"A Year of Hope" Begins Now for ICF in Las Vegas

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) soared into the 91st Annual ICF National Convention with a fun and fabulous start under the shining lights of the Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas, Nevada. A trip to the Mob Museum mixed in a history lesson to get an understanding of organized crime’s role in American society. On Friday, the business aspect of the convention began within the lively confines of the Orleans Casino & Convention Center. Over the next three days, delegates and guests from throughout the Federation joined together to reconnect, rejoice and plan for a future of hope.

Grand President’s Monthly Message
Deborah Rodondi

“A Year of Hope!” What a fitting theme for this year’s convention. For the past two plus years, we have gone through so much—the isolation, fear, uncertainty—but, we held tight, kept hope in our hearts, kept connected and are now emerging from the pandemic.

Our Branches and Districts are beginning to gather. Bishops’ Days and Installations are being planned. We are renewing our dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation and moving forward. “A Year of Hope!” This year’s convention has set a high bar for future conventions. The Mob Museum was well put together and interesting. Fremont Street was great fun dancing in the streets and zip lining as our Grand President Award recipient Eva Stern experienced. Bowling had us laughing and cheering everyone on.

Opening night was in true Mardi Gras fashion and celebration, along with recognizing our National Charity—Cooley’s Anemia. Workshops were interesting and never seemed to be long enough. Memorial Mass and Sunday Mass were beautifully done. General Sessions ran smoothly: proposals voted on and election of Central Council Members took place. During our Saturday Banquet, our St. Teresa of Calcutta Award Winner, Fr. Masseo Gonzales and Pope St. John XXIII Award Winner, Dr. Al Howard as award recipients were unable to attend but gave inspiring video messages.

The Sunday award luncheon was the perfect way to celebrate the Grand President’s Award Recipient Eva Stern, Young Adult, Danielle Pachinger and the Family of the Year, the Seppi Family, and the final moment (before packing up) the Installation of the Grand Officers by Bishop Gregory Gordon.

Having different members of the Italian Catholic Federation do opening and closing prayers and singing the different anthems throughout convention was a very nice touch. Let’s not forget the banquet food—DELI-CIOUS!!!

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ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage

Italian Catholic Federation

October 2022

Anno 98 No. 9

Grand President’s Award
Eva Stern
Young Adult Award
Danielle Pachinger
Family of the Year
Seppi Family

2022 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

1st Prize, $2,500 + $250 Seller’s Prize
Melody Klever, Br. 343, Castro Valley, CA

2nd Prize, $1,500 + $150 Seller’s Prize
Betty Fontana, Br. 7, South San Francisco, CA

3rd Prize, $1,500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Clem and Yvonne Brum, Br. 215, Fremont, CA

4th Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Sharon Sciallacci, Br. 25, Salinas, CA

5th Prize, $1,000
Lourdes Bell, Salinas, CA

$150 Seller’s Prize
Carmelita San Juan, Br. 25, Salinas, CA

6th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Mary Grubbs, Br. 285, Livermore, CA

7th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Mark Addiego, Br. 7, South San Francisco, CA
Message from our New Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

On October 7, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This title attributed to Mary has been traced to an apparition held by pious tradition to have occurred to St. Dominic in 1214. In the 16th century, Pope Pius V placed the feast of Our Lady of Victory on October 7 in the General Roman Calendar, associating it with the Rosary, for which we honor Mary today.

Not too far from the ruins of Pompeii, Italy, the great Roman city destroyed by the volcano Mt. Vesuvius, there is an area called Valle di Pompei where the town of Campania is located. In the shadow of the ancient volcano, a Marian Shrine was erected in the latter half of the 1800’s. The shrine is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, named for the Marian image elevated on its high altar.

Our Lady of Pompeii is also known as Our Lady of Victory, with the rosary seen as a spiritual weapon in the battle against sin and evil in the world. As Cardinal Angelo Sodano reminds us, “Gathered round the gentle person of Our Lady of Pompeii, let us resolve to call on her every day for our needs and the needs of the world. We are surrounded by a society that needs more than ever the light of the Gospel. Our world is seeking peace. There are so many sufferings that cry out for help. There is such a great longing for justice and charity! We wish to entrust our hopes to Mary’s motherly intercession.”

The image of Our Lady of the Rosary represents the long tradition of the faithful who turn to Mary for refuge and hope in their needs. Mary is the throne for her small Son, Jesus. He found his first home on earth within her womb and on her lap. Mary is seated on a throne. It is the throne of the Church. Mary, with her divine Son, reigns in the Church and from the Church, a sign of heaven’s continuation on earth. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we do not merely believe, we know, that the rosary is the most powerful recitation we can make when we desire a miracle or some other grace from God. By reflecting on Our Most Holy Mother’s experiences and life of Jesus, we become more like the woman who bore all things for the sake of obedience to God’s will. With the repetition of the prayers of the Rosary, we turn to Mary with the insistent, trusting prayer of a child to his mother.

Let us pray for each other, for our parishes, our ICF branches, and the world. Allow the rosary to become a tool of intercession in your prayer life and you will begin to see the power of this prayer in your life. May the Good God accompany you and the Love and Protection of Our Lady be always with you. May the winds of Grace blow gently upon you, and Blessings fall softly upon your days.

Blessings
Fr. Chris

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Adults $74, Seniors (60+) $56, Youth 18 & under $38

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**New Spiritual Director**

Father Christopher Bennett

ICF Spiritual Director

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2022 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE
CONVENTION REPORT

Total Number of Branches – 106  Total Reports Submitted – 66

Of the 66 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:
• 60 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2021
• 48 Branches have an Apostolate Chairperson
• 28 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting
• 20 Branches have an active Chaplain
• 7 Branches attend Mass together Monthly
• 14 Branches attend Mass together Quarterly
• 5 Branches attend Mass together Semi-Annually
• 13 Branches attend Mass together Annually
• 47 Branches recite the rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting
• 53 Branches offer Masses for deceased members
• 49 Branches donate to the Providence Fund

Participation in Branch or District Sponsored Events:
• Retreats  6 Branches
• Pilgrimages  4 Branches
• Day/Night of Recollection  12 Branches
• Bishop’s Days  30 Branches

Participation in Parish Life:
92 Mass Greeters  120 Ushers  199 Eucharistic Ministers
75 Choir Members  64 Choir Members  45 CCD Teachers

Total Dollars Donated = $275,237

The districts and areas listed below had 100% participation in the Aposolate/Charity program:
Contra Costa – East Bay – Reno

Branches with highest monetary donations for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:
1 - 45 Members
1 – Br. 179 Glendora  1 – Br. 108 South Pasadena
2 – Br. 237 Gardena  2 – Br. 374 La Canada Flintridge
3 – Br. 413 Angels Camp  3 – Br. 432 Brentwood
4 – Br. 354 Paso Robles  4 – Br. 445 San Jose

71 - 129 Members
1 – Br. 392 Chicago  1 – Br. 36 Monterey
2 – Br. 111 Montebello  2 – Br. 52 Healdsburg
3 – Br. 368 San Jose  3 – Br. 391 San Jose
4 – Br. 21 Santa Cruz  4 – Br. 14 Crockett

Thank you to our Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons and members for your hard work and dedication!

GP’s Monthly Message --continued
Deborah Rodondi
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The convention committee chaired by Roselyne McNeil did a SPECTACULAR job. It may seem effortless but behind the scenes there are many hours of planning and negotiating to get things to come together. So, a BIG THANK YOU to the committee!

I am very EXCITED, after talking with the Auxiliary Bishop from the Las Vegas Diocese. He is very interested in seeing Branches of the Italian Catholic Federation return to the Las Vegas area and will assist us in any way he can. The expansion team will have a new project to work on. Wouldn’t it be great to be welcoming a new branch from Las Vegas at next year’s convention?

My Executive Committee—words are hard to come by to share how I feel about them. They have been my backbone, my support, my sounding board and my strength. THANK YOU! No doubt you are wondering who these people are: Grand President (me), Grand 1st Vice President (Denise Antonowicz), Grand 2nd Vice President (Franklyn Lopes, Jr.), Grand Secretary (Lauren Kilcullen), Treasurer (Lisa Crudo), Parliamentarian (Leonard Rossi), Immediate Past Grand President (Vince Piro), 3 members at large (Bob Basuino, Sr., Pat Mages and Leonard Zasoski, Jr.) and the Spiritual Director (Father Chris Bennett). Our workshop committee has been putting together PowerPoint presentations and would love to come to your District to do a workshop. What about a membership drive? Our committees are waiting to hear from you. Remember we are here to help and assist you. In return, we depend on your input. We need to work together to keep the Italian Catholic Federation strong.

The passing of Msgr. Cardelli, our Spiritual Director, left a big whole in our hearts. He was funny, always made us laugh and oftentimes forced us to think outside the box. I am sure he is looking down and protecting us, the Italian Catholic Federation, a group he loved.

We also grieve the loss of our past Spiritual Director, left a big whole in our hearts. He was a constant figure at our Italian Catholic Federation events and loved his time with us.

Our new Spiritual Director Father Chris Bennett kept in close contact with Msgr. Cardelli. Father Chris loves the Italian Catholic Federation and was so very disappointed he could not be with us this weekend. His pilgrimage trip from 2½ years ago was cancelled several times and was finally rescheduled for the Labor Day weekend. He has been a great support to me.

A special thank you to the Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Gordon from the Diocese of Las Vegas for sharing Saturday night with us and beautifully celebrating our mass today; for bringing 2 friends (the Vicar of Vocations and a Deacon) to concelebrate with him; installing the Grand Officers and giving a final blessing for the officers. He also brought his mom to meet us today.

As many of you noticed my dear friend Kathy Trevizzo was unable to be here this weekend. It is the first convention she has missed in all her years in the Italian Catholic Federation. If you have read my monthly messages, you know last October she was in a car accident and sustained serious injuries. You kept her in your prayers, and I ask you to continue to keep her in your prayers.

Thank you to the office staff Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith; Bollettino Editor Nannette ScarPELLi-METZ for all you did to make this convention exceptional and keeping us informed.

Thank you to my Branch President, Donald Simon, for getting me to and from convention safely and looking out for Bishop Gordon and me during the convention.

Thank you for being here at the 91st Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. I hope you had a great time—I know I did and am sorry to see it coming to a close. See you at future events.

They say, “What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.” The Italian Catholic Federation Convention happened in Vegas. What took place this weekend is not staying in Vegas but going home with you to be shared with your Branches and District. God Bless!

