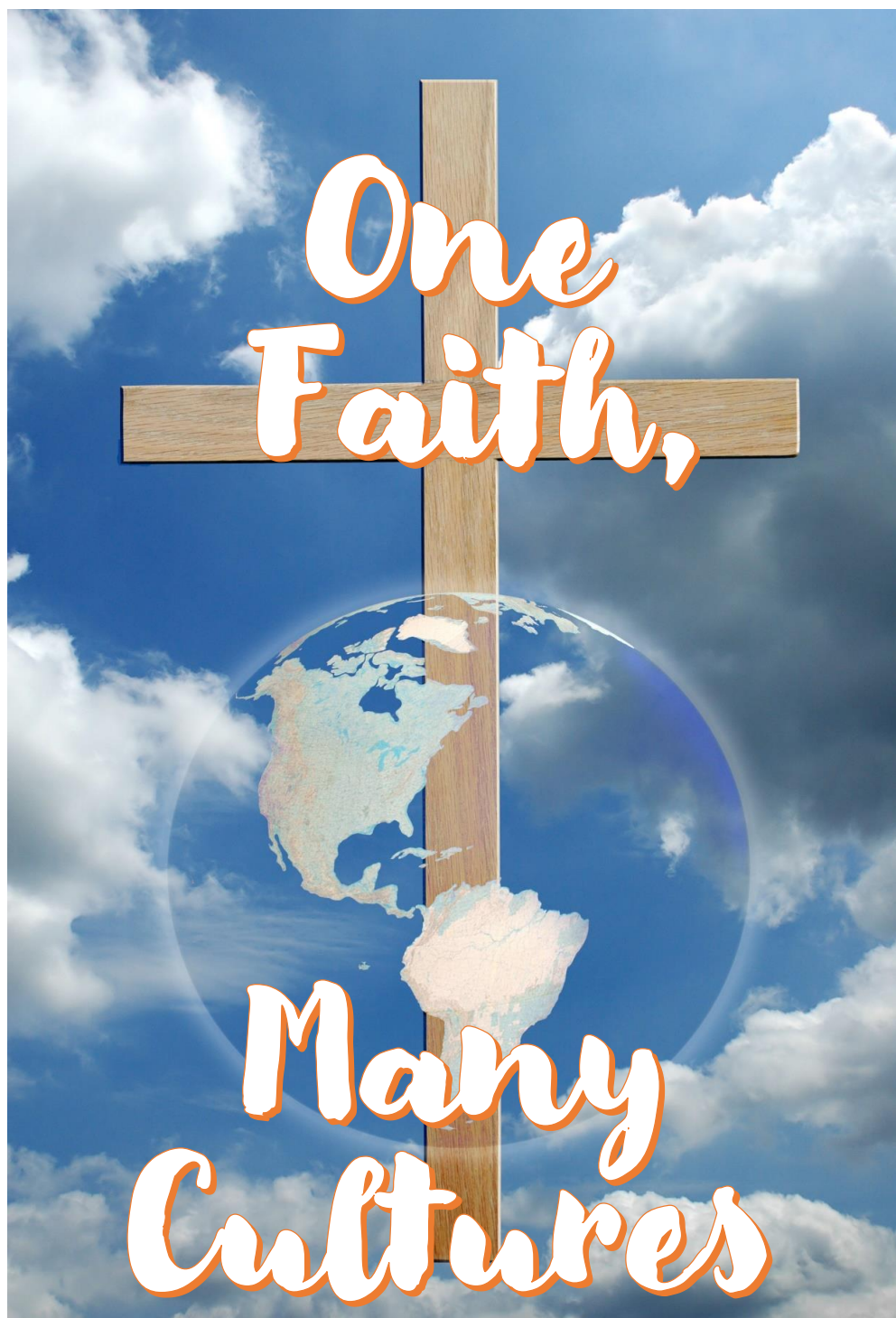
In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins.

The application form is available on the ICF Website (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

*God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand*



Italian Catholic Federation

Virtual Convention

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Links to each event, will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

11:00am **Memorial Mass:** Reverend Christopher Bennett, presiding

2:00pm **Interactive Session:** Open Forum with Central Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons – Email your questions in advance to rjarrett@icf.org to allow like topics to be combined. The Treasurer's report and Mentor Program update will be presented at this time.

6:30pm **Happy Hour:** Join your ICF peers at a 'Mask'uerade Ball. Briefly wear your favorite face mask for a chance to win a prize. More prizes will also be distributed as we pull the seven winners of our convention raffle. Participate with your household or consider having a social distancing party with your fellow members during our happy hour.

Workshops: Pre-recorded workshops will be posted on the ICF website and on our Facebook page for members to view.

Award Presentations: Our award recipients will be honored remotely. Their presentations will be available online.

Blood Drive: Make an appointment to donate blood between August 17 – September 4th: American Red Cross: 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) Vitalant: 877-25-VITAL (258-4825). All blood donors will be entered into a raffle.

Yearbooks: Each branch will receive a yearbook by mail. Additional copies will be available for \$25, which includes shipping.

Charitable Donations: Donations to Cooley's Anemia, Scholarships, Gifts of Love and the Providenza Seminary Fund may be mailed to the ICF office. Donation cards are not required. You may indicate the occasion and the honorees name on a separate sheet of paper. Donations will be recognized in the Bollettino.

All are welcome. Please join us.

Nick Jordan Bringing Water to Africa

Perry Shurko, Central Council member, LA District President and President of Branch 362

It was November 28, 2008 when Nick Jordan saw the need for clean water while he was in Uganda.

A year later, the first wells were built. In 2018, the Kingdom of Buganda signed a memorandum of understanding with Wells of Life, affirming their common goal of bringing clean water to the Bu-luui, Kooki, and Mawogola counties of Uganda where the water concerns are the most severe. It was also in 2018 where the Honorable Charles Peter Mayiga, the Prime Minister of Buganda, met Nick Jordan, and discussed the consequences of the inaccessibility to clean water. Their goal is to have clean water for all of Uganda by 2038.

As of July 2018, Wells of Life has drilled over 385 wells in Uganda. Each well costs \$6,000 and includes drilling, maintenance, and repair costs. The wells are personalized with plaques containing information about the donor. Prior to the installation of a well, Wells of Life and its partners, help local communities prepare for the responsibilities of operating the well, including teaching local villagers how to maintain and repair the well, as well as money management techniques to save for any repairs. Additionally, Wells of Life educates the community where it drills

on how to use their clean water safely and effectively.

I first heard about Wells of Life when Sr. Joan Hogan of the Holy Faith Sisters, and an Ambassador of Wells of Life, spoke at the Masses at my parish of St. Raymond in Downey. Our parishioners were so moved that the second collection went to Wells of Life and we were able to donate a well. On top of that, two other parishioners each donated a well.

Then in February of this year at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, a gentleman named Peter Callahan stopped by the ICF Booth and wanted to know who we are and what we do. I noticed he was wearing a Wells of Life shirt and told him about Sr. Joan and my parish. He was very excited to hear about our donations. As we continued deeper into our talks, Pat Mages, Carmelo Sabatella and I knew we needed to get Peter on board with the ICF.

Well, it worked and he joined our new National Branch on the spot. It was at that moment that I knew I needed to nominate Wells of Life for our Pope St. John XXIII award and I'm also happy to announce that Wells of Life was voted as the winner during the last Central Council Zoom meeting.

Congratulations to Nick Jordan, Peter Callahan and to Sr. Joan Hogan and thank you for all that you and your staff do to bring clean fresh water to those who don't have it and may we be thankful and realize how lucky we are to have clean water at our disposal.

Those of us in California know how precious and vital water is. May we never take it for granted again.

Perry Shurko, Central Council member, LA District President and President of Branch 362.



July Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Ezio Sansoni	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/2	Irene Zeus	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
7/3	Jerry Delfino	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/4	Anne Madej	91	Hayward, CA	\$100
7/5	Kathy Acquistapace	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
7/6	Natalie Steele		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/7	Isabelle Reynolds		Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/8	Maria Di Battista	380	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
7/9	Joel Wynton	374	Pasadena, CA	\$30
7/10	Louise Vento	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/11	Miranda Spallino		Chico, CA	\$30
7/12	Nick Rago	352	Alamo, CA	\$30
7/13	Jan Mantel		Modesto, CA	\$30
7/14	Linda Wright		Burbank, CA	\$100
7/15	Barbara Pybas		Salinas, CA	\$30
7/16	Cookie Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
7/17	Robert Roxere		Lakeside, CA	\$30
7/18	Emilia Talerico	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
7/19	Bonnie Lally	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
7/20	Christine Carew		Corte Madera, CA	\$30
7/21	Sharon Yannetti	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
7/22	Manuel & Della Rodriguez	111	Pico Rivera, CA	\$30
7/23	Mike Pettit	169	Ventura, CA	\$30
7/24	Branch 127		Petaluma, CA	\$30
7/25	Trish Putkey	342	Lincoln, CA	\$30
7/26	Kay Waldvogel	227	Soquel, CA	\$30
7/27	Su Kladstrup	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/28	Tony Spagnolo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/29	Heidi Morgan	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/30	Linda Fabry	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
7/31	Jeanette De Witz	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30

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August Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	June Sohn	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/2	Fr. Joe Gordon	28	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
8/3	Mike Renzi	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/4	Chris Grisafe		Mentone, CA	\$30
8/5	Branch 308		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/6	Mike & Katha Merucci		Scottsdale, AZ	\$30
8/7	Loreen Kathrein		Las Vegas, NV	\$30
8/8	Ricardo Rendon		Los Banos, CA	\$30
8/9	Dan Marshall		Mill Creek, WA	\$30
8/10	Marie Yuraska	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
8/11	Frank De Eceza	418	Park Ridge, IL	\$30
8/12	Margaret De Rango	161	San Rafael, CA	\$30
8/13	Enza Agrella	439	Schiller Park, IL	\$30
8/14	Nancy Souza	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
8/15	Andi Cassen-Bowen		Santa Rosa, CA	\$50
8/16	Elizabeth Tew		Gardena, CA	\$30
8/17	Antoinette Marsello	1	Burlingame, CA	\$30
8/18	Rina Cassanega	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
8/19	Jim Rossi		San Jose, CA	\$30
8/20	Dolores McCartney	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
8/21	Jackie Smith	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
8/22	Pamela Andersen	342	Penn Valley, CA	\$30
8/23	Raymond Doorack	214	Concord, CA	\$30
8/24	Philip & Sydney McDermott		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/25	Daria Stark		Folsom, CA	\$30
8/26	Suzanne Peterson	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
8/27	Jan Lorenzi		Merced, CA	\$30
8/28	Maria J. Pricola	308	Fresno, CA	\$100
8/29	Lanny Amper	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
8/30	Paula Re	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
8/31	Judy Mattias	352	Danville, CA	\$30

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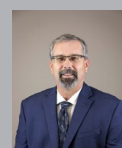


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On behalf of the entire Colombo Construction Team, we would like to thank Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for his continued commitment, dedication and generous support toward local charitable works. Congratulations on your 41 years of service milestone. Thank you for your many years of loyal service!!!

