



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



A Century of Faith and Fellowship: ICF Branch 5 Celebrates 100 Years at St. Clare

Denise Antonowicz, Grand President

In the heart of Silicon Valley, a remarkable milestone was celebrated this year on April 26, 2025, as the **Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Branch 5** at St. Clare Church in Santa Clara marked its centennial anniversary. This historic occasion represents not just 100 years of organizational presence, but a century of preserving faith, culture, and community spirit in the Santa Clara Valley.

A Legacy of Faith

The story of Branch 5 is deeply intertwined with the rich history of both the ICF and Santa Clara itself. **Founded in 1924 in San Francisco**, the Italian Catholic Federation emerged as a vital force in bringing together Italian-American Catholics and preserving their cultural heritage while strengthening

their faith. Branch 5, as one of the earliest branches, played a pivotal role in establishing the Federation's presence in the South Bay.

The branch's home, **St. Clare Parish**, traces its roots back to **January 12, 1777**, connecting it to the historic Mission Santa Clara de Asís. This deep-rooted history has provided a strong foundation for the ICF's mission of faith and fellowship.

A Century of Service

Throughout its 100-year journey, Branch 5 has exemplified the ICF's core mission of **upholding and developing the religious spirit among its members while spreading that spirit throughout the community**. Under the current leadership of Branch President

Bob Basuino, the organization continued to foster the same values that have guided it for a century.

The branch has been instrumental in:

- Supporting charitable works within the parish, feeding hundreds at their Thanksgiving Day Lunch and broader community
- Preserving Italian cultural traditions
- Providing scholarships for young parishioners
- Creating fellowship opportunities for families
- Supporting religious education and vocations

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Branch 5 Past and present members

Faith and Heritage Unite: Italian-American Community Rejoices in New Pope

Teresa Helfand, Life Member Emeritus

The members of the Italian Catholic Federation, as proud participants in both the Italian-American community and the broader Catholic Church, are overjoyed to welcome the first American Pope. We are inspired by Pope Leo XIV's spirit of acceptance and willingness to build bridges across cultures and nations—a true vessel of peace and light for all humanity.

As a community rooted in Chicago, we feel especially blessed. Just as Mother Frances Cabrini, the first Italian-born saint, made her mark here by championing the poor, educating children, and sharing the Gospel, Pope Leo XIV—himself born and raised in Chicago—now carries forward that legacy.



Pope Leo XIV

His election is not only a moment of profound spiritual significance, but also a reaffirmation of the enduring values of compassion, service, and unity that define our faith and heritage.

Grand President's Monthly Message

Dads of All Flavors: The Beautiful Mix of Fathers in the Italian Catholic Federation

Denise Antonowicz

You might think with a name like "Italian Catholic Federation" that we're talking about a strictly Italian dads' club here, but boy, would you be wrong! The ICF welcomes members of any nationality who happen to be Catholic, and let me tell you, that makes for one amazing father-focused melting pot.



Back in 1924, this awesome organization got its start when some Italian immigrants were worried about losing touch with their faith and culture. But what began as an Italian thing has bloomed into something way bigger. Today, there are many members who aren't of Italian descent at all, but who share the same awesome ideals. It's like one big family reunion where everyone's invited!

Think about it - we've got Irish dads teaching their kids to make the perfect pasta, Italian papas learning how to make tamales from Mexican dads, and Filipino fathers sharing their family traditions with everyone else. It's this incredible mix of cultures where every dad brings something special to the table (literally - our potlucks are legendary!).

The ICF is all about celebrating faith, family, and heritage together,

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Include photo captions with your
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Please keep your submission positive
and informative.

**Deadline for the
July issue is
June 10, 2025**

Include district name, branch number
and branch name in all submissions.

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Carlo Acutis, the First Millennial Saint

Dear Friends of the Italian Catho-
lic Federation:

When you think of the saints, you
probably think of the big names —
St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph,
or St. Joan of Arc. Rightfully so,
they greatly impacted the Catholic
Church and provided awesome holi-
ness to strive for. During their lives,
which they lived at least 600 years
ago, they enjoyed a wide variety
of things such as outlining military
strategies, carpentry, and preaching
to animals. Can you guess who did
what? These saints are incredibly
holy and inspiring but are not the
most relatable to people of younger
generations.

Enter **Carlo Acutis**. A '90s baby
who wore Nike tennis shoes, played
video games like Super Mario Cart
and Halo, and even knew how to
code a website. Oh, and he is the
Church's most recent Saint. Carlo
was born in 1991 and is the first
millennial to be beatified by the
Catholic Church. He grew up in
Milan, Italy, where he lived until he
lost his battle with leukemia at the
age of 15. It has been widely noted
that Carlo's first love was Our Lord
in the Eucharist, but he was also
known to enjoy a game of Mario
Kart from time to time. When his
tomb was opened for veneration at
the beginning of October, he could
be seen wearing Nikes and jeans,
the clothes he preferred in life.

Carlo shows us that we can enjoy
things of the world, like modern
technology or a pair of tennis shoes,
while still pursuing Christ.

Oftentimes, saints are thought to
have spent their entire lives locked
in prayer, frequently fasting, with
no earthly possessions. While that is
inspirational, it is important to know
that we can strive for sainthood
without forsaking all worldly goods.
A love of God can be balanced with
things of this world.