In Loving Memory (Report as of September 10, 2022)

Ellen Bozzo  Branch 028  Paul Soligian  Branch 308
Bro Paul J Mc Carthy Cc  Branch 103  Magdalena R Dominguez  Branch 351
Josie Dacquisto  Branch 191  Teresa Garcia  Branch 374
Donna M Tony  Branch 191  Steven J Arnaudo  Branch 390
Josephine Sarcheli  Branch 218  Daniel G Parrillo  Branch 390
Donald Robinson  Branch 227  Lisa M Rocha  Branch 390
Rose Tudoni  Branch 258  

Cooley’s Anemia Donations
(Received as of September 10, 2022)

Branch 21  LA Archdiocese District BBQ
Branch 32  Officers/Members of Br. 215
Branch 127  In Memory of Gloria Pianetta
Branch 161  Julie and David Schurba
Branch 390  In Memory of Giuseppina Baldocchi (1 Year Death Anniversary)
Stockton District Bishop’s Day

The Stockton District celebrated Bishop’s Day on July 31 with the members of Branch 48, under the leadership of President Thomas Silvaggio, hosting at St. Stanislaus in Modesto. The Knights’ Color Guard presented the Colors and Bishop Myron J. Cotta was the main celebrant of the Mass. Fr. Adrian Cisneros, Pastor of St. Stanislaus, concelebrated at the Mass and Diocesan/District Chaplain Deacon Karl Welsbacher assisted.

Following the Mass, the luncheon and program were held in the beautifully decorated Community Center. Cecelia McGhee chaired the event. District Mentor Karen Rosson presented the Spiritual Bouquet, District President Robert Pachinger presented the $6,000 donation from the District Seminary Bursc.

Donation, and Grand President Deborah Rodondi presented the $1,500 donation for the ICF Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Fund. Other Special Guests in attendance included Seminarian Josue Montoya, Grand 1st Vice President Denise Antonowicz and Mom Marie, Grand 2nd Vice President Franklyn Lopes Jr., Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi, K.L.J., M.M.E. and his wife Karen, CC Life Members Dante Galeazzi, Andrew Pappani and his wife Siria, and Michael Rossi, C.L.J. and his wife Marcie.

Welcome New Members (Report as of September 10, 2022)

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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IN MEMORY OF: DONATED BY:
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Joe Buonsante Leonard and Karen Rossi
Amedio “Toni” Ferdinandi, Sr. Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
Angelo DeBernardo Dolores McCartney
Don Robinson Dolores McCartney
George Kielvan Officers/Members of Br. 21
Br. Paul McCarthy, CCT Officers/Members of Central Council
Angelo DeBernardo Jim and Dottie Smith
Don Robinson Jim and Dottie Smith
Marie Lohrke Officers/Members of East Bay District
Joe Buonsante Officers/Members of East Bay District
Ed Roca Officers/Members of East Bay District

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 127 - Petaluma.***
***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the ICF Spouses’ and Family Association.***

*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.

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*St. Lazarus convention in Washington DC: Leonard and Karen Rossi and Mike and Marcie Rossi*
**The Italian Immigrant Journey-Part One**

Dante Galeazzi, Heritage guest author

My father Daniel Galeazzi Zanella rarely spoke of his family history even though he was very proud of his hometown/colony of Chipilo. My first time to visit Dad’s family was in 1962 and I don’t remember much maybe because I was 12 years old. My next journey was in August 1977 when I learned of the land grants given by President Portirio Diaz to Italian immigrants. The Roman Empire is ancient history however all of Italy became unified in 1871 including Papal area of Rome with a new flag design.

From what I have learn since 1977, my famiglia migration, especially three Galeazzi brothers, sailed on the ship Atlantic arriving to Mexico in 1882 to expand their history in the New Land America. Not everyone starts in New York City!!!

My Great Grandfather Giovanni Carlo Galeazzi was 16 years old when arriving in Chipilo on October 2, 1882. In the first five-years, 50 to 75 Italian pioneer immigrant families settled as the colony grew. Chipilo is approximately 70 miles south of Mexico City, near the outskirts of Puebla, Puebla (today’s 4 million people).

This journey of my heritage is for Grandson (Gson) Giovanni 13 years old. We depart on September 26 for Chipilo to celebrate the 140th Anniversary on October 2 with the descendants of the Italian immigrant pioneers. My Father Daniel attended the 100th celebration. That year the Counsel General of Italy presented to Zio Daniel Galeazzi Spezzia the Honor of Cavaliere #115154 as the Mayor of Chipilo.

**PART TWO IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BOLLETTINO**

Residents refer to Chipilo as their Colony.

Another added footnote, previous President Benito Juarez married Margarita Maza, the daughter of Genoese immigrants.

My Great Grandfather Giovanni received his land grant and needed workers. With his wife, Anamaria Spezzia, as a good Catholic follower helping to increase the workforce by bearing nine sons and two daughters. Great Grandmother did not survive the birth of the eleventh child Benjamin in 1913. As a widower, Great Grandfather Giovanni remarried in 1916 to Filomena Mioni who provided an additional six sons and also two daughters. Yes, 19 children in a Blessed Famiglia to assist in the ranching operation plus Colony’s market called La Esperanza where locals can still purchase canned goods, real fresh milk and Zio Daniel (current Proprietor) specialty baked cornbread.

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Book Review: *Cambridge Street*

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*Cambridge Street* By Steven Decker
*Cambridge Street Publishing, 2017*

In *Cambridge Street*, a fictional piece inspired by the life of his mother’s Italian immigrant family, Steven Decker explores the experiences of Italian immigrants in the early part of the 20th century. Through vivid descriptions and well-developed characters, Decker captures the “heartbreak, bravery, and struggle of millions of people who came to the United States a century ago.” His novel focuses on the Tomaso family—beginning with their life in Sicily and following them to Chicago in the 1920s.

The author summarizes the plot when he writes, “In the early 1900s, the Mafia controls much of Sicily, the government is corrupt, and taxes are exorbitant. As a result of the terrible conditions and the limits of their crops, Tomas and Katerina are forced to send their three grown sons and their grandchildren to live in America. It is a heart-breaking split; grandparents forced to say goodbye to grandchildren knowing they will likely never see them again. Parents and sons splitting from each other. Paolo and Gianna, their two young children and the two younger brothers endure a painful farewell to the people, the farm and the life they love. They arrive in Chicago on Christmas Day, 1917. The sprawling, dirty city is not like anything they could have imagined or dreamed. The family moves into a fourth-floor apartment in a run-down tenement building on Cambridge Street in the Little Sicily section of town. Called Little Hell in the papers, the slum neighborhood deserved the title. The family soon learns that they are now in the lower class. The two-century family history of hard work and honesty in the Old Country does not matter here. They endure prejudice in the workplace, in the lack of social services and in the absence of police protection. Jobs were hard to find, especially for Italians and even worse for Sicilians. Poverty and discrimination humbled them. To make matters worse, the streets are run by mobsters, crooked politicians and dirty police, just like home. Life was tough. They had to be tougher. The family was finally settled and content when a terrible and unforgivable act of violence—committed against them by their Italian countrymen—struck the family, hard. Paolo swears revenge. The local crime boss cannot tolerate disrespect and sends men to kill the young father and husband. Paolo and Gianna’s dreams and hopes for their future and for their children hang in the balance as they decide on the course of action that will define them as people and determine their futures. If they fail, Paolo will die and the family will be left on the streets.”

*Cambridge Street* does an excellent job of pulling the reader into the narrative in what one would admirably call “a page turner.” Decker does an excellent job of describing his characters so that they illustrate the themes he wishes to explore at the time. For example, early in the novel, Paolo and Gianna are presented in an idealized state - young, innocent, and pure - to establish their goodness and to place them in contrast to other characters in the novel - such as Renzo, Pablo’s brother - too worldly, cavalier, and troubled. Decker also does a very fine job of describing the environments in which the characters live - exposing the reader to tenement life in Little Sicily, Chicago. One cannot help but realize the struggle and tragedy that thrive in such neighborhoods. If Decker’s goal was to honor the memories of his Italian immigrant family, he has indeed succeeded.

Steven Decker is a lifetime Chicago area resident, a father, grandfather and a military veteran. “I always loved to write,” he said in a recent interview. “During my career, I wrote training manuals, marketing materials and short stories for fun but I always wanted to create a novel. Now I have the time to write and an important message to share.”

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Ropa Vieja (translates to “old clothes”)
Cuban dish

1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced in half moons
6 garlic cloves, crushed
2 medium green bell peppers, remove stem and seeds, slice thinly
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with juice (I used Italian seasoned diced tomatoes); I also added some cherry tomatoes (sliced) that I had in the kitchen
½ cup yellow mustard
1/3 cup raisins
1/2 cup pimento stuffed green olives, I also added kalamata black olive about 1/3 cup, sliced
3 Tbs. Brine from green olives-hold to end of cooking
2-3 lbs. boneless chuck roast, trim off large pieces fat or gristle, cut into 3-4 pieces
2 tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. pepper, freshly ground
2 tsp. ground cumin
Fresh cilantro for garnish, optional
Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

In a heavy ovenproof pot (Dutch oven), put the onions, bell peppers, garlic, diced tomatoes (with juice), mustard, raisins and olives. Mix well. Sprinkle chuck roast pieces all over with salt, pepper and cumin. Place the pieces of chuck roast in the Dutch oven and push into the mixture. Cover the pot tightly with lid or aluminum foil. I cooked in crock-pot for 6-hour slow cook.
Cook about 3 hours, until beef is tender and shreds easily with tongs or forks. Add olive brine to the mixture. In pot, shred beef and mix with juices. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with cilantro when serving (optional).
I would add or replace some of the green bell pepper with red bell—for better color.
The raisins give it a nice hint of sweetness.
The flavors blend so well together.
Serve with sticky rice. I think it would go well with polenta as a side.
No doubt you are wondering why it translates to old clothes. Story goes that a penniless old man once shredded and cooked his own clothes because he could not afford to feed his family. Don’t let this turn you away from this delicious dish that originated in Spain and became popular in the Canary Islands, Cuba and Puerto Rico. As with any recipe, there are many variations—including using tomato paste and wine instead of the diced tomatoes.

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!

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 392 will present the Mother Cabrini Award to Reverend Joseph A. Mulcrone on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. This award is given each year to individuals who continuously give of themselves to serve the church, community, and needy with compassion and selflessness. Over the years, Father Mulcrone has demonstrated faith, leadership, and dedication in his work. His assistance to the deaf and disabled has captured the true spirit and humanity of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. Like Mother Cabrini, Father Mulcrone (also known as “Father Joe”) has touched hearts in the United States as well as many other foreign countries. He is truly an individual to be admired for his continuous good works.

Father Joseph A. Mulcrone was born November 24, 1945. He was the oldest of eight children born to Edward and Mary Frances Mulcrone. He grew up on the west side of Chicago. He graduated from Resurrection Grammar School in 1959, Quigley South Seminary in 1963, served his deacon year at St. Ferdinand Parish, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 11, 1971.

Father Joe’s brother, Reverend Tom Mulcrone, is also a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Tom Mulcrone was the chaplain for the Chicago Fire Department for thirty years.

Father Joe’s first assignment was St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston. He then was in residence for two years at Christ the King Parish in Chicago. In August 1977, Cardinal Cody appointed him as full-time pastor for the deaf community in the Archdiocese of Chicago. (Father Joe’s dedication to and compassion for the deaf started at an early age as his maternal grandparents were deaf.) Since that appointment Father Joe continues to serve the deaf community. He has lived in residence at St. Francis Borgia Parish since 1983.