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(L-R) Matt, Bill, Dan & Joey Duggan

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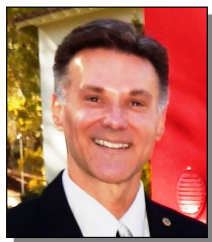


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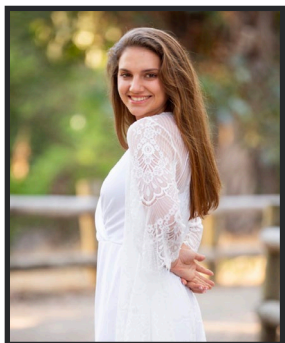
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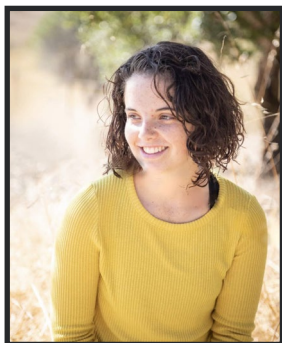
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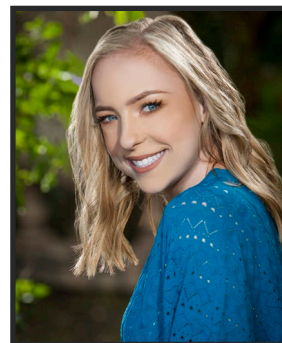
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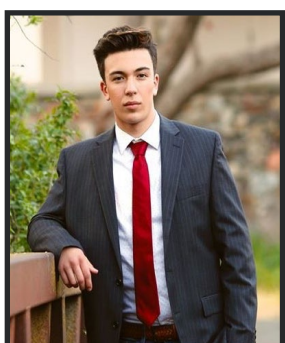
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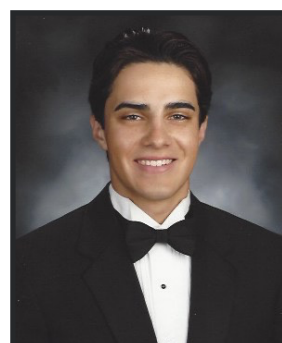
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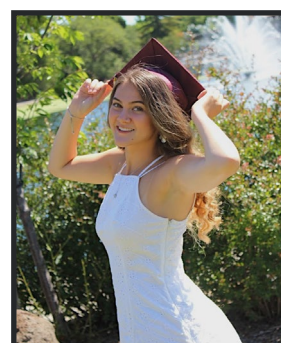
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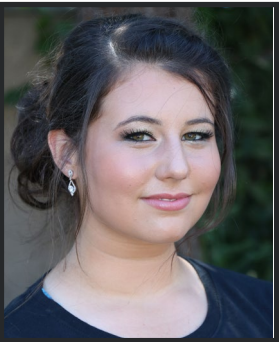


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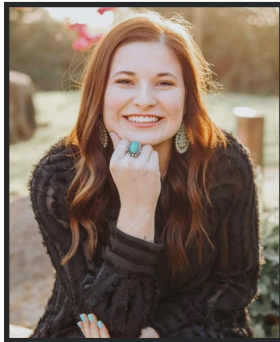
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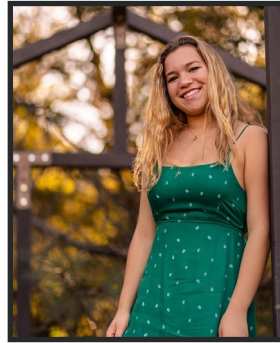


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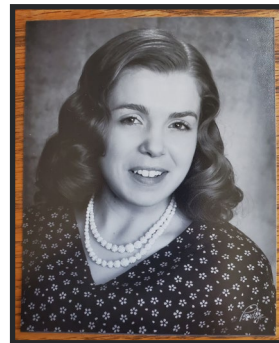
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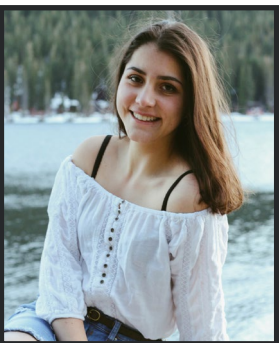


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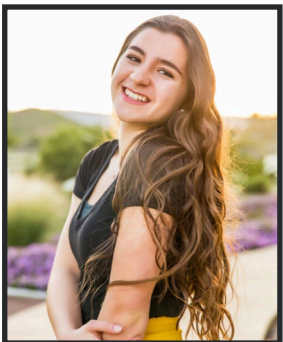


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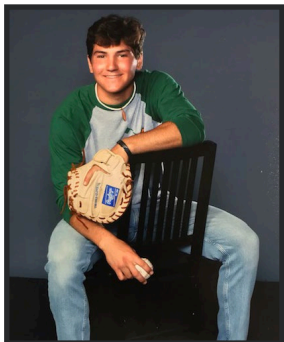


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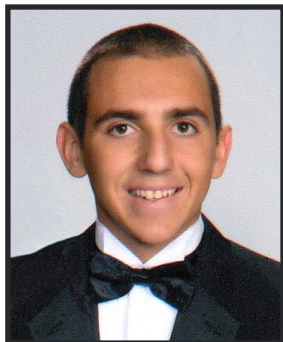


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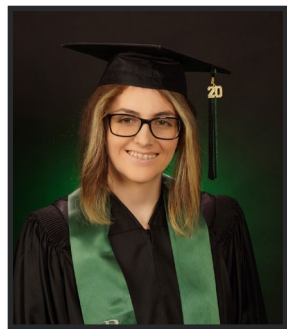
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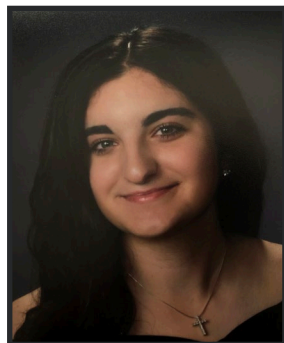
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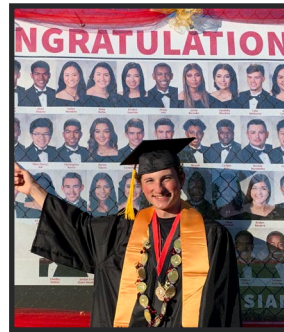
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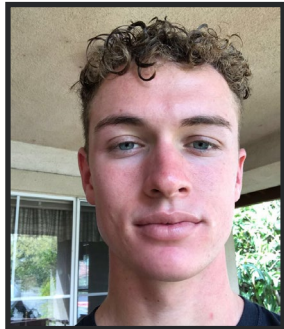
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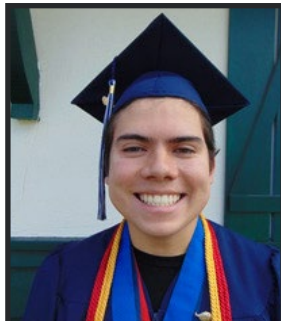
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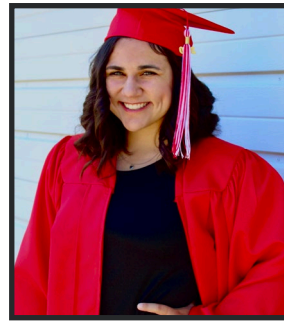
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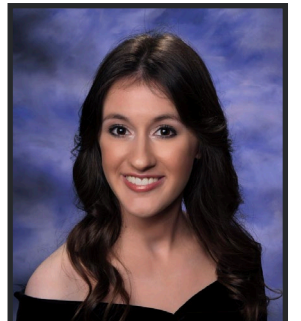
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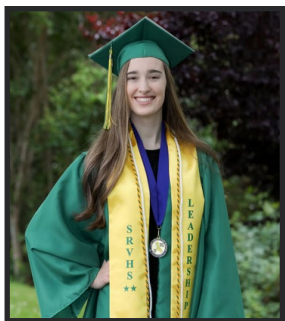
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The annual convention raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes.

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.



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In 1982, Cooley's Anemia was adopted as the official ICF National Charity. Branches in the Federation all fundraised to send funds to Dr. Hyman at Cedar Sinai in Los Angeles, headquarters for research and treatment at that time. Tours were formed and many ICF members were able to see first-hand where our funds were being used. Madeline Vinci, Los Angeles District President, named Louis (Luigi) Sabatella of Branch 108, Holy Family, South Pasadena, as Chairman of the Cooley's Anemia Drive in the Los Angeles District.

Luigi, set out to raise money for Cooley's Anemia research, because he couldn't believe that there was no help for the little children he saw at Cedar Sinai Hospital! For 29 years, the Sabatella home was opened up to ICF members and friends where the Sabatella family, Branch 108 members and other Los Angeles District branch members hosted the Annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ. To date, over \$40,000 has been donated from this event to help with research. Luigi passed away 18 years ago, but the family kept his and his wife, Ines', wish alive. Ines passed away in 2016 and their children continue the tradition. This year will mark 33 years. To date, over \$40,000 has been donated from this event to help with research.

Please consider making a \$25.00 virtual reservation as if you were attending the event by July 29th. This way we can continue to support this worthwhile cause and keep Luigi and Ines' wish alive.

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For 33 years we will have come together to help support this wonderful cause. Let's keep up the good work.



2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship Winners will be announced in the October issue.

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 millions of visitors over the last decade.

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

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Dear Members:

Please note: August and September—No activity planned as of now due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Congratulations to our member, Isabella Cresci, who graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory. She will be attending University of Nevada, Reno in the Fall. She is very thankful for the ICF Scholarship she was awarded in memory of Lola and Sam J. Parrinello provided by Jean and Bob Segale.

