

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2023 92nd National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation here in Costa Mesa. From The Italian Catholic Federation Convention to world-class shopping to stunning outdoor parks, there's something for everyone in this vibrant city. Whether you're a foodie, a shopper, a culture buff, or an outdoor enthusiast, Costa Mesa has it all. I hope you have scheduled an extra day or two to enjoy all the area has to offer. Wherever we go for convention, my friend Kathy and I always check out the local antique stores and always manage to find a great treasure to take home; from my "Fresno" Ferris wheel rod iron 6 plant holder (on the back porch) to my "San Diego" Ferris wheel pounded aluminum candy carousel (on the coffee table). I am excited to see what treasure awaits me in Costa Mesa.

The Central Council and I are excited to welcome you. We continue to change things up and hope to have some surprises in store for you this weekend. A big Thank You to the Orange District and all the work they have put into their part of this weekend, starting with a Welcome Dinner Dance on Thursday night.

Thank you to the Convention Committee, under the direction of Roselyne McNeal. I especially wish to thank Rose for all she has done for our conventions and for me personally. This convention will be her last as Convention Chair, so when you see her be sure to say thank you for all she has done to make our conventions enjoyable and to run smoothly. In case you have not heard, Lauren Kilcullen will be taking over from Rose as Convention Chair.

This year's theme "Be the Light" is a beautiful message to all of us. We are the light of God and in our interactions with I.C.F., our parishes, communities, families and friends (to name a few) we are sharing that light with those around us.

Enjoy your stay in Costa Mesa, renew friendships and make new ones at the Italian Catholic Federation Annual Convention.

Blessings,

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