Throughout his career, Father Joe has worked to the betterment of persons with disabilities. He has served on the Board of Directors of Anixter Rehabilitation Center, Access Living of Chicago, and the Pilsen Wellness Center (all of which are located in Chicago). Nationally, he has served on the boards of the National Catholic Office of the Deaf, the Ministry Formation Program for Deaf Persons, and the Deaf Catholic Youth Initiative for the Americas. Over the years his work has brought him to Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela, Chile, Guatemala, and recently to Panama. He has lectured around the United States, and also at the Vatican (in 2010). He has helped organize pilgrimages to the Vatican for deaf persons in 2008, 2009, and 2018.

While Father Joe will tell you that he does not have a drop of Italian blood, he absolutely loves to go to Italy. In fact, when we last visited with Father Joe he was preparing to travel to Rome for meetings at the Vatican. While in Rome he did not miss a chance to go for lunch and dinner and of course the delicious gelato.

Today Father Joe lives in residence at the St. Francis Borgia Parish and continues to serve the deaf community in the Chicago area, providing spiritual assistance and helping those in need. He continues his work, seeing to the spiritual needs and well-being of the disabled, with dedication and compassion.

Additional DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini now available. For more information on the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library or to make a donation to help the Chapel maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with the annual Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org. Additional DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini now available.

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L’autunno = Autumn
equinozio d’autunno = Autumnal Equinox
marrone = brown
giallo = yellow
arancione = orange
zucca = pumpkin
vento = wind
cool = fresco
spaventapassi = scarecrow
fielo = hay
raccolto = harvest
foglie che cadono = falling leaves
SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

President Vic and Patricia reported that the Convention in Las Vegas was excellent! The organized activities and agenda were great! "It is always enjoyable being together with our friends!"

Congratulations to our member, Isabella Cresci, who received a Third Year ICF Scholarship. She attends the University of Nevada, Reno. Isabella is thrilled and very grateful for the ICF Scholarship she was awarded.

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On September 9, 2022, we had our Anniversary Luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center with 37 in attendance. We honored a special lady and member, who we all know as Toni. Antoinette Cvetovac will be 100 years young on October 5th. Toni has been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation for 44 years. Toni was unable to be with us due to health reasons. We wish her a speedy recovery.

For our September meeting, we heard details about the Convention and some future plans.

We will not have an October meeting and hold our elections at our November meeting on November 13.

Please continue prayers for those who are ill at our Branch and throughout the Federation.

They are Mary Bodisso, Anita Cencina, Melanie Yeager, Kathy Trevizo and family, and Jackie Barnes of Branch 19.

Special prayers to Anthony Bruno's family on the passing of his daughter, Patricia.

God Bless,
Roz Emery, Secretary

October Happy Birthday wishes to Ms. Anna Biggio, our recording secretary.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO District

Colma Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

We are still having monthly meetings and social dinners. We are looking at other ways of hosting different type of events for the future.

Because of the Columbus Day Holiday, the parish is closed, and we are moving the October meeting to Monday October 24, 2022, in the Parish Hall.

Donald Simon -Branch President

Burlingame Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Well, we all made it through the warmest weather we have experienced in our area and looking forward to Autumn.

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We will not have an October meeting and hold our elections at our November meeting on November 13. If any member would like to be an officer, please write a letter to our President, Dorene Campanile, before November 1, 2022, advising of your intentions. Chaplain's Night: DATE is same, but it is to be a LUNCHEON - November 6, 2022, - 1:30 p.m. at the Basque Cultural Center. They can only accept 60 people so after more details are given, please call your reservation in to Mary Ann Camacho at 415-285-1219 and if line is busy leave a message and phone #.

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Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao! We had another successful outdoor luncheon. This time we had hot dogs, with member Eunice Danli's homemade chili and member Rose Marie Morando's homemade coleslaw. Everyone had a great time!

A big thank you to our donors and volunteers including Dorothy Semke, Gloria Borroso, Caroline Cannizzaro, Tina Passaggio, as well as Eunice & Rose Marie.

Our next meeting will be indoors for the first time since the pandemic began. It will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 4th. A Lasagne Dinner with salad, desert, and wine will be served at 6pm, with the meeting to follow at 7pm. Branch Members interested should get a check for $12 to Eunice Danli (payable to “ICF BR 403”) at 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, Ca 94030 by Oct. 1st.

MARIN

Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

Halloween in Italy – Italy now celebrates Halloween. Pumpkin lights run down the sides of tall buildings. Children dress up in costume and go “trick or treating”. Even restaurants decorate with orange lights inside and outside. The help also wear costumes and the neighborhood children come in the restaurant in costume to “trick or treat”. Their desserts are also decorated for Halloween.

October Happy Birthday wishes to Anna Biggio, Gina Carnerio, Marlene Farber, Augie Morello, Louis Napoli, Marisa Roccia, Rose Marie Morando, Brenda Scaglione, and Patricia Morando.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and families and hope everyone will be back to good health real soon.

PUMPKIN HUNT
Poem by Annette Gulati

I stomp around the pumpkin patch,
Hunting for the perfect catch.
I peek beneath a veil of leaves,
And roll up both my sleeves.
I find a face that's much too tall,
Another one that's much too small.
I search more choices one by one,
And find a gem that weighs a ton.
I take it home and wipe it clean,
Cause this one says, “Happy Halloween”

Wishing everyone a very Happy Halloween.

Ciao,
Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Greetings everyone! I hope you’ve recovered from the convention. Kudos to Rose and her committee for putting on a fabulous convention. The Orleans hotel welcomed us with open arms, and we all had a grand time.

On Sunday September 25th the district gathered at St John’s seminary for our annual Bishop Banquet. Bishop Aclan, the San Fernando regional bishop was scheduled to celebrate mass with us but do to health reasons was not able to attend. I want to thank Denise Antonowicz and her family for filling in for our Grand President Deborah Rodoniti who could not attend. Other Central Council members who attended were - Franklin Lopes, Lisa Crudo and Leonard Zasoski and his wife BG. Thank you Leonard for serving as our MC. It was a long 3 years since our last time at St John’s and it felt good to be back.

We will be holding elections for district officers. Please consider taking an office.

Future events include the Cabrini Pilgrimage on November 13th and our district Christmas party on December 4th.

I wish you all a very Happy and Haunted Halloween.

Perry Shurko, district president.

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Los Angeles
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Br. 111, St. Benedict

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South Pasadena
Br. 108, Holy Family

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

Thank you to all who turned out to help our branch honor our patron St. John Joseph of the Cross on August 20th. The mass and dinner dance were a success due to all our wonderful volunteers.

At our September general meeting our branch celebrated its 68th anniversary with a pizza party. Newest members were initiated. Congratulations to all our new members.

The following Upcoming events were discussed

Please join us for Bishop’s Day at St. John Seminary in Camarillo on Sept 25th. Bus will be leaving from Boys & Girls Club at 7:30 a.m. Mass is at 11 a.m. Lunch to follow $20 per member $30 nonmember. Call Giovanna Gioiello 310 701-8573 to reserve. Deadline Sept 19. This is a very special event and a chance to meet our seminarians

Thursday Oct 13 day trip to Soboba Casino $40.00 per person departure from Boys & Girls Club call Pauline Iacono for reservations 310 832-0563

We are looking forward to your participation in these upcoming events

Anita Trujillo

Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Wednesday, August 17, St. Dorothy Branch 179 hosted Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, the world’s largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program. Father lived up to his speaking reputation and connected his love of inclusivity for the fringes of our society. His real-life stories were fun and captivating. Following his talk inside our church, he graciously signed books and visited during a small reception held in our outdoor worship center.

We had 270+ attendees comprised of not only our ICF Branch Members and St. Dorothy parishioners, but also other parishes, ministries, and the local Glendora community. We collected over $2500, 80% of which was given to Homeboy Industries and 20% to St. Dorothy Church.

Patricia Auriemma
Recording/Corresponding Secretary
Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

At our last meeting we welcomed 3 guests and 2 new members. Lucy Hernandez, our representative at the convention, gave a very good report on the convention. Thank you to her for attending as she is a new member to our branch. Maria Lanera won the 50/50 and thank you to Scott Carrano and crew for our delicious lunch after.

It was announced that two $100 donations will be made to the Gifts of Love program in memory of members Phil Gargano and Josie Sachelli who both passed away recently. We will also be donating $500 to the Seminary Burse this year. Jenni Hauge will be taking over the donut sales and needs a crew of 5 or 6 members to help out. Please think about signing up for this.

Our Christmas Boutique and sandwich sale will be November 20 and the Christmas Party will be December 10. There will be a lot more on these two events at next month’s meeting.

At some point we will be having a clothing drive and will announce all the details for this fundraiser. Last but not least, Scott Carrano gave a very preliminary report on our New Year’s Eve Party, which will be a Roaring 20’s theme this year.

We have some members who are either ill or recovering from illness. Keep them in your prayers and hope that they will be up and about soon.

Hope to see all at our next meeting.

Lolly M.

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

I cannot believe that it’s been a month since our convention. What an excellent job by everyone involved. It might have been a hot one in Vegas, but we stayed inside the casino and hotel and stayed cool.

In September we had another bingo luncheon. We served a cool and refreshing Turkey sub sandwich with pasta salad and watermelon. Thank you to our teens who helped and to all of those who came out and had fun. It was also the return of Friendship Sunday. All of our parishioners were dying to stop by for coffee and donuts.

In October, please join us for our Halloween bake sale on Sunday October 30 after all of the masses. Don’t forget our October branch meeting is on the 6th and we will be holding elections.

Sunday November 6th will be our next bingo. Please bring a friend or family member.

We welcome autumn with open arms after a late summer heat wave. Cooler weather and falling leaves are sight to behold. Please stay healthy and keep safe.

Thank you. Perry Shurko, branch president.

La Canada Flintridge
Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

On what turned out to be an unusually cool evening in typically hot August, branch members gathered for a garden party, in honor of the Assumption of Mary. This year we were privileged to have Robert and Jo Barbera host the dinner in their beautiful patio and pool area in San Marino. Breaking with tradition, we were served a delicious Mediterranean dinner.

Afterwards, we were treated to special entertainment provided by the Barbera’s to an excellent, talented young opera tenor, Felipe Prado, accompanied by graduate Julliard pianist Catherine Miller. He sang several popular arias, Italian folk songs, and memorable show tunes. A wonderful event under the stars was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mark and Emy provided us with news and updates from the Las Vegas Convention. Mark also “Let the good times roll” by winning the Bowling Contest Event.

We are all looking forward to the celebration of the 76th Anniversary of Saint Mother Frances Cabrini’s Canonization. It will take place on November 13th at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. The event includes a Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction, and a Complimentary Dinner provided by St. Francis parish. RSVP to ensure your place to Mark Manarelli 818-952-2847.

Dates to Note:
Tuesday, October 18th General Meeting 6:00
Sunday, November 13th Anniversary of Saint Mother Frances Cabrini’s Canonization
Tuesday, November 15th General Meeting 6:00
Tuesday, December 20th Christmas Party Parish Center

May this warm autumn season bring you endless joy!