Stay Healthy!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Hoping everyone is well.

To those celebrating Birthdays in August and September - we wish you many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember to return your raffle tickets. Thank you.

Our sincere sympathy to Rose Tudoni and her family. Vince Tudoni was an active member of our Branch for 49 years. He was always willing to help when needed. We had some happy times with Vince at our meetings and he will be greatly missed by our members. God bless you, Vince.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

It will be so nice when we can get together again for our meetings.

Miss all of you.

Ciao, Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO
Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Well, the restrictions have lasted longer than we had hoped but they enable us to practice patience and to be thankful we do not have the virus.

Many of our members and some Officers have attended Zoom meetings. For those who do not, our President advises us via our monthly newsletter on pertinent details

It was decided to ask our membership to donate \$10.00 as a one time donation to

help alleviate branch expenses through the end of the year. A form was attached to our July newsletter.

Also, the raffle stubs along with the money should be sent in before July 15, 2020 to President, Dorene Campanile. A raffle will still be held even though the annual convention has been cancelled. Our Branch does get to keep \$10.00 from each \$20.00 group of tickets sold.

Our church has resumed Masses and many of us are still watching the streaming of the daily Mass. It is not as good as being there and receiving Communion in person but glad it is being offered.

For all of our ill members of our Branch we are keeping you in our prayers: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Jack Sherratt, John and Jean Waterson's daughter who is awaiting a liver transplant and Fred and Melani Yeager's grandson who has Brain Cancer.

Also, former members of our Branch Art and Jackie Renteria need our prayers as good news Art is breathing on his own but a long road ahead for him.

God bless,

Roz Emery

MARIN
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161

We hope everyone continues to be well as we keep up with the quarantine. I know we are all weary of keeping our distance, covering our faces, washing our hands in hopes that it will end soon, but looks like it will go on for some time. So, in the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

If you like to do jigsaw puzzles, go to: thejigsawpuzzles.com. They are free and have the best selection beside a puzzle of the day.

Please continue to pray for our sick members especially Lois Pieri, and hope that everyone will be back to good health real soon.

There will be no monthly meetings until further notice.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

When I left Arizona after last year's convention I never thought in my wildest dreams that anything would disrupt the 2020 convention scheduled for the Orange District. Well, here we are, convention weekend and nothing is as we expected it to be, a virtual convention! Even though the Covid-19 virus keeps us physically apart, we as an organization will never be apart. We are "One Faith, Many Cultures." I would like to con-

gratulate all of this year's award winners, raffle winners, blood donors and all of those who helped put this year's convention together. To the members of the Orange District, we all looked forward to being in Garden Grove this weekend. It looks like we will have to try it again in a few years. As for the rest of this year's planned events - Bishop Banquet, Cabrini Pilgrimage and the Cooley's Christmas Party, I have no news to give at this time.

On August 8th, Archbishop Gomez ordained 8 men into the priesthood. Congratulations to our new priests! Let's keep praying for priestly vocations and for all of the men in the Seminary.

Here's to a successful 2020 convention and to next year's convention in San Jose.

God Bless. Perry Shurko, LA District President.

Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67

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

Also continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of this crisis.

If you know someone who may be interested in joining ICF Branch 67, please have them go online to ICFNationalBranch67.org and sign up. We are a virtual branch and would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online. Covid-19 is a challenge and an opportunity to understand what is important in each of our lives. ICF may be just the place for you as we are culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Friendship and Food.

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.

Keep safe and Stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President

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South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

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Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a fun, safe and healthy summer! Happy Birthday to all the members who celebrate their birthdays in August and September. Tanti Auguri a tutti.

Two St. Benedict School students won the ICF's Phillip Pace Jr. \$400 scholarships. Chiara Sorce and Maya Bernard were among the 8th grade students who submitted essays about a current or past Italian American person who has made a significant impact or contribution to the USA. The ICF scholarship is named in loving memory of Phillip Pace Jr. who died at a young age and is the son of our members Phillip and Phyllis Pace. The scholarship committee reviewed, judged and evaluated applicants based on their GPA and essay. Chiara Sorce will attend Ramona Convent Secondary School and Maya Bernard will attend Bishop Amat High School. Congratulations to Chiara and Maya. We wish them success during high school and in the future.

Since we still are not able to meet in person, our August General Meeting will be a Zoom meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m. Our September General Meeting, unless things change, will also be a Zoom



Meeting and scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Look for our August and September Br. 111 Newsletters with all the details about joining us at our Zoom meetings.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A presto.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone



Chiara Sorce -ICF 111-Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship



Maya Bernard - ICF 111 - Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship



Br. 115 member MaryAnn Bradford

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

We hope everyone and their families are doing well during these trying times.

Updated guidelines from Archdiocese has changed the way we can attend mass. As of this writing mass at Mary Star of the Sea is being held outdoors in parking lot. Please check your local parish website for mass information. At 9 a.m. Annual mass for St John Joseph of the Cross is tentatively set for August 22. We will notify members if mass will go on as planned. Dinner dance has been cancelled.

This year's convention will be virtual and the annual raffle is still on. If you have received a book of tickets, please sell as many as possible. This is a great contactless fundraiser for our branch especially since we don't know when we can resume meetings or fundraisers. \$10.00 stays with our branch.

Longtime member Mary Deluca mother of Carmela Colonna has passed away. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Please stay safe, healthy and pray that we will be together again soon.

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

Hope everyone is having as good of a summer as possible under these very unusual circumstances. There is only one item to report and that is the passing of Ed Mizia. Ed was a longtime member along with wife, Rosemary, and was very active in the branch for many years. Our condolences to the Mizia family.

The board has not met yet so no decisions have been made as to what the branch is able to do. We do know that the hall will not be available to us for the rest of the year because of the school-children using it. Jerry has several ideas which we will discuss at the meeting.

Everyone keep cool and stay positive. This too shall pass. Lolly M.



Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva with wife 1st Vice President, Anna Di Leva enjoying outdoor dining downtown San Pedro.



Br. 237, Natalie De Rosa, scholarship awardee.

Gardena St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Branch 237 is sheltering in place, using e-mail and snail mail to communicate. Our district is doing the same and utilizing Zoom technology as well. It is a very different world!!! Our Pastor has begun to have parking lot masses, only 100 cars for each service. It is broadcasted over the radio and has been well attended.

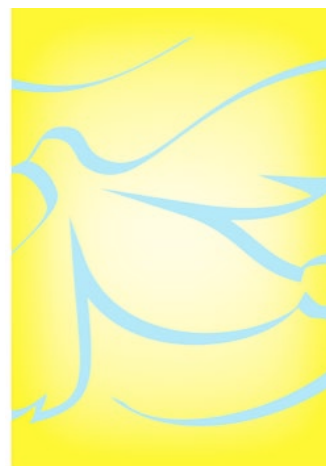
Our Branch was pleased to present (4) scholarships for high school students to further their Catholic education. From our home Parish of St. Anthony's awardees were, Daniel Islas and Lynette Molina who will be attending St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy and Nayeli Uribe who will be attending Junipero Serra High School. Natalie De Rosa, from our neighboring Parish St. Catherine's, will be attending Bishop Montgomery HS. Natalie is the grandniece of Angie Publico, Past President and Charter Member, the college scholarship was also awarded to Sofie De Liva in her memory. Congrats to all and best wishes for a great future.

Looking forward to the convention and all that it can be. Stay safe, stay the course and be well.

"Dear Padre Pio, From your place in Heaven, please petition the Lord Jesus to watch over, bless and protect me, my family and all my loved ones....."

Respectfully,

Connie Bohannon, President



Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

It's mid summer and we would be getting ready for convention, but not this year. With the virus numbers up the in-person convention was cancelled.

We have been back on stay at home orders, no dine in service and no ICF meetings. It's hard planning for the future but I am still knitting hats for CHLA even if we don't have a party. This is making me happy. I hope all of you find something to make you happy in these times.

I'm still watching mass from home for awhile with all of you in my prayers .

Stay Safe and stay home when possible
God bless all

Andrea Linn

Pres Br 319

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Greetings one and all. I hope that everyone is staying safe and keeping healthy. It's been a wild ride and who knows where it's going to go or end. Well, convention weekend is upon us. It's not quite what we expected, but sometimes great things come out of the unexpected. "One Faith, Many Cultures" is this year's theme. Our branch is a great example of that. We have members from many backgrounds. Apart from Italians, we have members who are Ukrainian, Cuban, Irish, German, Argentinian, Japanese, Mexican and more.

With Autumn approaching we had many events scheduled, but with all that is happening all of our events are cancelled as of now. Let's hope and pray that this virus can be eliminated soon so we can all get back to our normal lives. I look forward to being able to once again meeting in person and socializing with all of our members.

Stay safe, keep healthy. God Bless.
Perry Shurko Branch President

Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

While we have not been able to meet in person, our branch is still "meeting" via Zoom and other online services. We are actively supporting our local and national charities, including St. Vincent de Paul, seminarians, Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) and Gifts of Love.

We are open to new members, and always available to chat. Call Maria Di Battista at (818) 599-6917 if you need any information.

Gifts of Love is a program supporting people with special needs and is open to all. You do not need to be an ICF member or Italian. For more information on this program, please contact Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623.

God bless and keep you all safe.

OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

We have had 2 successful Zoom district meetings since my last contact with you, 4 out of 5 branches were able to attend both meetings. Branch #285 reported that they were able to hold a meeting on Zoom with 14 of 30 members attending. We are trying to make things work.

As reported before, the Convention will be virtual, on Saturday, Sept. 5th; there will be a Memorial Mass and a workshop. Of course, the raffle will take place, so keep selling those tickets to earn money for the branch treasury. Central Council members will continue to serve without any election.

Contra Costa will join with the East Bay district on Bishop's Day. Hopefully all Spiritual Bouquet and Apostolic information has been submitted.

Your prayers are requested for Fr. Tom, pastor of Our Lady of Grace, who is at the Mayo clinic being treated for cancer. Also please include Mgr. Milani in your prayers, he passed away recently.

The following is a prayer from the 4th Century for those who are suffering from the Coronavirus, those who care for them and those suffering materially and mentally from economic distress.
O Lord God of compassions, stretch out your hand and grant that all the sick may be healed.

