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District Mentor Newsletter

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A MESSAGE TO ALL MENTORS

What can you do as a Mentor to help the Federation?

- You can help Branch Presidents and their officers conduct business smoothly and efficiently by offering your support and knowledge.
- Give a Mentor Report and highlight ways that the Branch can support the I.C.F. Strategic Plan. The plan can also be found on the I.C.F. Website under the Membership Area.
- Submit a Branch Report to your District Mentor once a month, or if you are a District Mentor submit your report to me in a timely fashion. You can e-mail them to me at icfmentor@aol.com.
- Let me and the Grand President, Deborah Rodondi, know of any challenges a Branch is facing asap; such as declining membership, difficulty recruiting officers and problems with their parish.
- A Branch cannot vote to close on its own. Remind Branches that if they are considering closing, they must write a letter of intent to inform the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the Branch President and Secretary, before any vote to close. The Executive Committee will then appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to try and resolve the problems or challenges - even administrate the Branch, if necessary . and, hopefully, avoid closure.

Mentoring is a great skill and can be an enjoyable experience.

Please remember to be a POSITIVE influence and don't forget to send in your reports to me in a timely manner.

REMINDER TO BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS

Dues for 2023 are due January 1, 2023.

Plan your **Bishop's Day** if you haven't already done so.

And, once you do, please call and inform the I.C.F. Office of the date.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

The **Convention Committee** will soon be asking that the Branches start early to submit names for the 5 awards to be given out at Convention: Pope Saint John XXIII, Grand President, Family of the Year, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Young Adult Leadership Awards.

When you receive the application forms, please read them completely. The Central Council needs all of the required material for the packet to be complete.

The **NEW** Deadline to submit nominations for all of the Awards is **April 1, 2023**.

Convention Yearbook Submissions

Reminder: In order to help with the timeline for the production of the Convention Yearbook, the **Deadline for Submissions is July 1st**. The materials for the Convention Yearbook are part of the documents, for the Quarter ending 12/31/22, that are now available on the Website in the Officers' Portal. Please make sure that you point this out to the Districts and Branches, so that we can all meet this deadline.

BOLLETTINO

The *Bollettino* E-mail Address is: editor@icf.org

A Reminder to get your articles in by the **10th of the month** for the following month's issue. All image and article submissions need to be sent in an editable electronic format. All Branch and District reports need to adhere to word count requirements (**no more than 250 words**) or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on the editor's judgement.

WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

District and Branch Mentors are needed. Please ask your District and Branch Members to encourage volunteers. It truly is a rewarding experience. Please contact Franklyn Lopes, Jr. for more information.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENTORS TO SPEAK ON AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Membership Retention and Payment of Dues.

Make sure that a list of the newly elected District/Branch Officers is sent to the I.C.F. office.

Make sure each Branch has a published yearly calendar of events that has been given to every member and encourage each President to have Chairpersons for all Branch Committees.

Encourage all Branch members to attend the District Installation of Officers. Insist that all Officers, or a Representative, attend the District Installation of Officers' Ceremony.

Encourage Members to join the Hospitalization Program.

Information on our Scholarship Program has been mailed to all of the high schools where the Federation is located. Encourage Branches to contribute at least one full scholarship if they have the means. Partial scholarship donations are also accepted and encouraged. Encourage members who have children or grandchildren who are high school seniors and meet the criteria to apply. **April 1st is the new deadline for donations and applications.**

Encourage Branches to increase donations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year and Italian Studies Scholarships this year. The need is great for our advanced Scholarship Program.

Encourage members to make contributions to the Providenza Seminary Fund, Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and Scholarship Programs. Donation cards are available through the I.C.F. office.

Remind Branches to: pay the Per Capita Tax when the bill is received. Consider now how to have sufficient funds (try fundraisers) to send their Delegates to the Convention this year over Labor Day Weekend.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/22 BY DISTRICT

Gain/Loss since 6/30/22

Central Coast	1,103	- 10
Santa Clara Valley	758	- 19
Fresno	707	+ 8
Contra Costa	554	+ 12
Santa Rosa	519	+ 11
Los Angeles	507	+ 1
Stockton	351	- 4
San Mateo	345	+ 3
Blessed Sacrament	327	+ 6
East Bay	283	- 4
Marin	201	+ 5
Chicago	189	- 8
San Diego	167	- 17
San Gabriel Valley	165	+ 3
Santa Barbara/Ventura	135	- 25
San Francisco	90	- 1
San Bernardino	66	+ 3
Orange	62	+ 2
Reno	32	+ 0

Total membership as of 12/31/22	6,561
New Members	161
Reinstated	15
Cancelled/Non Payment	138
Deceased	72
Dues Not Paid 6 – 8 months	4
Dues Not Paid 9 – 12 months	356

**Wishing you
God's Blessings
in this New Year!**