Diane Restivo
Happy Fall everyone! Branch 380 hosted our August general meeting and got to know more about our new associate pastor, Father John O’Brien. Our Sept. general meeting was enjoyable with a spaghetti dinner. Our next meeting on October 7th will be our annual Hallo-wine event featuring dinner and a wine tasting. We are looking forward to Bishop’s Day on Sept. 25th at St. John’s Seminary.

Congratulations to Pat Mages on her election as Grand Trustee of the Central Council. Pat works tirelessly to help our branch keep going and does so much to promote the charitable works of ICF.

We lost a dear member of our branch, Jean Ornelaz (mother of Anne Inter-rante). Please keep the family in your prayers.

Our Aug. 21st General Meeting was a casual meeting to enjoy a Concert at Polliwog Park in Manhattan Beach. It was a beautiful summer day and we listed to a great band, Psychedelic Summer Band, a Woodstock-era summer band, rock music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. We had a great time catching up with one another in a beautiful relaxed outdoor setting. Br. 447 sent three Board Members to the Convention in Las Vegas, Stephanie DeRaddo, President, Monica Rossie, 1st Vice President, and Joana Brown, 2nd Vice President. We were excited to go to the Convention to learn more about ICF, how to grow Branch 447, and how to make a bigger difference for our Catholic community at American Martyrs Church.

Our next General Meeting on September 23rd will be a catered dinner by Sardino’s Italian Restaurant in Torrance. We look forward to sharing a delicious meal with our Members and guests, our Special Events Calendar for the remainder of 2022 – 2023 and play a new game called Blank Slate where we will have winners at every table.

American Martyrs is a wonderful faith community and we enjoy very active members with numerous ministries and events. Because we have so many events at our Parish, it has been a challenge to book our General Meetings too far in advance as the church ministries and school events take priority. As such, we plan our calendar of events well in advance, but cannot confirm the dates and advertise our events too far in advance.

Please keep in mind that our events are planned, but the exact dates, times and locations are not determined until one or two months prior to the event. As soon as we can secure dates and times for our upcoming meetings, we will update our General Meetings and Special Events calendar and send it to our Members.

For our October General Meeting, we plan to have a Halloween Potluck Dinner and play Bingo, which is always a fun evening, on November 13th we will be joining the Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage to St. Frances Xavier Church in Burbank. We will be announcing the event to our Parish and will arrange carpooling to Burbank, and we will wrap up 2022 with our Annual Christmas Party (the place and date to be determined).

Ciao for now, Stephanie DeRaddo
President, ICF Branch 447

San Bernardino District

Upland

Br. 446, St. Anthony

The second annual Ice Cream Social by Branch 446 was a time of many celebrations. New officers were elected and then installed by Central Council officers Pat and Lou Mages, District President John Guerin and our Mentor Nan Judge. Our officers are: President Tony Santorufo, First Vice-President Joyce Tesoro, Treasurer Danny Centurioni, Financial Secretary Peter Tesoro, Orator Paula DeStefano, Secretary Betty Cavanaugh, Trustees Mark Vincenzo Stratman and Joe DiCamillo. We also celebrated our new Nonna, Paula DeStefano and the birth of her grandson. We also acknowledged the birthday of one of our newest members, George Cerasara. Our Sentinel, Anna Reyna was very helpful in organizing the refreshments for our day at the park. The afternoon was spent socializing with friends, playing bocce led by George Cerasara and scopa led by Joyce Tesoro. We were honored to be joined by Fr. Ned O’Donnell. We look forward to our upcoming meetings focused on Italian heritage.

Betty Cavanaugh, Secretary Br. 446

Pat Mages installs Br. 446 officers: President Tony Santorufo, Financial Secretary Peter Tesoro, First Vice-President Joyce Tesoro, Orator Paula DeStefano, Secretary Betty Cavanaugh, Trustees Mark Vincenzo Stratman and Joe DiCamillo.
Oakland
East Bay District Council

The convention was shorter than most, but a lot of work was accomplished; did not get the bowling scores...are they still raising money??

The highlight of the drawings for the East Bay was the winners; 1st place, winner of the $2,500.00 prize was Melody Klever, who's ticket was drawn by the Bishop, so it's for real!! There were also prize winners from, Branches #215 and #285, congratulations to all.

On the more serious side, Lisa Crudo of Br.#343 was again elected Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. And thanks to all the Branches for turning in their Apostolic Reports and supporting the 4-year Scholarship awards; you earned the district awards.

In the meantime, the district is putting the finishing touches on our Polenta Feed, scheduled for Oct. 8th. It will have all the bells and whistles of the old crab feed, including homemade hors oeuvres. Hope many will attend. Thanks to the hard work of John Zun- goni we have a Bishop's Day date for Oct 24th, more information to follow. Lisa thanked all who attended our Quarterly Mass and luncheon. And still in the planning stages is installation which should be on Jan.15,2023! Which reminds me, time to think about running for office for a whole new experience and way of viewing the ICF.

Happy Halloween to All.
Pat Grasso,
District Sec.

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

You are all welcome to join us for our annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday evening, October 22, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The dinner will be our first indoor function since April. We will have our annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, December 9 and our annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday, January 21. Details will follow in the next two Bollettino's.

We are proud for having contributed to the two awards presented to the East Bay District during the Las Vegas convention. The District was honored for 100 per cent participation in the Apostolate/Charity and Scholarship Programs.

Our branch's own tale of the convention began when our automobile, which had passed a rigorous safety inspection two days earlier, overheated en route to Las Vegas. We were stuck for over three hours Thursday evening on the roadside of California State Highway 58, 60 miles west of Barstow. With the assistance of California Highway Patrol officer John Rich, a California City tow truck driver (who received a hefty gratuity), the Mojave Comfort Inn, the very accommodating Barstow Best Western Desert Villa Inn, Barstow Avis Car Rental, a Barstow taxi driver and, to some extent, the California State Automobile Association, we arrived in time for the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies. We did, however, miss the Friday afternoon bowling competition.

John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Autumn is here! Folks are home from their adven- turesome Road Trips like: Virginia; Carolyn & John; Judy and Dave! Also, our Delegates to convention Carolyn & John Cardinalli and at- tendees Judy and Dave Wellbeloved reported a well organized, informative, beautiful, and fun Las Vegas Convention! And, President Carolyn bowled well losing 1st place by only 25 points!

Mark your Calendars! Oct, 29 is our Halloween themed Bingo Bash! Doors open at 6 p.m. (after 5 p.m. mass)
Pay at door...open seating (no reserva- tion required)
Place: St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA
Pizza, bagged snacks, water, soft drinks available for purchase.
Any ??? call Carlotta 925 449 5944

September was a busy month at St. Michael's Church, Livermore!
Sept. 18 was the 150th Anniversary Festival and thank you to Carlotta Schauer for coordinating our participation. Grazie to Carolyn Cardinalli, Virginia Williams, Anne Suter, Michelle Buckett, Elaine Meier, Patty Brick, Toni Manzetti, and Bonnie Blackmer for helping with membership and games!
Sept. 25th meeting "A Sporting Event" was hosted by Patty Brick, Toni Manzetti, and Virginia Williams.

Livorno
Br. 285 Livorno, CA

Born Italy, raised in San Francisco. Gaieno and San Francisco State Graduate. Teaching and Masters Degrees. Retired Pleasanton Unified School District.. Korean Veteran. Married to Philomena Colonna 1963. Son, Patrick(Sarah Beville) and daughter, Patrice(Francois Ratto) and grandchildren: Francesca and Vitalia.

Family important - parents Pasquale, Graziella Caputo, siblings: Tina(Vic)Farri- nato, Rose(Nick)Ingravallo, Andrew((Barbara Balazs) and many loving nieces, nephews, God chil- dren, cousins, etc.

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

This was a short month for us, but we did have our usual "meeting" at the Creamery and celebrated Leroy Taddei's 89th Birthday! Way to go Leroy!

While our reps were at Convention, Lisa Crudo was reelected Grand Treasurer of the Central Council.

And the winner of the $2,500 was our own Melody Klever. As Melody said, we must be lucky, because I had won the ICF Cross, created and changed off by Br. #91, just prior to the convention.

This is the time to start thinking about the ICF and ways to keep it fresh and viable. Do we need new, more people? Yes. How do we get them? Where are they? Do we have any family, friends, young people looking for somewhere to belong? Invite them to meetings, dinner, activities.

And to current members, have you ever been an officer? Do you have ideas that you think would be helpful for an officer to do? Mentor new members, keep them interested. Think about it. Elections are coming up, toss your hat in ring!!

Stay well. Get those flu shots and booster so you can attend more meet- ings and activities.

Have a super, sweet Halloween!
Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

Joe Buonsante 1931-2022

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Thursday, Fremont Street Experience & Mob Museum

At Convention, Thursday night we took in the Mob Museum tour, which is across from Fremont Street which we visited with Central Council Trustee Perry Shurko and Francesca Taylor who was the Mother Cabrini workshop presenter—an excellent workshop.

Friday at the ICF 91st Annual Convention

As the delegates and guests began to arrive at The Orleans, the ICF’s 91st Annual Convention activities were quickly in motion. The Live to Give Committee, under the direction of Chairperson Ken Marshall and committee members Pat Mages and Lisa Crudo, were hard at work. The 11TH ANNUAL CONVENTION BLOOD DRIVE collected 24 units of blood while providing an early start to the winning with clever raffle baskets. Many members did double time knocking down the pins at LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL—BOWLING EVENT. It was a stylish affair with some of the teams in festive bowling attire.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION led by Lauren and Carmen Kilcullen and Perry Shurko greeted delegates and guests and made sure everyone had all the materials needed to be engaged. This year 81 delegates attended the convention.

Trading in their bowling shoes for glitz and glamour, attendees had a chance to mingle with Central Council Candidates prior to dinner. Convention Director Roselyne McNeal, Central Council Life Member welcomed everyone to Las Vegas and called the event to order during a special MARDI GRAS DINNER BANQUET and CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONIES. Working with Mistress of Ceremonies Rosemary Cook, Central Council Member, the evening was off to a festive and well-coordinated start. Diana Letizia Mackinson, Br. 442, led the National Anthem. Grand President Deborah Rodondi greeted the delegates and guests. She shared her desire to spread our "A Year of Hope" message throughout the branches this year. Michael Belluomini led the united group in the Federation Anthem "Noi Vogliam Dio" to close the evening but keep the fire going.

Friday at the ICF 91st Annual Convention

Convention Delegates: Jim Canger (Br. 445) & Donna Pfaff (Br. 184)
Saturday at the ICF 91st Annual Convention

Father George Aranha, San Jose Diocesan Chaplain, led a moving MEMORIAL MASS in honor of past members, family and friends. He welcomed all to remember those who have passed and to keep their memories in our heart. Allen and Crystal Watts’ joyful voices raised in song reminded all gathered that “a new dawn is rising to bring your light to all the world.” Will and Nancy Seppi of the Family of the Year and Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand served as lectors.