Grant them to be counted worthy of health! Free them from the sicknesses that lie upon them!

Let them be healed in the name of your Only-Begotten.

May His holy name, Jesus, be to them a medicine for health and soundness.

Amen

Til after the convention, Ciao,

Pat Grasso,

District Sec.

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We have awarded Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships to three graduates of the Catholic elementary schools in Alameda. The recipient from Saint Joseph Elementary School is Alexis Dollar. The recipients from Saint Philip Neri

School are Adriana DeMeo and Edward LeGaux. Alexis and Edward will remain in Alameda and attend Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School, while Adriana is entering Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. Each scholarship is in the amount \$500.00

Carl Rusca, a former president of Branch 10, died on June 11. Carl became a member of Branch 10 on his 16th birthday, August 11, 1948, the first day on which he was eligible to join. He served as president from 1954 to 1958. He is survived by seven sons, 12 grandchildren and 17 great and great-great children. He was born in Oakland

in 1932 and resided and worked in the East Bay for his entire life.

We have welcomed two new priests to our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip-Saint Albert the Great. Our new pastor, Father Joseph Pathiyil, comes to us from Hawaii. Our new parochial vicar, Father Joel Jores, had served in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Father Robert Kennady Chinnapan, our former pastor, has returned to his native India and is taking a sabbatical. Father Anthony Madanu, our former parochial vicar, has travelled 20 miles south of Alameda to Fremont, where he is assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Happy August! I hope this month finds you all healthy and happy as we look forward to a return to normalcy in the weeks and months to come. It has been nice having extra time to spend with our families during this challenging time.

DID YOU SAY FESTIVAL?? We are still hoping to hold our Branch 215 Heritage Festival as soon as it is safe and practical at Corpus Christi Church in Fremont. We will be planning on some Italian delicacies, Italian games/sports, Italian music, family stories, and MORE! Call James McGee (510) 676-7337 for more information...

Special prayers for all the first responders, military, health care workers, and essential business workers during this difficult time. God bless you all and thank you all for making it work in the face of danger and adversity.

Always remember, maybe "I" can't do it, but "we" can do it, together! As our ICF motto states (from the book of St. Luke) "Ignem Veni Mittere" - "I have come to light a fire!" Good luck to the Federation as the first virtual convention will take place in September!

Dio ti benedica,

James Francis McGee

Vice President

Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

We hope everyone enjoyed a Happy 4th of July as we celebrated as a nation! Even though it was difficult to be with family and friends, I hope each of you enjoyed the weekend doing alternative celebrations.

We especially celebrate all the first responders who are tirelessly taking care of the thousands of cases of the virus and to their families who are also sacrificing much.

We had a good outcome from our last month Zoom meeting so we will do that again on July 17th for our business/social meeting. We really miss seeing each other monthly, but this is a fairly good alternative. Even though we haven't

been able to have a fundraising event, we are happy that we can still fulfill our commitment to send in our seminary bursar. Our Apostolate chairman, Philomena Buonsante, is in the process of completing our report and it will be sent to Central Council and then on to the bishop. Happily, our members have accumulated many hours of service to our parishes and communities.

We lift up in prayers our members who are struggling with health issues, feeling isolated and the many who have concerns about their income, job security and the uncertainty of what is to come. We pray that God will give us the strength to face tomorrow.

Have a nice summer!

Until Next Time, Ciao

Judy Bates

Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Still no meetings as we keep going in and out of SIP. However, we have had a request for a transfer to our branch by Ann-Barbara and Duane Connor, welcome, hope to meet you soon.

Two sad news reports for our members. The first is that our Pastor, Fr. Tom, is at the Mayo Clinic, near his family, being treated for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers. Number two is that, our President, Mike Miraglia, has had to close his catering business. He was looking forward to having it for two more years before turning it over to his cousin, but Covid-19 made that not possible. Not that Mike or his family is ill, just the business. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers.

Keep selling those raffle tickets, we need the money since we have not been able to have any fundraisers. Watch for more information on the virtual convention happening on Sat. Sept. 5th.

In the meantime, try to stay healthy; wear your mask, wash those hands and keep your distance!

Hope to see you soon,

Pat Grasso,

Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Happy Summer Everyone! Here is the latest news from the Contra Costa District for the last months of summer.

Our district is giving a second year scholarship this year. The Central Council scholarship committee has competed the judging. They have listed the student's name and photograph in this *Bollettino*

A big thank you to all eight of our branches, for submitting their Apostolic reports. We had one hundred percent participation!

The Oakland Diocese Bishops day will be hosted by the East Bay District. More information will be forthcoming.

Our next District meeting will be held

in October. The meeting date, time and location will be emailed to all.

Please continue to pray for our Apostolic chairperson Roger Van Maren who is suffering from pancreatic cancer.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let us pray for all those whose labor is vital to our society especially in this time of pandemic. And let us also remember to pray for the many people who have lost jobs and businesses during this crisis and pray that our leaders will be able to lead our country and our world back to economic health.

Diana Letizia Mackinson

Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

In Martinez, where peaceful protests and antagonists made national news, a prayer rally was organized by conference call with 95 participants nationwide who prayed simultaneously while the march commenced. We believe Our Lord heard us storm heaven with many praying for peace. Thousands were expected, businesses boarded-up anticipating vandals, and extra law enforcement present. Only about 1,000 people walked to protest and there were reports of few agitators, but nothing came of their ill attempts. It was a miracle that all remained peaceful under the circumstances. We made a difference. The power of prayer! Let's continue to protect each other with prayer and personal protective equipment.

Our family wants to thank Teresa and Bob for the nomination, those who furnished letters for the Family of the Year award packet, and the committee for identifying us as this year's recipient. In a year that's been riddled with anxiety, separation, sickness, and worry, our branch welcomed this good news. It's an award that we share with members and friends—our family—who have given us the continuous support needed to maintain the branch all these years.

We do what God has called us to do. We show up. We put one foot in front of another. We have no idea what God has in store for us; but He needs us.

He needs all of us ready and willing.

In the words of St. Pio, "*Do your best to conform always and in everything to the will of God. This is the sure path to heaven.*"

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook



Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

Due to the current sheltering and social distancing guidelines, we weren't able to hold the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner this year. Profits from these dinners represent our main source of funding. Without them, we cannot



I just returned from Crockett and wanted to share photos from their drive-thru BBQ.



Members helped make our 1st Drive thru BBQ a success. Congratulations, Crockett Br. 14. We will survive!!!!



Our outside crew making the Drive Thru BBQ for Crockett Br. 14 a success. Great job !!



ICF Crockett Br. 14 members packing biscottis for our Drive Thru BBQ. Covid Regulations complied.

support our designated charities, community donations, scholarships, and other important branch activities. (Our annual dues keep our heads above water, but we're getting close to needing a snorkel!) With that in mind, the Branch Officers put their heads together to explore fundraising options. The consensus was to do what we do best – just in a different way.

The result? Our first ever 'Drive Thru BBQ Special' on July 24th. As of this writing, the dinner had not yet taken place, but the word had gone out and the reservations were coming in! The idea was that diners would reserve their dinners in advance, and then drive up to the Crockett Boy Scout Hall to pick up a complete meal featuring Johnny V's World Famous Tri Tip, accompanied by delicious baked beans, fresh coleslaw, corn-on-the-cob, a dinner roll with butter, (and maybe a special treat). All of this for the bargain price of \$20. No extra charge for the smiles and friendly conversation. A big thank you goes out

to everyone involved in the planning, organizing, cooking, baking, serving, cleaning, and supporting of this event!

We hope that everyone is happy and healthy, and we look forward to seeing you all once we have the green light to gather again in person (hopefully very soon!).

Blessings, ~Helen

PITTSBURG San Domemico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Since many of you do not want to meet in person and many do not zoom, We will move forward with phone meetings. I will send you a toll free number. I will give you the date and time to call. You would call the number. Then will be asked to enter a code number. Which I will give you, Once you dial the code number, you will hear me. I will run our meeting and you will be able to hear each other talk. The ICF offers this free service.

We need to pray for a miracle. I say that because experts are saying that a vaccine for covid will not work. They say there has never been a vaccine that worked on any corona virus. Our prayer should be that this time a vaccine will work. We should pray for the sick and for those who have lost jobs. As Catholics, we know the power of prayer.

The Oakland A's baseball team canceled Italian Night. Will look forward to going next year. Always a fun evening.

Save the Date: On Saturday September 5. The ICF will have a mini virtual convention. The memorial Mass will be live streamed at 11:AM. There will be an open forum later in the day. There will also be a happy hour in the evening at which the raffle will take place. There will be taped workshops and taping of award presentations. This is open to all. Contact Patty for information.

Remember to stay in contact. Take turns calling or emailing each other.

That is all for now, As we say in Pittsburgh, Sempre Avanti.

Love to all,

Patty

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Happy Summer Everyone! Our branch has been on "vacation" during July as usual, and now we are gearing up for some fun activities in the coming months. We hope everyone is doing well, staying cool and staying healthy!

We are planning to have an anniversary fundraiser in some form or other in September. We are also hoping our pastor will allow us to have an in-person meeting soon on the grass in front of the church as we do for Sunday masses. We are grateful to be able to meet for Eucharist every week in a safe way outdoors on our parish campus.

So far, we do not know if we will be able to meet for meetings in the same way. If not, we will plan a Zoom meeting again! You will find out via email in the next few weeks.

Please pray for our members who are ill: Roger Van Maren who is dealing with cancer, and Teri Hurlbut who recently had hip surgery. Our prayers continue for an end to this pandemic, for those who are sick with Covid 19, for those who are caring for them, and for those who are suffering economically due to loss of jobs and businesses.

Diana Letizia Mackinson, President Branch 442

SACRAMENTO BLESSED SACRAMENT

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

Greetings,

Here is our next submission:

During these unprecedented times, our branch continues to pray for the world. We pray for an end to this virus and a return to our beloved activities. I don't know about you, but I sure miss seeing loved ones, attending mass, participating in ICF activities, seeing movies, traveling and eating at my favorite places. We also continue to pray for those who are sick with the virus or have lost loved ones to this virus. May God continue to watch over all our loved ones and keep them safe.

Since we have been unable to gather, we do not have much going on. We all continue to pray that we can get together soon and resume the activities we all love so much.