Following mass, members had their choice of two workshops: one addressing FAITH & HERITAGE and the other a CHARITABLE CHECK-IN.

- Francesca Taylor of Branch 67, Los Angeles led a heritage-based seminar exploring ICF patroness St. Frances Cabrini’s role in welcoming Italian American Catholics back to the church. Francesca also recounted her journey to the original Cabrini convent in Codogno, Italy and the Centro Cabrini. The workshop displayed a tablecloth and napkins crafted and used by St. Cabrini. The workshop was a highly detailed and informative account of the legacy of St. Frances Cabrini and the strong connection of the present to the past.

- The Charitable Check-In workshop was led by several Central Council members. They provided an overview of Cooley’s Anemia, Scholarship, Gifts of Love and the Providenza Seminary program. While Cooley’s Anemia is the ICF National Charity, branches have control over where their greater portion of their donations go.

COOLEY’S ANEMIA received $41 thousand this year. ICF’s support has been critical to the development of treatment and research in this disease and others like it. According to a report out of UCLA, there has been tremendous progress in developing a curative program including gene therapy to offer hope for patients and their families.

ICF has given over $2 million in SCHOLARSHIPS to students since the program began in 1964. Over 60,000 applications have been received. The first-year scholarships are posted in the convention issue of the Bollettino. No need to donate the full amount for the scholarship. Partial donations are greatly appreciated.

Teresa Helfand encouraged members to spread the word of GIFTS OF LOVE for fundraising as well as submitting applications for those in need. The money is distributed to those with a specific medical need including hearing aid batteries and mattresses for the homeless shelter.

The PROVIDENZA FUND provided support to seminary and priests in training. With the global shortage of priests, this is an important issue. A portion of annual dues is donated automatically to the Providenza Fund. It is up to the individual branches to determine the level of fundraising and contributions their branches value.

A joint FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP followed the individual sessions. Three branches presented key findings and methods for growing and developing their branches. Representatives from Br. 39 Merced, Br. 111 Montebello and Br. 227 Apts all shared strategies that worked and where they struggled.

BRANCH 39’s outreach includes a month’s newsletter with a definite Italian flair, highlights from the parish as well as the branch. Also, they use a Sunshine program with a phone tree. They engage in virtual board meetings as well as drive thru fundraisers such as a pre-order for pasta sauce/gravy. They also offer regular Stations of the Cross and a Coffee & Donuts traded off with other parish groups.

BRANCH 111’s activities also include a monthly newsletter that is emailed as well as hard copy. They have regular meetings at the park. For St. Joseph’s table they sought out table sponsors. The pasta dinner was free.

BRANCH 227 shared how they had relocated to a new parish that was more open and receptive to the ICF activities and fellowship. They are ramping up again and hope to launch fish frys and other events in their new location with the support of the parish priest.

CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION

Patty Jarrett from Br. 72 led the session in the Opening Prayer. Franklyn Lopez, Jr. gave the Federation salute. Grand President Deborah Rodondi read the letter from the ICF Spiritual Director Fr. Chris Bennett. He was unable to attend due to being on a pilgrimage. Lauren Kilcullen gave the Credential Committee’s Report and thanked Carmen Kilcullen and Perry Shurko for their help.

First time delegates were recognized and welcomed. Running ICF is a collaborative process. After the approval of Lisa Crudo’s Grand Treasurer’s report, the proposals for potential change to the ICF By-Laws were raised. Considerable discussion over various issues occurred and the proposal were voted on.

Candidates for Central Council gave their speeches: Rosemary Cook, Lisa Crudo, Maria di Paolo, Pat Mages, Kenneth Marshall, Vince Piro, Perry Shurko, Theresa Sabatella Shaw and Lauren Kilcullen.
Saturday at the ICF 91st Annual Convention continued

SAINTLY SATURDAY BANQUET
Carmen Kilcullen, Central Council Life Member and Past Grand President served as Mistress of Ceremonies. She highlighted that this was “the first time an 89-year-old was Mistress of Ceremonies.”

The Most Reverend Gregory Gordon, Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas gave the invocation. He called for a “renewed and deep and abiding hope so that this fellowship may be shared with our families, parishes and communities.”

Presentations of the first of the awards began. Due to Covid and other restrictions, this evening’s winners were unable to attend in person but sent video responses that were shared with members. The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was received by Fr. Masseo Gonzales. He credited a documentary of Saint Teresa with turning his life around.

Dr. Al Howard received the Pope Saint John XXIII Award in recognition of the work he and his wife Judy did through Operation Rescue to give women seeking an abortion an alternative.

After the closing prayer, Diana Letizia Mackinson closed the ceremony with a heartfelt rendition of “God Bless America.”

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CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy Fall to everyone from the Contra Costa District.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Bishop’s Day on Saturday, October 22 at St. Catherine’s Church in Martinez. We hope many of you will join the Bishop of Oakland and members of the East Bay and Contra Costa Districts, at the 4:30 p.m. mass and dinner following, hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Branch 13, Martinez. Save the date and more information will follow from your branches.

News from our annual convention: Congratulations to Rosemary Cook from our district who was reelected to the Central Council. At the convention, Br. 72 was awarded for 100 percent participation in the Apostolic program.

We also wish to thank Roselynne Jarrett McNeal and the convention committee for all they did to make this one of the best conventions ever!

Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween and All Saints’ Day!
Diana Letizia Mackinson
First Vice President, Contra Costa District

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

My plight to have “Noi Vogliamo Dio” sung in both English and Italian almost came to fruition at this year’s convention. It was planned to be sung with the verses alternating, however, at the retreat of Mass chaos broke out as members were leaving to catch rides and flights and both the raffle drawing and closing anthem were way laid. We can only hope that next year, our voices will be raised in both languages. Thanks to our Convention Director, Roselynne McNeal, for including this small but meaningful detail.

The convention capped the end of a hot summer in Hot Vegas: the food was better than many years prior (the addition of buffets afforded us menu choices), helpful information was gathered, many units of blood were donated, friendships were rekindled (I reconnected with a friend I met at Family Camp many years ago), the air conditioning was welcomed in the triple-digit heat, we were recognized for member retention and scholarship, and member, Rosemary Cook, won her reelection campaign. Convention was an all-around success with our thanks to the Committee.

As we prepare for Bishop Barber’s visit to Martinez, we hope you will consider joining us for the 4:30 p.m. Mass and Dinner on Saturday, October 22. Email icfbranch13martinez@gmail.com for more information.

Central Council member and member of Branch #13, Rosemary Cook, is flanked by her parents, Mary and Tom Cook, Branch #13 delegate, at Meet the Candidates Mardi Gras themed night.

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

How will you serve the branch?
Consider taking an office. Elections will be held on Monday, October 10. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Ciao for now,
Mary Cook

Hello Everyone,
I’m temporarily writing our Bolletino article as Helen Petersen convalesces, and how lucky am I to be the one who mentions our famous Polenta Dinner! It’s October 22, and includes antipasto, sausage, salad, bread, dessert, and even wine, all for the “nowadays” bargain price of $25.

Congratulations to our Bocce teams for making the playoffs. Way to represent ICF! Congrats also on a great convention, and special thanks to Vonda Lesti Egan for representing our branch. And yet another congratulations to Aidan Dooley for receiving a second-year scholarship, in memory of our David Botta. Aidan attends the University of San Diego.

Hope to see you all at our October 13th Italian Potluck meeting. Please bring a favorite Italian dish to share. For the less fortunate over the holiday season, please bring canned goods, if you are able.

Sincere get well wishes, prayers and hugs to Bill Valli and Helen Petersen.

Rosemary Cook with the dynamic Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Gordon of Las Vegas Diocese.

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Br. 14, Nice seeing the Dent family with their little granddaughter, Claire and their daughter Amy. Family time at The Crockett ICF meeting.
I represented our branch at the convention held over the Labor Day weekend at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. It started with a tour. There were Masses, lunches and dinners. Many awards presented and the workshops were informative. We voted on proposals during the general session. A sizeable donation was presented to our national charity, Cooley’s anemia. Many thanks to the convention director Roselyne and her committee for their hard work. The convention next year will be held in Costa Mesa in Southern California.

Both our District and the East Bay District will celebrate Bishop’s day soon. Mass and dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22. Branch 13 is hosting. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm at St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Martinez. Dinner will follow in the parish hall. I mailed a flyer with details. Please stay healthy during these times.

Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno tutti:
I hope you all survived the terrible heat wave we had. Please stay healthy during these times.

We had a no-bake cake sale donation at our branch. This was headed by Angie Monson. I hope you all contributed to this event.

Our prayers go out to Marion Armstrong who underwent a difficult surgery and is now home recuperating with the help of her family and friends. We pray the following months she stays strong and gets well quickly.

Rick DeSantos underwent a hip surgery and is healing quickly with the help of his daughter and son-in-law.

Maria and Mike Marshall attended the annual convention is Las Vegas on Labor Day weekend and had a great time. They participated in dressing up for the event’s fun nights and our branch #214 won an award for having the most new memberships for the 2021-2022 year. Mike accepted the award. We thank them for their participation at the Convention and are looking forward to their new ideas for our branch.

We are having a pasta/bingo event on October 8, 2022, at Cauche Hall. The cost is $30 a person. This is open to family & friends. Fliers available soon.

Two members won $30 for the calendar daily drawing. Terri DiLoreto & Rick DeSantos won for July & August.

We are anxious to have our monthly meetings again to discuss our upcoming fundraisers.

Please take care and stay healthy.
Con Amelia
Norene DeLuca

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

What a great anniversary dinner on September 17! It was wonderful to see so many ICF members and their families and friends to celebrate with us. Thanks to all those who made this occasion possible. Our President, Diana Mackinson, and all the officers were involved. Many volunteers helped realize this event as there were countless details to address. And in the end, abbiamo mangiato proprio bene!!

Our next general meeting will be on Sunday, October 16 for bocce at Rogers Smith Park. Details available soon.

Blessed Sacrament District
Sacramento
Br. 45, St. Mary

Our next event will be held on Sunday, November 6th at Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Chicken and Polenta dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $20 for Members and $25 for Non-Members. Dinner includes: Salad, Roll, Polenta w/sauce, Chicken, Dessert and Beverage. For more information or reservations, call me at 916-508-1199 by Tuesday, Nov 1st.

Buon Compianno to Branch members with October birthdays: Gail Davis, Kimberly Ebert, and Dr. Daniel Mazza.
Have a blessed day!!
Ciao, Janine

Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Our August Branch meeting was a great success! Not only was the Antipasti buffet table set up beautifully, but the food was delicious, and many members commented that it was their favorite meal of the year. Now, that’s saying something! Thank you to Angela Di Grande and crew for all their hard work. To top off the evening, we all enjoyed showing off our artistic talents with a unique colander decorating contest. Congratulations to Yvonne Vanoni who walked away with first prize!

Come enjoy a picnic, complete with games and prizes, at our next Branch meeting on September 16th! Details to follow.

St. Clare Parish will be hosting a ministry fair every weekend in September. Our ICF Branch will be participating on September 17th and 18th. Some of our most enthusiastic members will be there to meet and greet potential new members. Let’s grow our ICF family!

In recognition of “Respect Life Month,” our ICF Branch #438 and the Respect Life Ministry will be co-sponsoring a Baby Shower here at St. Clare Parish on October 1st and 2nd. Volunteers will be on hand to greet parishioners and to accept donations after every Mass. All donations support the Sacramento Life Center.

We pray for our members’ special intentions and remember our dear, Judy Perella, who recently passed away. May her soul rest in peace.

As we transition into this beautiful Fall season, we thank the Lord for our many blessings.
Ciao! Anne Finn
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Greetings and congratulations to all of you who were able to attend our convention in Las Vegas!! Since our next District Meeting was on the 25th of September in Sebastopol, I will have the privilege of interviewing all of the members who attended.

Since I have already missed the 2 previous District Council meetings, I will do my best to remember the recording-secretary agenda. I am hoping for an outstanding attendance. Bishop's Day this year will be on Sept. 18-22 as previously mentioned in last month’s column. Mass at Noon at St. Eugene's church in Santa Rosa…just a few days away.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!!

Until next month enjoy our lovely warm almost Fall weather!!

Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording Secretary

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Delegates and members of Br. 52 had a great time at the ICF Convention in Las Vegas. We honored the Seppi family as Family of the Year, had fun bowling and enjoyed seeing and learning from other ICF members! Next year’s convention will be in Costa Mesa.

Our September potluck was a great success. It’s always fun tasting the delicious dishes from our chefs!

Upcoming Events:
Saturday, October 8: ICF Monthly Mass, 4:30 p.m. Mass
Tuesday, October 4: ICF monthly meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory. All members can attend our monthly meetings.
Saturday, November 5: Polenta Dinner. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner! Price: $25.00 per person. $10.00 for children under 12. Carmen and Lauren will be selling tickets after the 10 a.m. Masses or call 707-595-3111. Deadline: Monday, October 31.

While we had no winners from our branch in the ICF Raffle, we did sell 62 books for $620.00 for our charities! Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

Happy Halloween!
Lauren
Cloverdale
Br. 75, L’Annunciata

Representing my branch at this year’s convention was great fun! This picture in my room reflects the “Jazzy” kick-off they treated us to on Friday night with sensational streamed music and food to wow the most dull palate.

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, like some of my money, but what we bring home is renewed enthusiasm and commitment to nurturing our branches and fostering their growth. When you witness the work of the “Saints” who belong to the ICF, i.e., the priest who catches and saves the wasted lives of thousands of young men and the couple who adopts hundreds of unwed mothers who in turn save and raise their precious children rather than abort them, I am awe-struck! There was a child of 16 who gave a speech beyond the wisdom of Methuselah...I was gob smacked!!

Next year’s convention held in Orange County promises to be no less spectacular. Come witness the miracles wrought by the ICF! When one of us does something little or large we do it for all. Start saving your pennies and attend. It’s well worth it!

Our next event is Bishop’s Day at which we do something small for our seminarians who will turn around and do something huge for us by becoming Christ’s Anointed.

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma
Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Time for a branch membership drive! Let’s spread the word about our wonderful organization and see if we can start driving our branch numbers up. Anyone from the Sonoma or Napa Valleys are welcome to join our branch.

Our September dinner was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make our first dinner in over 2 years such a success. Keep watch for our next planned dinner.

We continue to pray for our sick members and their families, our wish and hope is everyone will be back to good health soon.

To those of our members celebrating an October birthday – Buon Compleanno! We wish you many more years of happiness and good health.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see some new faces.

Happy Columbus Day!
Lisa Galli-Galetto

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,

We held a successful pizza meeting night in August. Sorry more people couldn’t make it. Please put our meeting night on your calendar. It’s still the second Monday of the month at Saint James, room nine, 6:15 p.m. Would love to see everyone there.

We are making plans for a shrimp and risotto dinner on Saturday, October 22. It will include antipasto, salad and dessert. Cost is $25 sit down or $20 takeaway. There will also be mushroom risotto for those who prefer it. Make reservations by calling Lucy at 707-769-1245. We are limiting sit down to 80 people so call early. Takeouts are also limited and must also be ordered ahead. Deadline for reservations is October 15.

With continued prayers for everyone’s good health.
Denisse DiGirolamo

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Eureka Branch #145 sold bussotti and Italian cookbooks at the Italian festival and bocce tournament held at the Redwood Ballfields in Cutten. The festival was organized by the Eureka Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Our Applebee’s restaurant fundraising dinner on September 19th was enjoyable as usual. This is a great event, and our members and friends did not have to do any cooking (or dishwashing)! The Colivas Memorial Scholarship Dinner is back, and it will be better than ever. October 9th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. a delicious pasta dinner will be served using Jerry Colivas’s recipe for the sauce. Many raffle prizes will be available.

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We owe a big “Thanks” to our President, Doreen O’Rourke, for representing our Branch at the ICF Annual Convention in Las Vegas over the Labor Day weekend. Her report at the September meeting was excellent.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, and this means we will elect new officers for 2023, enjoy a festive Thanksgiving dinner meeting and celebrate our Christmas dinner with Egg Nog. Plan now to attend our meetings and to rejoin our Branch next year. Please check your Branch calendar for future dates and ask a friend from Church to join our Branch with you.

Celebrate Halloween with goodies for the children and be sure to save some for yourself.

Continue to pray for Mary Gosiak and our other members with medical and spiritual needs.

Ciao a tutti,
Gail Bongi-Acevedo

Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

We are busy getting back into the swing of things!

In May, we had our scholarship dinner for our recipients, and their families.

Our winners were Mary Marr, Emily Maners, Avery Tollini, and Carson Hay.

In June, it was all about the dads for Father’s Day! Having a special Mexican dinner. Our members, Tim and Christopher Polley joined us, all the way from Washington. Tim proudly announced the birth of his granddaughter, Teagan Corrine Lofftus. The new parents Kathryn and Kyle Lofftus are members too, soon Teagan will be joining the ICF. Teagan is the 7th great grandchild of Bud Polley and great niece of Pam McAlvain.

We had the month of July off for summer vacations and had the passing of our member Lona Bertoli. Lona was a 54-year member and took great pride in the day the success that it was. Mark your calendars for next August so you can join the celebration with us. Our festa is always the last Sunday in August.

Ciao!
Regina Chavez
Branch President

FRESNO
District

Gustine
Br. 54, E.S. Del Pettoruto

For the past couple of years, Branch 54 in Gustine has celebrated Our Lady of Pettorutio with a special mass but was not able to host the celebration dinner that has been the tradition for 80+ years. This year the branch is pleased to share that the special mass was held, and the celebration dinner was brought back. Members worked diligently to make sure all the details were set and the celebration for Our Lady of Pettorutio was a phenomenal success. Friends and family gathered together for a special day and a special feast which included the traditional tripe stew.

Branch 54 is blessed to have so many members that come together for this special day and bring their families and friends to join in the celebration. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the day the success that it was.

Mark your calendars for next August so you can join the celebration with us. Our festa is always the last Sunday in August.

Ciao!
Regina Chavez
Branch President

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ICF members Branch 54

Central Coast District

Our district sent 14 delegates to our ICF Annual convention held at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. Congratulations and Best Wishes to our newly elected Central Council officers.

A special thank you to Ed and Bella Leonard for hosting and inviting us to their Hospitality Room. The food and drinks were fantastic.

Our Bishop Day will be on October 8, 2022, hosted by Branch 51 Castroville.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
District Secretary

Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members.

Susan and I attended the annual convention in Las Vegas over the Labor Day weekend. The venue: The Orleans was very nice, food was good. Susan and I had a good time. There was some ICF stuff to deal with which you will read about elsewhere in the Bollettino.

Our club is having a Sausage Sandwich Sale on Saturday, October 22, and Sunday 23. We are also selling tickets for a dinner fund raiser at DiCicco’s Restaurant, Herndon and West, on Sunday, November 6 and Monday, November 7. The tickets are $25.00 each and are good for dine in and take out. Club members will be selling tickets. Please support our club. Debbi Jorgensen has been working with the restaurant and designing tickets. She has put in many hours to make this fundraiser a success.

Looking to the future. Our Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, December 14th at Pardini’s on Shaw and Van Ness. As you know there have been many discussions regarding changing locations. The Christmas dinner committee: Debbi Jorgensen and Giovanni Mullignanni spent many days evaluating different venues. In the end Pardini’s is still the best deal. We really need a good turnout. Please plan now to attend.

Jay Newsome, President

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Greetings from Clovis, where the temp hit 115 today! Pity the elderly and the poor animals out in this heat! Happy birthday to Geraldine Goodwin, our only September celebrant!

We had another well-attended meeting in August which was hi-lighted by Madeline Conatser’s presentation on Italian culture.

Little known Pope department: Pope Soter (167-174) born in Fondi, Campania; declared marriage was valid as a sacrament blessed by a priest; formally inaugurated Easter as an annual festival.

President Rich Zanarini reminded everyone elections are coming up and the need for a permanent Branch president is still essential.

Philosopher Angelino says “Ricchezza E Santita, La Meta Della Meta:” “Wealth and Sainthood, - Half of a Half!”

Invitations for the 50th anniversary have gone out. Please respond promptly and positively.

This response was written by a Catholic Elementary School student in answering a question about the New Testament: “Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate conception”. And with that, let’s close with this thought for the month:

“Lord, guide my thoughts and guide my words,
That only good will escape my lips”
(Anon)

Ciao. Matilda Mortadella

Br. 54, Our Lady of Pettoruto on display at Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles in Gustine
Santa Cruz  
Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Buon pomeriggio, Tutti, and happy Autumn. Someone once said, “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.” It’s also the time of year that reminds us of celebrations to come...Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Before that, however, ICF will hold its annual Bishop’s Day celebration in Castroville on Saturday, October 8th at noon at Our Lady of Refuge Church. A reception luncheon will be served immediately after the mass. Please call Roseann to make reservations. This is a nice way to have lunch with the Bishop of Monterey, to visit with other Branch members, and also enjoy Mass in a different setting. On Sunday, November 6th, at 8:30 a.m. our Br 21 will hold our annual Memorial Mass at Holy Cross. This is a lovely time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us; further information will be sent out soon via postal mail.

Our convention delegates have returned from Las Vegas and shared good stories and interesting ideas. We invite you to attend our next General Meeting to hear what they learned from other Branches. Most importantly, we would enjoy your company and would welcome any ideas you might have to keep our Branch moving forward. The next General Meeting social hour begins at 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall on Tuesday, October 4th, followed by a short meeting.

That being said, we would like to welcome our new priest, Fr. Rodrigo Paredes, who comes to us from Carmel Mission, and Sr.Suchito, who is taking Sr. Jaise’s place. We are blessed to have you in our parish.