Please keep safe everyone. Our branch wishes our fellow ICF members and their loved ones continued health. We hope to be able to see you all soon.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor



Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

As restrictions were lifted in early June, our board members met for the first time in over 3 months.

It was wonderful getting together and seeing everyone in person. Among other things, we discussed how to best go forward with future branch meetings when we are given the go-ahead. Unfortunately, we'll have to put those plans on hold for now, as we find ourselves in tighter restrictions, once again.

Our President, Joe, has been busy selling Convention raffle tickets. He also got several of our past ICF presidents and leaders together to share ideas on how to make our organization better.

Several of our members have been doing God's work during this pandemic. Janet and Al Smith have provided over 100 meals for those in need. Vera Beine and Angela Di Grande continue making masks for our community. Bill Durborough, who is also head of Social Concerns, has continued to provide meals and needed supplies for the Gathering Inn. On that note, several of our members prepared a meal for the Gathering Inn on July 20th. All volunteers cooked in their own homes and Joe Aguilar collected and delivered the meals. Now, that's teamwork!

In closing, we want to thank Fr. German Ramos for serving as our Chaplain this past year. He will be greatly missed as he leaves St. Clare parish for his new assignment. We wish him many blessings!

Until next time...Ciao!

Anne Finn

Recording Secretary

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unfortunately, we all know now that our last meeting was cancelled. But let us have hope that we will see each other soon. I am awaiting notice from my superior's, OK? In the meantime, did we all have a happy 4th of July? I did even though it was spent alone with a mini b-b-q. Its OK! I accept the situation as it is knowing it will change soon. We will all be together soon and once again facing some challenges that we have discussed before but most of all we will be together!! The weather is great and for those who live in gated communities enjoy the pool!! I will as soon as I conquer the lingering effects of bronchitis.

I am looking forward to our next District Meeting and hopefully Bob will not have to mentor me. Such a great guy!!

In the meantime, please all stay safe and follow protocol.

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording Secretary

Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Check the parish website for updates as to the status of in-person Masses, etc. Fr. Sean will continue to record Mass on YouTube, also.

Thank you to everyone who purchased their Convention Raffle Tickets! We sold 61 raffle books! Here's hoping we have some winners. The tickets will be pulled during the ICF Virtual Convention Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 5. Log-in information is on the ICF website and I will be sending it out.

The officers are discussing ways to have events, this fall. Maybe, a drive-through polenta dinner. Several other branches have had drive-thru dinners and they've been successful.

Continue to read the monthly eblast for up-to-date information.

Good luck to our youngest members returning to school, whether in-person or with distance learning.

Please continue praying for an end to this pandemic. Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Two of our favorite smiles at St. Peter's are Raul and Kathy Arreguin! Always seated up front, two rows back on the far left, 9:30 a.m., Raul first meets and greets with his friend, Roger Schandel and Kathy is nearby with her friend Lori Schandel keeping their men semi-reverent before Mass begins. Raul pops into his spot beside Kathy who serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Roger beside Lori way in the back so as to take up his duty as an usher. Sometimes Raul joins him and sometimes he joins Kathy as an EM. (I think) I'm usually too busy getting ready for the next song so events tend to blur! What doesn't blur is how much I love and appreciate these two angels who do so much for the ICF. True, they disappear and travel to visit family leaving a gaping hole in our fun department, but, when they return there is great joy! Right now, Raul, is in for repairs and like Margaret Brown will be rehabilitating body parts so I'm sure that great smile will take the form of a grimace for a while.



Many of us have begun to venture out to Zini's for breakfast after Mass. Kathy joined us and I'm pretty sure that was "take out" for Raul that she was carrying M.J's relocating a daughter to Texas; Ken and Claudia are straddling

two homes but settling in beautifully to the new one. Pam is quilting and making Covid-19 masks. I see John and Dianne, Francesca and the Bovones just often enough to know they're well.

I can't wait to be able to get back to our meetings and events! It's going to be a challenge to stay safe with our hearts and minds wanting to mingle, but, with God's help, we'll make intelligent choices. I signed up for Bishop Barron's morning reflection on the Word and am continuing EWTN's daily Mass. The Pope said Mass this morning!!!

Stay well! I need you in my world!

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Prologue: Unfortunately, il mio Articolo to the Bollettino did not go to press so this is what I have written a month ago. Enjoy it!! I am allowed to write even more but at this point we are all holding our breathe!! Thanx, Nanette!!

At this moment I am realizing that tomorrow, 6-9, will be the 3rd Tuesday without a Board meeting for Sonoma #103. So far all of our Fundraising dinners have been cancelled. Perhaps July will bring some type of positive picture? Time for a haircut, at last? Mani's and pedi's will have to wait. Retail opening...slowly but surely.

Sopra di tutto, ho sbagliato la grammatica il mese scorso quando ho detto che Louise Vicino ed I siamo parentati. Ho scritto invece che SONO parentati. Mi dispiace...spero di vedere cugina mia presto in cucina mia. Va bene, Louise?

I am hoping that we will be able to have our Santa Rosa District Council Meeting on June 28th at St. Eugene. I am so looking forward to seeing all of you!

For those of you who want to get in touch with me my e-mail is Marilyn-sylvestri@comcast.net. Any ideas or suggestions I want to know. In the meantime, our Chantarelle pool is finally open to the residents here. "Water polo" has finally arrived, no not "Marco Polo" although I love that commercial!!

For the few of you who were fortunate enough to travel before the ban, please let me know. By the way, Ruselle Johnson was fortunate enough to visit Australia and I am still waiting to hear her commentary. Where are you Ruselle?

Any pertinent news will have to be delivered to our members of Br.103 by courier. Let us hope for a reunion soon!

Stay on board...

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording Secretary

Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I can't believe I am writing an article for the August Bollettino. This year is

going so fast. I know we are all tired of no meetings, no dinners, no activities for the branches in our Santa Rosa District. Staying in and going nowhere gets so tiring, but it is better to stay safe. So, until we can get together, be as busy as you can, wear your masks and keep your social distancing. Call someone who is alone and may need someone to think of them. A simple hello, how are you, thinking of you, can cheer someone and make their day.

There is still time to send in your donation for the bakeless cake sale to Margaret Cordrey, if you haven't done so. This is the only way we are making anything for our branch as we are not able to have our dinners.

A message from our President Lucy: She has asked me to extend her best wishes to all of you, and to thank you for your cooperation in sending in your donations. She asks you to stay safe and when we are able, we will have a meeting of the Branch.

Get well wishes to Margaret Cordrey, Roseanna Cresci and anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating.

Pray for our service people, the homeless, victims of crimes and our Country and the world. Pray that they find a vaccine to end this horrible pandemic we are going thru. Stay safe my friends.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this article on July 24th there are more questions than answers as to what we will do as a group together.

The Bishop's Day Mass and lunch scheduled for September 20th is really in doubt. Also, our fundraiser Polenta and Stew Dinner on October 3rd is a real question mark. But these events are minor as long as we stay safe and free from infection. Let us all continue to pray for an end to the virus and continued safety for our members.

President Bob Acquistapace talked to members of the Italian American Club, the Sons of Italy, and the Marin-Sonoma Italian Club and they all are in the same shape as us with no fundraisers, no meeting together and no specific plans for the future. We all hope to get back to normal soon.

President Bob also thanks those who purchased raffle books and hopes that at least one of our members is a winner.

Pray for all our ICF brothers and sisters and enjoy the Labor Day Weekend as much as possible.

Ciao,

Gail Bong-Azevedo

Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

The world certainly looks differently than it did just 6 short months ago. Today we are required to wear a face mask each and every time we go out in public, socially distance ourselves from others and clean and sanitize our hands often. Could we have even imagined this as we planned out our activities for 2020?!

Fortunately for many of us, we can communicate with family and friends via Zoom, Skype or Facetime. Although many who live in Senior housing have been on lockdown for months now; unable to have visitors or even take their meals with other residents. If you do not already do so, please check on your ICF friends and family who may be isolated even more than you are.

The Scholarship committee was fortunate enough to meet before the shelter in place order took effect. The winners of this year's scholarships are:

Sophia Bianchi – Analy High School, Ag Scholarship

Brenna Gossner – Analy High School

Haley Sheridan – El Molino High School

Gina Onofre-Abrego – El Molino High School

Congratulations to our scholarship winners. We wish them all the best as they head off to college; in whatever way they will be attending.

We were sad to learn of the passing of Lucille Young. She was our sunshine lady for many years, sending cards and notes to our members who needed cheering. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sending prayers to all our members that you stay safe and healthy during this time.

Ciao,

Sharon Vannetti

FRESNO

Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

As our diocese has once again closed for all masses following a temporary resumption in June, and all parish activities have remained closed since March, we continue to wait for the "green light" to return to our usual meetings and activities. This is most certainly an exercise in patience!

Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets for the cash drawing during the convention, it is likely this will be our only fundraiser for the year.

We were happy to receive the news that our nomination of Mabel Willmon for the Grand President's Award was approved. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furtherance of the goals of ICF. Mabel has faithfully supported

the ideals of ICF and lent her unfailing support to Branch 27 under the previous Mentor program. She continues to be a valued advisor to our club. The award is presented during the annual convention proceedings and comes with a \$500 donation to Mabel's choice of an ICF charitable program.

At the same time, we ask your continued prayers for Mabel and her family, as her son passed away recently, and for an end to the COVID 19 pandemic. Lastly, please pray for peace in this great country of ours. We are one nation under God.

Until we meet again, blessings to all.

Ciao,

Mary Keitz

Fresno St. Alphonsus, Br. 32

It has been a long time since we have been able to have a meeting. Hope this finds all of you and your families staying well and coping as well as possible during these difficult times.

Please pray for the soul of a long-time member, Helen Bitter, who passed away in June. Helen was a dear lady who helped at events for many years.

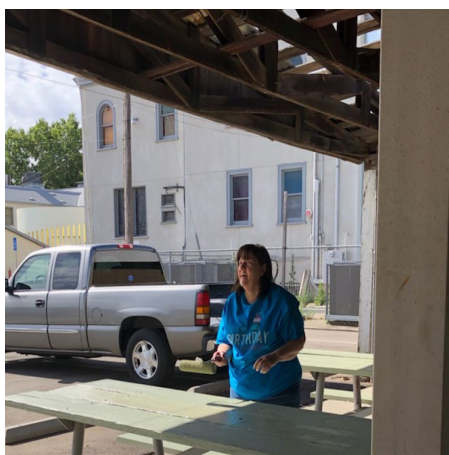
Richard Romagnoli and his crew (Monica, Paulette, Vicki and Elaine) worked very hard to paint the picnic tables and walls of the patio at St. Alphonsus. It looks great!