Until next month, stay safe and healthy.  
Stefani Cortopassi  
Trustee-Branch 21

Castroville  
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

First and foremost, I would like to wish a very happy birthday to our members who are celebrating October birthdays: Natalie Carbonel, Kevin Cortopassi, Paul Cortopassi, Linda Grier, and Thomas Martinez.

Our Parish will be hosting this year’s Bishop’s Mass and lunch on Saturday, October 8. Mass will be at Our Lady of Refuge Church at 12noon, with lunch immediately after at the Parish Hall.

There have been a few changes in our parish these past few months. After serving our parish for 11 years, Fr. Pedro was transferred to St. Joseph’s in Cayucos. Thank you, Fr. Pedro, for your many years of kindness, compassion, and service to our community. We wish you the best of luck in your new assignment.

We also lost Sr. Jaise, who is now at St. Joseph’s in Spreckels. Thank you so much for everything you did for our parish during the 13 years you were with us. You will be missed.

Aptos  
Br. 227, St. Joseph’s

Our August meeting featured a potluck dinner. We were honored to have District Mentor Eddie Leonard and his wife Bella with us. We welcomed two new members: Faye Jahnigen and Terry Cuereisma.

Thanks to all who helped at the District/Branch picnic on September 17. More about this next month.

Congratulations to our Branch President Franklyn Lopes who was re-elected to the position of Second Grand Vice-President at the Convention. He reported that the convention was very successful and said there was lots of good food.

We lost two of our beloved members in August. Don Robinson passed away on August 1 at the age of 92. He was a member for 47 years. After every meeting without being asked to, Don would get up and help clear tables. We will miss his warm personality and playful sense of humor.

On August 15 Angelo DeBernardo passed away at the age of 81. At our June meeting Dottie Smith organized an Italian Heritage program in which Angelo (with a little help from his wife Rita) told us all about his birth and life in Italy. It was so nice to learn more about this remarkable man. Your prayers are needed for Dan Casagranda, who is currently in rehab receiving treatment for an infec-

tion in his foot. Also, please offer your prayers and get well wishes for our Orator Bruce Dunn and his son, Michael.

May God bless you all as you use the gifts He has given you.  
Deanna Musler, Secretary

Santa Cruz  
Br. 21 Oct.22 Santa Cruz Farewell to Fr Martin Cain for his service

Br. 291, St. Patrick

Br. 291’s Delegates, Dave and Keely Sanchez, had a great time at the Convention in Las Vegas! Dave was honored to accept Fr. Masseo’s Santa Teresa of Calcutta Award due to Father’s unavailability to attend the convention. We will present Fr. Masseo his award at our upcoming General Meeting.

Our Spaghetti Dinner Fall Fundraiser is quickly approaching! Join us on October 8th, from 4 p.m.–7 p.m. in our parish hall. Proceeds from this dinner will help fund our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. Dinners are $12 for adults and kids 0-17 EAT FOR FREE!

We will be holding Branch Officer Elections at our October General Meeting. We will also be discussing our Christmas Luncheon menu at the October meeting, so it’s an important one to attend!

At our August meeting we started an Attendance Drawing. All current members’ names are placed in the “bag” and if the member’s name drawn is in attendance, they win at least $25! The pot grows by $5 each month until we have a winner! On our inaugural drawing, the member’s name drawn was unfortunately not in attendance, so our pot grew to $30 for the following month. Remember, you can’t win if you don’t attend!

Please continue to pray for our members who are experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time.

Ciao! Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary

Br. 291 Pres Pete Gallagher, presented with his favorite cake for his birthday, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, by Annie Subia & Anne Orlando.

Br. 291 Delegates, Dave & Keely Sanchez, had a great time at the ICF Convention in Las Vegas, including at the Saintly Dinner.
CHICAGO District

Chicago
Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 392 will present the Mother Cabrini Award to Reverend Joseph A. Mulcrone on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. See article on page 8 for more information.

Our chairman, Teresa D’Alessandro Helfand, cordially invites you to attend the Mother Cabrini Award celebration on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 and is proud to announce that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center to help needy families.

The Italian Catholic Federation – Branch 392 will hold the 24th Annual Mother Cabrini Award Celebration on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. The festivities begin with a Mass at 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, 8033 West Addison, Chicago followed by award dinner dance at Pescatore Palace, 3400 River Road, Franklin Park (cocktails at 5:00 p.m./ dinner at 6:00 p.m.). Tickets for dinner are $80.00 per person. To reserve for dinner call Teresa Hel- fand at 773-763-0507 or Maria Perna at 708-307-7180.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

September brings us to fall. Our gardens have given us much produce, along with enduring a LOT of HOT weather. Let’s see what is going on at Branch 191.

Our Lafayette Shower took place on August 27th at our General Meeting. Both Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan were overwhelmed by the generosity of our branch. Baby towels, which are in demand, were in abundance, along with some very kind monetary donations. Our branch showed love in their hearts to new mothers.

We also participated in a Ministry Fair at SFC on August 21st. There were 19 contact names obtained who were interested in joining ICF. We look forward to seeing new names and faces in our branch.

On Sept 21st, Branch 191 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for the open house/STEAM Program for SFC school. Our branch will be preparing dinner for parents/children at this school function. Proceeds will go to SFC 8th grad and ICF scholarship.

Bishop’s Day will be celebrated on Oct 1, 2022. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. at St. Christopher’s Church, with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. Tickets are on sale. Contact Deb- bie for further details. Please make every attempt to attend this event, especially mass, as support is needed from all members.

We also welcome Kathy Cook as our new member to Branch 191. We look forward to seeing Kathy at our events.

Our next general meeting will be Sept 24. We await to hear presentations from Jamie and Debbie, our delegates to convention. I have heard some reports of a great convention, wonderful, tasty banquet dinners, friendly staff, and enlightening and informative workshops. We anticipate our delegates reports.

Fall is here.....
Shirley Catania sentinel

San Jose
Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

The District Picnic was held at Vasona Park on Sunday, July 10th. It was a great get together, with dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers and salad. Fr. George said mass and gave a beautiful homily about being a good samaritan. Yum, yum, our July meeting was an Ice Cream Social chaired by Patty Capps, Bobbie Gallegos & Robin Hay.

Looks like Covid is here to stay. CDC is offering another Covid shot. Several of us have had Covid and it is not fun.

August 13th was the drive through Rib Dinner fundraiser. Bill and Maria Grecco chaired the event, and this was another great success.

The 91st ICF National Convention was in Las Vegas Labor Day weekend. Mary Ridi, Ann Cordoni and Father George represented BR 368.

If you would like to chair the Pasta and Polenta dinner fundraiser, date TBA, please, let the board know.

September branch meeting and men’s BBQ was Wednesday, September 14th hosted by John Gillio, Jerry Opp and Mike Cordoni.

Please pray for those recovering from sickness: Avis Erkel, Paul Butler, Barbara Ruffner and anyone you know with Covid or sick. Jeanne Gill, and Jim Gillio have passed away. Jim Gil- lio is John Gillio’s brother.

Congratulations to John and Noreen Gillio who have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mark your calendars for Bishop’s Day Saturday Oct.1st at St. Christopher’s Church. Ann Cordoni is collecting checks for lunch at $35 each.

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

At our August meeting, Louise Vento gave an informative report of DiSta- si’s and Gilbert’s Una Storia Segreta: The Secret History of Italian Ameri- can Evacuation and Internment during World War II. The authors write of the little-known story of the mistreatment of Italian-Americans during World War II and of their evacuation and internment.

In September, Steve and Cathleen Lencioni represented Branch 391 as our two Convention Delegates in Las Vegas and will present a report at our October 4 meeting. Also on this date, branch elections for 2023 officers will be held.

During the September meeting and due to the heat, Steve Lencioni thanked everyone for coming out and led the brief meeting with announce- ments, which included Marisa Lipari winning one of our scholarships. Rose Crimi, in her heritage report, shared the story of her Sicilian fig tree and offered some of the bounty to members.

Thank you, Steve and Cathleen, for providing a last-minute barbecue sausage and bean dinner during our heat wave—cooking outside in one of the hottest days of the year! Thank you to Lynda Vallorz and other members, who served and provided assistance to the Lencions.

In September, our popular fundraiser, Wine Down, was a successful social event. As always, our members enjoyed great Santa Clara Valley Wines and delicious food.

Reminder: Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. will be our next meeting.

Janis Patellaro

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Hello folks,
By the time you read this I hope we will be over our miserable heatwave in California! Praying all are well and surviving this.
Since our last article there has been a Convention in Las Vegas. Our President and Delegate, Giulia Gallego attended and had a wonderful time. She was happy to meet with old friends. During the course of the weekend, our branch received a Certificate acknowledging third place for increased membership during 2022.
In our next issue we will be happy to report our first Dinner Meeting in a few years! Due to the renovation of St Catherine Church we have not had a venue.
We are looking forward to this event.
Sincerely
Sylvia Sorci
Charter Member

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Br 408 held its first in person monthly meeting in the Farana Center Double Alices on Monday August 29th. It was our first in person meeting since February 2020. It was good to see old Friends and to discuss our upcoming ICF Events and Projects such as Convention in Vegas, our September Blood Drive, Santa Clara Valley District Bishop’s Day, and our Columbus Day Weekend Bake Sale.
Patricia served as our Branch Delegate at this year’s ICF Convention in Las Vegas. Please check with her for a Review of the Proceedings. We heard excellent collection of Presentations and Award Speeches from folks like Eva Stern (Br47- Grand President’s Award, Daniele Packing (Young Members Award) and the St. Theresa of Calcutta Award Winner and from the Local Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Gordon.
Our September Blood Drive yielded another solid collection of this precious Lifegiving Gift. We learned at Convention that significant Progress is being made to combat Cooley’s anemia on the Genetic tailored medicine front with many encouraging results which will bode well for the younger generations.
Our Parish 60th Anniversary Concert and Retreat were well attended and supported by ICF Volunteers.
The Location of Bishop’s Day Mass and Luncheon has been moved and will be held this year at St Christopher’s Parish.
Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Al Chantelope, Donna Richey, Dori Blefari and Fr Arthur’s Mother-Veatrice.

Morgan Hill
Br. 435, Santa Caterina D’Alessandria

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Br 435 ICF Branch 435 Annual BBQ Guglielmo Winery.in Morgan Hill

Br. 408, ICF Annual Convention

Br. 408
As Fall approaches, we look back on our summer fun. Our Santa Clara Valley ICF District picnic at Vasona Park was a splendid day of fellowship, food and fun. Kudos to our District officers for hosting this great event!

During our July general meeting: our convention delegate Jim Canger shared proposed ICF Bylaw changes for membership vote. Thank you, Jim, for representing our Branch at the Annual ICF Convention!

Members also listened to a short musical recording to guess our July Heritage report. Larry Farro quickly shouted, “The Tarantella”!

In August, an ice cream social preceded our afternoon meeting. Many thanks to all our members who brought a variety of ingredients to make ice cream sundaes, root beer floats or milkshakes … and our Heritage report was appropriately “The History of Gelato”!

For our next fundraiser, we will be hosting our ICF version of the TV show “FAMILY FEUD” Sunday afternoon NOVEMBER 6th. Save the Date to join us for food, fun and prizes! More info to follow…

Happy October Birthday wishes to members: Jean Cosentino, Gary Pedone, Maureen Godar and Grace Brown. Belated September wishes to: Janie Falcone, Marie Adragna, Kathy Samaripa and Reyne Rafoth.

STOCKTON
District

Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

The convention had many changes this year. It will take me a little while to get used to the changes. They were good changes. I enjoyed the Mother Cabrini workshop and was surprised to learn that Mother Cabrini came from the same area as my father.

My granddaughter came with me to help me get thru the airport and from place to place at the convention. I want to thank the many friends that helped me at the convention. If my granddaughter stepped away for a minute, there was always someone there that said that they would keep an eye on me.

The St. Stanislaus Church Fall Festival will be held the 23 thru the 25 of September 2022. We have many changes for our festival too. Our Schedule is Friday - Movie Night, Saturday - Cornhole Tournament, Games for the kids and the Food Tent, Sunday - Live & Silent Auction, Chicken Dinner and the Food Tent. There will also be a Country Store with homemade items. Our branch will be helping where it is needed. Our Bake Sale will be held October 1st & 2nd if front of the church after the masses until we are sold out.

Masses for our deceased members will be Sunday October 2, 2022 and November 13, 2022 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

After a delicious dinner of over-baked chicken, pesto, salad, and a tasty dessert prepared by Chef Tony Queirolo at our August meeting, Presidente Birdie Nieri read a communication from Stockton Bishop Myron Cotta, thanking our branch for its generous contribution to the Bishop’s Burse.

Central Council and Branch member Dante Galeazzi reported on the annual Queen Coronation Ball, held in August and on the Blessing of the Fleet, scheduled for September in Monterey.

After a pause of several years because of the COVID pandemic, Branch 139 is reviving a number of our social activities, our famous Biscotti Bake in October being one of them. Our biscotti sales during the holidays have always been quite successful. Our annual Christmas Prime Rib luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, December 4.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for our traditional Shrimp Feed for next April. It, also, has been a most popular event.

We filled a couple of vacancies on our officer corps. Sally Strube was elected to fill a trustee spot and Dino Cunial volunteered to be our Orator.

Many thanks to Secretaria Anna Mello for her assistance to your “corrispondente” for this article.

Ciao,
Mariano

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Branch 390 President Anita Ridolfi and Steve Ridolfi represented our branch at this year’s 2022 91st Annual Convention. A big congratulations to Danielle Pachinger from Branch 413 who received the Young Youth Leadership Award.

Our Branch 390 took third place in the Heritage division awards. Congratulations team! The Mob Museum tour was one of the offerings and was attended by our attendees, who joined Francesca Taylor, presenter of the Mother Cabrini workshop.

Dinner featuring spaghetti and meatballs and all the trimmings returned September 29th. We continue to ask for help from our members and their guests…setting up, serving, holding a meeting, running the raffle and clean up are a lot of work when we have over 200 attending. So please help out if you are able - we very much appreciate our hard-working crew! Thank you!

We are sad to report the passing of Dan Parrillo at age 92, and the daughter of Sharon Paguel Linda Rocha at age 51, and Steve Arnaudo at age 99, who was a charter member and who not only served our branch but was also a guiding force for our church and our community. We thank him and his family members for many wonderful years of service. Our condolences to their families. May they rest in peace.

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures on our Website which includes the Heritage section you are all welcome to join - just submit to Steve anytime. www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao,
Betty

Stockton
Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Branch 395 thanks Central Council for putting on another great convention besides all the challenges that continue to face us. Congratulations to all the new officers and thank you for serving the ICF.

On Monday, October 3 we held our second annual Italian mass at Church of the Presentation. The mass was dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi who died in the evening of October 3, 1226, at the age of 44. Following the mass, we had a “rinfresco” where attendees enjoyed Moscato and a variety of biscotti. All prepared by the incredible bakers of Branch 395.

Longtime member, Carol Quijada, has offered to chair the nominating committee and we look forward to holding elections next month. We encourage our newer members to get involved. It is a wonderful way to give back to the federation.

Alla prossima,
Mary Ann

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
-Saint Francis of Assisi
COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS

We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO THE MOST REVEREND GEORGE LEO THOMAS AND MOST REVEREND GREGORY GORDON

We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for their continued service to the people of the Diocese of Las Vegas. We are grateful for their participation in this year’s convention, representing the Diocese of Las Vegas.

COMMUNICATION TO REVEREND CHRISTOPHER BENNETT

As our new Spiritual Director, we welcome Reverend Christopher Bennett. We wish to thank him for all his years of loyal service to the ICF. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the ICF. We look forward to many more years of his friendship and guidance.

COMMUNICATION TO GRAND PRESIDENT DEBORAH RODONDI

We wish to thank Grand President Deborah Rodondi for her leadership during the past year. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED

We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation and that they are also protected from harm.

RESOLUTIONS:

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES

As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Las Vegas for their 91st Annual Convention on September 2-4, 2022, adopt the following Resolutions and Communications:

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND UNITED STATES WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC IN 2021-2022

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the World and in the United States, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2021 and 2022. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING IMPACTED BY THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF WAR IN UKRAINE

We offer our prayers and support to the people of Ukraine who are being impacted by this terrible tragedy of war and for peace to come to our world. We also offer our prayers to those citizens who must stay behind or are unable to leave.

TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR’S COMMITTEE

Whereas the preparation of the convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Roselyne Jarrett McNeal, we, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith, and Nanette Scarpellini Metz, Editor of the Bollettino.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE DEALING WITH ILLNESS AT THIS TIME

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE FAMILY OF MSGR. DANIEL CARDELLI, I.C.F. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

We offer our condolences to the family of Msgr. Daniel Cardelli on his recent passing. Monsignor served as ICF Spiritual Director with distinction from 2007 until his passing in 2021. His laughter, intelligence, and spirituality will be missed.

TO THE FAMILY OF REVEREND ANDREW COLNAGHI, FORMER I.C.F. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

We offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Andrew Colnaghi, former ICF Spiritual Director, on his recent passing. Father Andrew provided ministerial services, spiritual direction, and was a friend to so many for over 25 years.

TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE, MEDICAL

We offer our prayers that they will continue to be there for all of us when needed and that they are also protected from harm.

Madame Grand President, I move that these Communications and Resolutions be adopted. Thank you.
Dear Branch President,

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. Either submit your ad designed and sized or the provide your text and we will create the design.

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The deadline is November 10th.

Thank you.

**ICF Office**

### SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

And

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

**Present**

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CARRINI MASS, PILGRIMAGE, BENEDICTION and CELEBRATING THE 76th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER CARRINI’S CANONIZATION TO SAINTHOOD

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church -3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

**DATE:** Sunday, November 13, 2022

**MASS:** 11:30 AM; PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM; BENEDICTION: 1:00 PM; COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH: 2:00 PM

Raffle and Gift Shop

**MENU:** BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni’s Catering)

**RESERVATION(S) BY:** OCTOBER 31, 2022

**CONTACT: ANDREA LINN – Email RSVP to: andilimn@gmail.com  OR Mail RSVP TO: ICF to ANDREA LINN - 4095 Fruit St. Sp 342 - La Verne, CA 91750

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Name: ____________________________ Br.______ Phone__________________

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(please make checks to ICF LAADC; memo: Cabrini Pilgrimage 2022)

**Responsible Beverage Service Act:**

Beginning July 1, 2022, the Responsible Beverage Service Training Act will go into effect. The law requires that anyone who serves alcohol, manages servers, delivers alcohol, takes orders, or checks IDs at a business that serves alcohol on-site must be trained to serve alcohol legally and safely to the public by August 31, 2022. The law authorized the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to establish the Responsible Beverage Server Training Program (RBSTP). Under the program, every alcohol server and their manager must have a valid Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) certification from ABC.

The ABC is now requiring that one person who represents their organization complete a course and pass a test, “online is ok” as part of the Responsible Beverage Service Act. That person is issued an ID number and that number is required when applying for the license for any event where alcohol is served.

The website explains it all and has a short video on the application process. The individual who is certified must be in attendance whenever alcohol is served. So, the branches will have to choose someone to become a certified person.

Thank you to Branch 332, Novato, for bringing this to ICF’s attention.

**Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand 2nd Vice President.**

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Sunday at the ICF 91st Annual Convention

CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION
Opening Prayer given by while the priest he has figured out a BINGO prayer and was working on one for slot machines. He also mentioned that the spirit was within and working around us. "Each one of us is a saint in progress."

The Public Relations Committee presented the Resolutions and Communications. Complete details can be found in the October Bollettino.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS allowed for members, delegates and individuals from each of the branches to offer donations to the various charities supported by ICF: Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund and Scholarships. Final results are found in this issue of the Bollettino. Also, a friendly competition brought in an additional $44 based participants choosing (1) no sugar added to pasta sauce and (2) the Chicken Dance instead of the Tartella for getting people dancing.

CONVENTION SITE REPORT shared highlights from next year’s 92nd Annual National Convention of the ICF in Orange County near Anaheim and Newport Beach, California.

CLOSING PRAYER Father George Aranha shared he was nearly done with the slot machine prayer to match his BINGO prayer. Remember, “the spirit is within and working around us…Each one of us is a saint in progress.”

AWARDS LUNCHEON capped off a delicious weekend of culinary treats. Though every member is important, this event was an opportunity to recognize significant award winners.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES—Denise Antonowicz, Central Council 1st Vice President, oversaw the afternoon’s activities.

Deborah Redondi presented Eva Stern with the Grand President’s Award for her tireless support of ICF and her community. She also presented Danielle Pachinger with the Young Adult Leadership Award for her initiative and devotion to the ICF. Danielle called on members to hold their Catholic faith close and to also share it with others.

Finally, she presented the Family of the Year Award to the Seppi Family for its ongoing multigenerational support of the ICF throughout various activities.

CONCELEBRATED MASS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS presided over by the Most Reverend Gregory Gordon, Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas. He was joined by Father Ron Zanoni who originally hailed from Stockton. Zanoni’s family had a strong connection to ICF. He was a member in his youth. A Father Silvio Zanoni, not-related, was part of the early founding member of an ICF branch in Las Vegas. In 1924, Fr. Silvio Zanoni used a silver chalice which was later used at his ordination in 1932. The same chalice was used at today’s ICF mass. “With over a century of good works, the chalice poured into our hearts to relight the flame.”

Following mass, Vincent Piro, Past Grand President managed the Installation of Central Council Officers for the upcoming year.

The Federation Anthem was led by the Watts Family of Br. 281.

Grand President, Deborah Rodondi ADJOURNED the annual meeting until we meet again in Orange County.
Grand President's Award
-- Eva Stern, Br. 47

Young Adult Leadership Award
-- Danielle Pachinger, Br. 413

Sunday continued

Family of the Year Award
-- The Seppi Family, Br. 52