Reminder to get the raffle tickets back to Evelyn Lopez.

Pray for peace and wellness of all of us here on earth.

Paulette Volpa

Financial Secretary



Br. 32 Painting the picnic tables and walls of the patio at St. Alphonsus



Michael Belluomini, Merced Br. 39 President, read the first reading at St. Patrick's Church on June 21, during a Mass specifically for the ICF and YLI (Young Ladies Institute) when church services had temporarily resumed.



Frank Muratore, Merced Br. 39 member, read the second reading at St. Patrick's Church.

Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Sadly, we report the passing of three dear, supportive, and long-time members: Maureen Kolda, Maria Giampaoli and Doris Gonella. Please keep their families in your prayers.

It's strange not to be getting ready to go to our annual convention. Officers and committee members are to be commended and praised for their forging ahead planning a virtual one.

The past five years I was fortunate to be selected as a delegate. They are informative, enjoyable and fun. As a consequence of those conventions, my life has been enriched with my friendship with Mary Ann Piana-Chapman, President of Stockton Br. 395.

Last month in her Bollettino article she explained her history with ICF and charged the members to tell theirs. I'm taking her challenge.

Like Mary Ann, I've been connected to ICF since birth. My mother, Mary Albina Stefani-Lucich, was a member since 1936. (She died in 2015. A member for 79 years!) Growing up, the Bollettino was a staple in our home, though some of it was in Italian then. The ICF was her second home. She was very active and held offices and chairmanships. My aunt, Carolyn Stefani-Cugia, was a branch president. When she moved to San Francisco she transferred to Branch 38. Her husband Mario was a Grand President and friends with the two founders. I've been a member of Branch 258 San Francisco and now Merced, holding offices in both.

What is your history as an ICF member? When branch meetings resume, consider sharing it during Heritage. Buon compleanno to members with August birthdays!

Goditi il resto della vostra estate. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stephanie Lucich

Sanger Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Greetings from Sanger! Our St. Mary's church hall is still closed, and we have been unable to meet for several months now, but we have still been able to do a few things.

Our congratulations go out to our scholarship recipients from Sanger High School; Wendy Silva and Osvaldo

Ocedes were both awarded a \$500.00 scholarship. Both students are enrolled at California State University Fresno for the fall semester. We wish them good luck and good health in their educational pursuits.

Get well wishes are sent out to Silvana Campagna who is recovering from hip replacement surgery and Bob Merlo. We hope they continue to feel better!

May everyone continue to be healthy during this unprecedented time- keep washing your hands and wearing your masks!

God Bless

Orsolina Casella

Clovis Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Even though we've not been able to meet due to the infamous virus, we still have news to report.

Former long-time member Pat Caiazza passed away. Pat used to host an annual picnic and bocce ball event for Branch 250 for many years.

Belated birthday greetings to Carlene Christensen, Mary Fontes, Wes Johnson, Vince Jura and Rueben Silva. July celebrants are Fr. Robert, Madeline Conatser, and LeAnne Lavagnino. Angelo and LeAnne Lavagnino just celebrated their 61st anniversary. Angelo still claims LeAnne proposed to him.

We're glad to report that Doug Duke is recovering from knee surgery, and Vince Jura is on the mend after suffering a fractured arm. LeAnne's guardian angel must have been watching over her. She needed emergency surgery to remove blood clots from her lungs. She reports she feels much better.

Our Branch's 50th anniversary banquet was cancelled due to the virus. We hope to hold it in 2021.

Just wondering: what hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men? And, why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them?

Did you know, April 25 has a special meaning in Italy. It marks the day the allies liberated Italy in World War II.

Final thought: If you sow thistles you will not reap corn.

Ciao, Carolina Canloni

MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST

Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Hello, Tutti. It's time to check in again and see how you all are doing. We hope that you are staying healthy and have settled well into the 'new normal.' It is truly a difficult and uncommon journey and we ICF members are missing one another, but keep the faith. One day we will all be back together again.

This month we want to send out a big Happy Birthday to all our 90+ years-old ICF members. August is the month that we usually enjoy a celebratory luncheon, but unfortunately, not this year. However, we are putting together something special so that all 21 'Stars' are recognized. In the meantime, Happy Birthday to all our members who have reached 90 years in age and beyond! Brave!!

Please note, if you have not already been doing it, it is possible to 'attend' live stream mass at Holy Cross via their website at <https://holycrosssantacruz.com>. You may also make a reservation to physically attend mass on this website. Also, it has been decided that this year's ICF Convention will be available to 'attend' virtually. Simply go to www.ICF.org and directions will be available on how to get on board. You can watch all the goings-on from the comfort of your living room.

In closing, a comforting prayer during these trying times. *May there be calm in your heart, and may your heart soar with God's heavenly Grace.* Ron Baratonio.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Welcome Summer— may God bless you with some fun, relaxing days ahead with your family. Most important - stay safe and well!

Thank you, scholarship committee, for parking lot scholarship ceremony on May 30. Branch 36 awarded seven high school students with scholarships of \$1,000 each. And the Italian Heritage Society awarded each high school student an additional \$750. We also awarded two 8th grade San Carlos School students with an achievement award of \$500 each.

We are sad to report that Joe Bonanno passed away. He was a member for 9 years. Our condolences to his wife Beatrice and their family. Vitina Arancio Pironi also recently passed away; she was a member since 11-21-47. Our condolences to her sister Mary Manu-guerra and family.

We miss everyone at our events! Thanks to all for supporting us with our annual Convention Raffle fundraiser. Our branch keeps \$10 for every book of tickets we sell.

Stay healthy and take care,

Elaine Valentine

Financial Secretary

Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

In these trying times, we are happy to share some positive items.

Jim and Dottie Smith passed along the news that their daughter, Kara, received a grant from ICF's Gifts of Love for their 17-year-old grandson, Jesse, who has Cerebral Palsy. The grant is for a Treatment Table that sits about 1.5 feet off the ground. This will ease dressing Jesse and serve as a platform for his exercises. The Smith family is grateful for the generosity of ICF's Gifts of Love.

The \$1,000 Richard Robinson Scholarship was awarded to Isaac Santillan, a graduate of Soquel High School. He was presented with his award at Stewart's Floral on July 22. Many thanks to Beatrice Robinson for funding this scholarship in memory of her husband.

Perlino Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

Jacob Goswick, grandson of Bob and Mary Montonye

Amelia Robinson and Morgan Holstine, great-grandchildren of Don Robinson

Justin Armanino, Nick Armanino, and Dominick Armanino, Ryan Herrera, Jared Herrera, Grace Akers grandchildren of Andy and Tracy Armanino.

Katie Dunn, Max Schaeffer, Meagan Young, and Jillian Dunn, grandchildren of Bruce and Jean Dunn.

Melissa Martinez, daughter of Manuel and Magdalena Martinez.

Brooke Stow, granddaughter of Ellen and Gene Pauly.

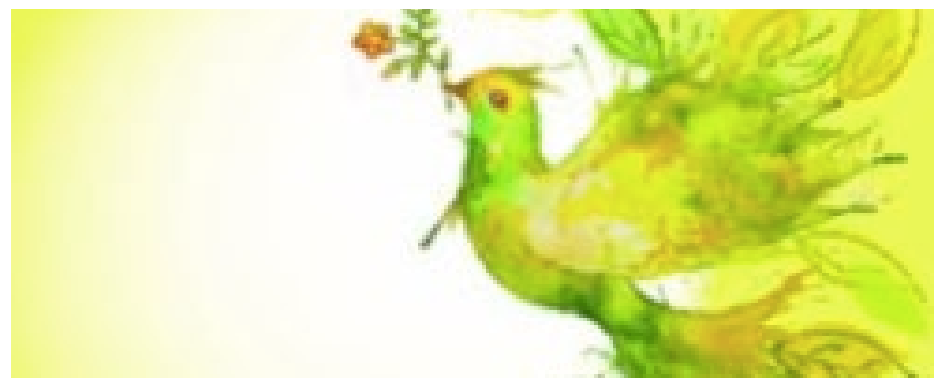
Cord Sabattini, grandson of Richard and Valerie Vote.

These awards deplete the Perlino Scholarship Fund. Over the past 16 years 204 scholarships totaling \$247,060 were given.

Welcome to Father Justin Bianchi who joined St. Joseph's parish on July 1 as Associate Pastor.

Happy Birthday to all our members who are celebrating birthdays in August.

Deanna Musler, Secretary



Branch 227 President Franklyn Lopes and Trustee Mary Montonye presenting the Robinson Scholarship to Isaac Santillan.

Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

At the beginning of this year high on my "2020 To Do List" was jam making for family and friends; and, of course, that would necessitate a yearly trip to the Sierras to harvest fall's bounty of wild gooseberries, elderberries and crabapples. In January, there was never an anticipation that a summer cabin wouldn't be available to rent and cook in because of a virus. Well, as we now know this odd-looking orb, this new Corona-19 virus, emptied St. Peter's Square by quarantine in March for the presentation of Pope Francis' "Urbi et Orbi". It has grounded airplanes, closed schools, shattered our economy, caused isolation and confusion, and tested our faith. Nightly reports of families and our dedicated medical personnel torn apart by sickness and death remind us that the cabin will be there next year, the bears, birds and chip monks will enjoy an extra helping of berries and apples—and time can be better spent thanking God for the blessings we do have—and asking our Father's protective love for our nation and our world.

Prayer changes things. Prayer makes things happen. Prayer transforms. Branch 354 sends our heartfelt prayers and well wishes to our ICF brothers and sisters at this time. We will get through this together!

Yvonne Maddalena

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SAN JOSE SANTA CLARA VALLEY

DISTRICT COUNCIL

We lost Msgr. Milani and another veteran of the Santa Clara Valley District, John Rossi (father of Mike Rossi (Marcie Rossi)). John & Donna Rossi were charter members of ICF Branch 391 St. Martins of Tours. I wonder how many people would know that Donna played the leading singing role in the "Song of Hiawatha Pageant" in Pipestone Minnesota?

Back in February, when they said that we would not open-up until July. I thought to myself that it could not be. Well guess what? It is August and no sign of a letup. Our tradition SCV District picnic and mass were all scrubbed. And countless branch fundraisers have all been cancelled. We need to rely on ingenious takeout meal setup that Tony & Alba's put together for Branch 391.

A small effort but at least in the right direction. We have now started to have masses in our Santa Teresa Church parking lot, but we must stay in our cars. Santa Teresa also offers daily Face-to-Face masses (Tuesday through Saturday) in Mary's Garden with limited numbers and all the social distancing and sanitizing protocols. Supposedly, we will move to the church proper sometime in July. And, the online streaming mass will continue Saturdays at 5:30 pm.

It should be interesting to see the outcome of the virtual ICF Convention that will be conducted in place of the actual convention. If it works, maybe a portent for the future?

During these times, I rely on 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".

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

Mike Nunziata



From left to right around table. Grandson Paul and wife Rocky, Anita's son Don and wife Sharon, friends Lolita and Bill Johnson, Great grandson-in-law Ed and great granddaughter Macela, Grandson Chris and wife Jill, friends Barbara and Roy Riccetti.

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

August 18, 2020 is a major milestone in Br. 28's Vanni family and matriarch Anita Vanni Zanardi as she reaches that signpost of 100 years young. Anita has been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation for 60 years. Anita first joined Mountain View ICF Br. 47 in 1959 and then became a member of ICF Br. 28 when moving to Gilroy. Anita and her extended family regularly attend Br. 28 events while annually her sons Dave and Don and family put on their signature annual dinner of pork loin and pasta with pesto.

Anita was born in the small town of Sere, near Genova Italy and came to the North Beach area of San Francisco at the age of two. Married Vincenzo Vanni at the age of 19 and had three children, Dave, Alice, and Don. The family moved to Mountain View in 1948 where Vincenzo and family grew cut flowers on their ten acres with Anita being an integral part of the family enterprise. She was married to Vincenzo Vanni for 33 years before his passing and to Andy Zanardi for 44 years. Anita and Andy spent a lot of time in the Lucca area and exploring most of Italy. Anita continues to live at home with the help of a wonderful caregiver. Anita has three children, 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Br. 28 wishes Anita a Happy, Happy Birthday and would also like to thank her for the matriarchal gift of a wonderful family that is so supportive of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Well we've finally done something I thought I'd never see. ICF is having an online (I would have used the word "VIRTUAL," but my Mother said she tried of that word, because everything seems virtual and nothing seems real) Convention. No hugging old friends that we haven't seen for a whole year, no getting caught up on our ICF families, sharing lunches together



On left son Dave Vanni & wife Valerie, on right son Don Vanni & wife Sharon. At center Anita Vanni Zanardi.



Left to right, son Don & wife Sharon, Grandson Vic Vanni, and son Dave & wife Valerie.

and drinks, singing over balconies or discussing the fate of the world. What is this world coming to? We will be Zooming a day of prayer, workshops and even (don't read this Mom) a virtual "no-host" cocktail party. The national raffle will be live. I know it will be wonderful (albeit unusual) Convention. Remember 2021 is our District's time for Convention! So, get ready.

Our Branch held a Special Raffle to support our charities. You made this a wonderful endeavor. I am always so proud of you and how you come together when we have a need.

Finally, we have several members who are fighting serious health issues. Please keep them and all our members in your prayers. And if you have some extra prayers, pray for the health of the ICF. We truly see this is a time when we need to stay close to each other, even if it's (here it comes Mom) virtually!

Miss you all!

Ciao, Denise Antonowicz

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

August always fills ICF members with excitement and anticipation for our annual convention. Due to the pandemic crisis, we will view the convention in a whole different format. President Vince Piro and Central Council worked diligently to construct a virtual convention. This event consists of a live stream mass, along with three workshops. Also, informational reports regarding finances, along with the introduction of the New Mentoring Program will be presented. There will be a "Virtual" Cocktail Party, and then on to the highlight...our all-important Raffle.

Please give this virtual convention some consideration and participation. The Central Council needs the support of our branch as well as all of our members. With this Virtual convention, EVERYONE but EVERYONE

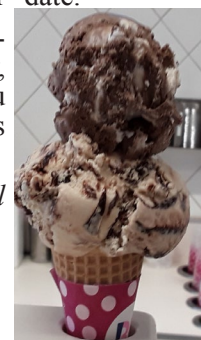
can participate. A win-win situation for all. Speaking of winning--Ticket sales are a MUST in our virtual convention. A book of 12 tickets is \$20 and \$10 stays with our branch. Please consider purchasing an extra book, as this will help our most needed funds. Contact George Midwin for further details and books!

Our Branch held a ZOOM Board Meeting in July. Julie Midwin will be having lovely cacti dish gardens for sale in the future. A specific date will be announced. Also, our basket committee of Aldine Grisenti and Esther Ramonda are in the planning stages of a raffle, for baskets from our canceled polenta dinner. The details of the raffle will be announced at a later date.

Since we missed National Ice Cream Day, July 19th. Did you know it takes 50 licks to finish a cone?

On to the Virtual Convention!!!

*Shirley Catania
Sentinel*



San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

We hope that everyone had an acceptable, though understandably not normal, Fourth of July celebration and that everybody will have another fun though limited celebration on Labor Day. Also, on our hope list is that all stay safe and healthy. We pray for each other as we soldier on during these unprecedented times.

There is a happy, beautiful event to celebrate: the grandchild of our branch president Mary Ridi and her husband Marcello was welcomed into the church in June. Mila Rosa DeAnda, born to parents Mikayla Ridi DeAnda & her husband Mike, is also the great-granddaughter of Rosa Traina, Mary's mother, a member of our parish and our branch. We rejoice with those who rejoice!

We mourn with those who mourn. Bobbie Gallegos's father Joe Alvarez, 102, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 26. Mike and Mary Clarke lost two more family members recently, two cousins. Also, Father Bill Pegnam, who was in residence at our parish in his retirement, passed away on July 6 at his care facility in Cupertino. Father Bill's funeral was held on July 10 at Saint Christopher's.

Our pastor Father George Aranha continues to live-stream our 5:30 evening Mass on Saturdays. On Wednesdays Father graces us with a live-streamed scripture, song, and prayer service, delighting us with his beautiful voice. We also have Mass in the parking lot, in our cars, on Sunday mornings.

*May the Lord take care of you all,
Judy Zahn*

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Although our members were unable to meet in July due to the coronavirus concerns, President Mike Rossi and Vice President Marcie Rossi continued to keep us informed via email announcements. Thank you, Mike and Marcie!

Remember to read the Bollettino for current information regarding ICF's 2020 virtual conference, which will include workshops and presentations.

Convention raffle tickets are still being sold—return your tickets to Tina Rossi as soon as possible. This is a major fundraiser for the Federation.

Visit St. Martin's website at www.stmartin.org for detailed information about video streaming of the liturgy, reserving a spot to attend mass, and receiving Holy Communion via drive-through on specific dates.

We will not be meeting until further notice. Continue to pray for those affected by the coronavirus.

We look forward to sharing bread, wine, and laughs with you in the near future.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Church of the Resurrection Parish has now begun offering Outdoor Masses for two Services on Sunday – the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Celebrations of the Eucharist. One must register online at the Parish Website in order to attend. The Parish continues to offer Livestream viewing of the Daily Celebration of the Eucharist during the week @ 8:15 a.m. and of with Sunday Services @ 10 a.m.

Please be sure to check the Website or read the Bulletin.

Our June ICF/Parish Blood Drive was held on Sunday June 28th from 8-1 p.m. Thanks to Al Chantelope and Kate Shimshock, this event was a roaring success. We welcomed 44 Donors – many first-time donors- and unfortunately – we had to turn away over 8 others who stopped by. Our Parish will host the Stanford Blood Mobile on the 19th September. We have no further Sunday Drives.

Sandra arranged for our First ZOOM Branch Meeting at the end of June and it was fun to see all of our friends. We may have to use Zoom for our next meeting in July also. More to follow.

There will be no District Picnic this year.

Our ICF Convention will be hosted online.

Margaret DiNetto and her husband were able to arrange a flight and have returned from their extended trip to visit relatives in India. *Welcome Home!*

Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

We are still in this pandemic and trying to do what is necessary to keep it in check, although not with a lot of success. Cases keep soaring and people are dying. We must be vigilant and continue to take all the necessary precautions.

As many of you know we lost Msgr. Joseph Milani on July 18th. He had just celebrated his 95th birthday on June 6th and then the 70th anniversary of his ordination on June 16th. He is at rest with the Lord, but he will always have a special place in our hearts.

Last January we lost our long-time member, Ken Ravizza. Sadly, his son, Ken Ravizza, Jr., passed away from complications due to Covid-19 in June. On July 15 Gary Guglielmo, younger brother of George and Gene Guglielmo, passed away due to heart failure. Please keep the Ravizza and Guglielmo families in your prayers.

Before this current situation we would gather around our family and friends in these times of need to offer solace and comfort. But we can still provide support to those in need with a card, a phone call or text, or email.

Please keep in touch with our ICF family especially those who are alone and isolated. Please stay safe and remember to wear a mask, wash your hands and keep your distance.

We're all in this together.

Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Although our Branch 445 has not been able to gather together for our monthly meetings due to Covid-19, we continue to support the homeless in our community through our ICF Sandwich Ministry.

Branch 445 Pres. Jim Falcone and his wife our 1st VP Janie Falcone assist in assembling the "sandwich kits" with Bill Perry of Transfiguration Parish Social Outreach Program. Jim and Janie dubbed by some of us as the "King and Queen of Sandwiches" then disperse these kits to our Branch members who assemble the contents into sack lunches.

Many thanks are extended to our Br. 445 members: Kathy & Andy La Scola, Gina & Larry Farro, Phil & Joan Lang, Marie & Joe Adragna, Lorraine & John Sellarole, Bill & Barbara Howell, Emily Corral, Diane Devine, Jean Avram, Chic Cannon, Loretta Miller, Jan Stumhoffer, Amy Moody and Br. 191 members Jim & Janice Jones who assist in preparing these lunches. Jim and Janie then return on the assigned date to pick up the sack lunches from our members and deliver them to Bill Perry for distribution to various agencies serving the homeless.

In Italian the word for the homeless is expressed as "il senzatetto" meaning "those without a roof."

A lei piaceva passeggiare in città e scoprire molte cose interessanti.

May summertime bring us blessings and may all of us stay healthy and safe.

Submitted by,

Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer



Br. 445 Donna and Richard "Dick" Pfaff

In Recognition of Donna Pfaff

Donna Pfaff has been an ICF member for 42 years! Currently she is a member of Br. 445 as well as Br. 184.

Born in San Francisco, Donna Del Carlo Pfaff is a second-generation Italian American. Both her parents' families were from Tuscany. When she was two yrs. old, her parents moved to Campbell, CA. She was raised in Campbell; became member of St. Lucy's Parish; attended Campbell High School; graduated from San Jose State College in 1971 with a major in Graphic Design and a minor in Accounting. She married in 1972 and became Donna Nisich. She and her husband moved to San Jose. They became members of Transfiguration Parish. Her first child was born in 1975 and by 1980 she was the mother of one son and three daughters! Needless to say, she had her hands full as a stay at home mom raising four young children.

Br. 184: Donna's parents and great aunt were members of ICF Los Gatos Br. 184. At the age of 30, Donna and her husband joined Br. 184 on April 28, 1978. From that date to now, Donna has been a member of Br. 184 for 42 years! She was a member less than a year when she was voted in as Branch Financial Secretary.

By 1988, she and her first husband had divorced so she went back to work using her skills in accounting. Although a little less active in ICF while going through her divorce, she always maintained her Br. 184 membership. She was eventually elected back in as Financial Secretary and then became Br. 184 President for 2+ terms. She currently is the Treasurer for Br. 184.

In 1990, Donna was the Guest Speaker Coordinator for the Holy Family Church Divorced / Separated Singles Group. It was during one of these meetings that she met Richard "Dick" Pfaff. As a non ICF member Richard began attending many of the Br. 184 events with Donna, actively helping and doing a lot of the hard labor for these events. In fact he was doing so much work, Jim Jones surprised him with a paid Br. 184 membership!

In 1996, Donna and Richard married and created a blended family of eight children. They now enjoy six grandchildren ranging in age from 2+ yrs. - 13 yrs. Donna has worked in the Accounting field for over 22 years. Currently she works part time as the Office Manager for Transfiguration Parish.

Other ICF Roles:

Donna has been a Mentor to Santa Clara Br. 5 in the 1980s; Deputy for St. Joseph's Mountain View Br. 47; Deputy for St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391; District Orator for one year and Santa Clara Valley District Trustee for 6 years.

Br. 445: Donna and Richard both became Charter Members of Transfiguration ICF Br. 445. on June 18, 2016. Donna became the first President and held that position for one and a half years. She was also Treasurer for one year in 2019. Richard has held the position of Br. 445 Recording and Corresponding Secretary for several years now.

As an early Charter Member, Donna expressed her dream of one day expanding Br. 445 by inviting parishioners from St. Christopher's and Holy Family Churches to join our ICF to form one large Branch.

Other: Donna has had the opportunity to travel through Italy three times. The first was a bus tour led by Fr. George Aranha. The second was a Mediterranean Cruise. The third was for her 70th birthday with her three daughters, a cousin and a friend. They stayed in agriturismo in Tuscany and had a private driver who took them on the back roads to San Gimignano. They explored the town of Pocari in the Province of Lucca looking for leads on her family name of Del Carlo only to realize it was as common as the name Smith in the USA! She visited again her favorite city - Venice "Venezia" for her third time! However, this time though her accommodations were not on the mainland, not on a cruise ship but rather in a hotel just a short stroll from Piazza San Marco!

Thank you, Donna, for your 42 years of dedication, mentoring and service to ICF.



Br. 445 The King and Queen of Sandwiches



Br.445 Pres. Jim Falcone and 1st VP Janie Falcone

STOCKTON

Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

Happy Summer, ICF Family!

During these hot days, I hope you are finding ways to stay cool and have fun while continuing to stay safe.

At a recent Petal meeting, Fr. Brandon explained that the priority for the church right now is ensuring a safe learning environment at our school when the students and teachers return. He also relayed that parish events and groups will not be able to use the church facilities through the Fall, suggesting ministries utilize virtual platforms to continue their good works. However, the church plaza is available for use. Groups wanting to do so, need to submit a proposal for the event which includes safety protocols. Most likely, ICF will not have our Polenta Feed this year. This means we need to get creative with our fundraising. Members with ideas, please contact any officer.

This summer Vacation Bible School also went virtual with the financial help of several organizations, including our ICF branch. Their Rocky Railway theme, "Jesus Pulls Us Through!" is appropriate for any time, but especially of late with the pandemic, economic hardship, protests for social justice, political division, and so much unrest around the world. We need to depend on Jesus to pull us through, to lead us in performing acts of kindness, small acts that will make a difference. "Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small. Peace begins with a smile." St. Teresa of Calcutta.

So, keep on smiling!

Patty Litts

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Who could have imagined that we would be ending the summer and still facing so many challenges? But our faith and our willingness to persevere will get us all through this!

Time to think of positives and we have three. This year we have three scholarship winners. Second year goes to Emily Stenzler and third year to Elliot Fry and Emylia De Luca. Bravi and congratulations to all. We pray that this coming year will be a safe one for all of you.

We are also excited to announce our new branch chaplain, Rev. Fr. Mark Wagner. He has graciously offered to take on this role. Fr. Mark studied in Rome and speaks Italian, so that makes his acceptance even more special. I see an Italian mass in the future. Stay tuned.

"One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody." – Mother Teresa

Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

Angels Camp St. Patrick's, Br. 413

Well, we are all still hanging in there here in Angels Camp. We have not held a meeting since the shut down from corona virus, but President Robert Pachinger has tried to contact each member and make sure everyone is doing well and is up to date on the latest information regarding our ICF branch and district.

We won't be having the Bishop's Burse, the ICF District Picnic, our Branch's BBQ Lunch fundraiser, or anything else that will bring people together, this year. By God's grace, we hope to get back to all of it in 2021. But there is one thing that our Chaplain, Fr. John Paul, has made sure that we would do, and that is the Baccalaureate Mass! God be praised! It was held on Sunday, July 12th at the noon Mass. The ICF supplied cupcakes from the local SaveMart bakery for the graduates and their families. It was a beautiful event. Branch 413 was able to send our graduates out into the world with a blessing of the Mass. May they all bring Christ's light to this darkening world.

I would like to thank Fr. John Paul Pasala, Suzanne Bakke, and all those who helped in the background to make the celebration happen. God bless you all.

Please remember to pray for our branch members, especially Sharon Dunn and Tom Dutil. We will continue to pray for our ICF family out there.

Ciao,

Annette Pachinger

Correspondence Secretary

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Each day brings new challenges and opportunities. Please share what your branch members are doing to manage this new experience. Send acts of kindness and messages of hope to editor@icf.org or include in branch reports.

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Reno St. Albert, Br. 135

Ciao, members of Branch 135. We haven't met since March 8th and when we will meet again is up to the COVID-19 virus. I hope everyone is staying safe.

Congratulations to our Central Council High School scholarship winner, Rachel Renwick, who is the granddaughter of very active members, Bob and Suzanne Capurro.

Also, congratulations to the 8th graders from the 3 Catholic Elementary Schools going to Bishop Manogue High School. They are Benjamin Enos from Little Flower Catholic School, Adeline Truong from St. Albert the Great Catholic School and Tilley-Claire Guillen from Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School.

St. Albert the Great Church is now open for Mass for 50 people. Reservations must be made through the church office. I understand this is true for the rest of the Churches in the Reno area.

I pray that everyone is staying well and is still sane. I miss the hugs.

God Bless

Charlyne Pacini

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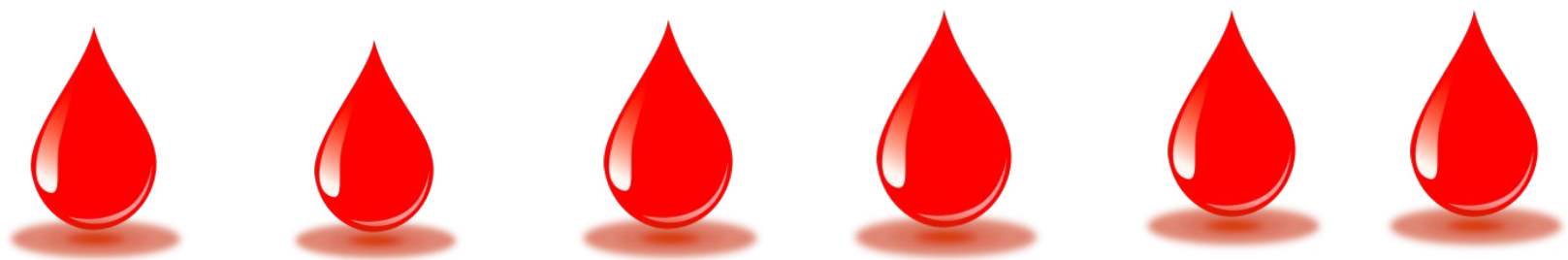
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Countless things have stopped due to COVID-19, but **the need for blood remains**. Many blood drives have been cancelled since March causing a severe blood shortage, so your individual donations matter now more than ever. Here's how you can help:

- Review Eligibility Requirements to see if you can donate blood: <https://tinyurl.com/yaj5g2sb>
- Join the American Red Cross "Sleeves Up" Virtual Blood Drive Campaign and pledge to donate blood: <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/live-to-give-blood-drive/>
- Make an appointment to donate blood at the American Red Cross near you; a local Blood Bank; or find a blood drive in your area anytime from Monday, August 3 – Friday, September 4th
American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)
Vitalant: <https://www.vitalant.org/Home.aspx> or 877-25-VITAL (258-4825)
- All blood donors will receive a \$5 Starbucks Gift Card in the mail and be entered into a raffle drawing which will be held at noon on September 4th. Winners will be notified and a prize will be sent to you.
- If you would like to donate blood in honor or in memory of someone, we will send you an ICF Donor Card that you can fill out and return to the ICF office. The person you are honoring will be notified

For More Information or For Help Finding a Blood Bank or Blood Drive Please Contact:
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