St. Carlo Acutis had a profound de-
votion to the Eucharist, calling it his
"highway to heaven." His deep love
for Christ in the Eucharist serves as
an inspiring example, especially as
we celebrate the Month of the Sacred
Heart. To cultivate the same love for
Christ in our branches and parish,
here are some meaningful ways to
honor this devotion:

- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Encour-
age regular adoration sessions where
parishioners can spend time in prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament.

- **Sacred Heart Devotion:** Organize
special prayers, novenas, or reflec-
tions centered on the Sacred Heart of
Jesus, deepening our understanding
of His boundless love.

- **Community Outreach:** Inspired
by Carlo's example, engage in acts
of charity, helping those in need as a
reflection of Christ's love.



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

- **Educational Talks & Retreats:**
Host discussions on the Eucharist
and the Sacred Heart, emphasizing
their connection and significance in
our faith.

- **Personal Commitment:** Encour-
age individuals to deepen their
personal relationship with Christ
through frequent reception of the
Eucharist and daily prayer.

I promise to remember you in my
prayers, even as I would be grateful
for a place in yours. May God bless
you and those that you love.

Fr. Chris



Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of May 10, 2025)

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Aldine Grisenti

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In Memory of Terry Rosser

Laurice Levine and Family

In Memory of Marie Mungai

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In Honor of the Anniversary of
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Green!

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GP Message--Continued: Dads of All Flavors

Denise Antonowicz *continued from p. 1*

and our dads are living proof that you don't need to have a last name ending in vowels to be part of this amazing community. Whether they're helping at church functions, mentoring younger dads, or just sharing stories over a cup of coffee, these fathers from all walks of life show us what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

The ICF offers these fathers a unique opportunity to celebrate their faith while making a real difference in their communities. Whether they're organizing scholarship fundraisers for local students, visiting sick members, or planning the next family picnic, these dads show up with their whole hearts. It's not just about being a member of an organization - it's about being part of a family that stretches across cultures and generations.

And now, let's take a moment to pray for all these amazing fathers:

A Prayer for Our ICF Fathers

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of fathers
from every nation and background
both living and dead

*Who have found their way to our
ICF family.*

*Bless their hands that work tire-
lessly,*

*Their hearts that love uncondition-
ally,*

*And their spirits that guide so
faithfully.*

*Grant them strength when they are
weary,*

Wisdom when they are uncertain,

*And joy in the beautiful diversity of
our fellowship.*

*Through the intercession of St.
Joseph, patron of fathers,*

*And St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
our ICF patron saint,*

*Watch over our fathers and their
families.*

*Guide their footsteps as they lead
their families,*

*Light their path when challenges
arise,*

*And fill their hearts with your end-
less love.*

Amen.

Denise Antonowicz, Grand President

Great fathers don't just tell you how to live—they show you.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2025 CONVENTION

"Gateway to God's Bounty"

August 29 – August 31

Wyndham Visalia

9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, CA



Hotel Reservation Link:

Our rate is \$109.00 per night for either single or double occupancy. The tax is currently 12.19%. Members have three ways to make your room reservations:

1. Visit this link: https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/visalia-california/wyndham-visalia/rooms-rates?brand_id=HR&checkInDate=8/27/2025&checkOutDate=9/2/2025&useWHPolntr=false&children=0&groupCode=082725cat&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=CHUKYH04LYIABDKelAc7JkU&sessionId=1740432014
2. Visit the Wyndham Visalia website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/visalia-california/wyndham-visalia/overview?CID=LC:45662huedfbxty:49281&meta=00093796> and enter the room block code: **082725CAT** in the "special rates" box
3. Call the front desk: 559-551-5000 and mention the room block code: **082725CAT**.

The deadline for hotel reservations is August 8, 2025. Please do not wait until this date to make your reservations, as the room block may be sold out prior to this date.

Self - Parking: Complimentary!

Convention updates can be found on the ICF Facebook page or in the Bollettino.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention!
We look forward to seeing you in Visalia!

*"Gateway to
God's Bounty"*

Delegate Registration



BRANCH NO. _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT: _____
Individual Members as of March 31st: _____ Number of Delegates Required: _____ (see below)

**The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the
2025 Convention in Visalia.**

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.

Elections for delegates are to take place at a branch meeting before the registration deadline.

Hotel reservation code: **082725CAT**

DELEGATE NAME: (Print clearly) _____ **Check for 1st** _____ **Date Arriving** _____ **Email Address** _____
Use additional sheets if necessary. *time delegate*

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

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

1. _____
2. _____

GUESTS: (not attending lunch or dinners)

1. _____
2. _____

Mail this form with registration payment of \$385.00 per delegate by July 1 to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621. Late registration is \$400.00.

Delegate registration fee includes: Friday Opening Ceremonies Banquet, Saturday Banquet, Sunday ICF Awards Luncheon, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and contribution towards convention related expenses such as audio / visual.

Branch Check No. _____ No. of Delegates: _____ X \$385 (by 7/1) or \$400 (after 7/1) = \$ _____

Signature of one Branch Officer _____ Position _____ Date _____

FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates: _____ Guests: _____ Total Attendees: _____

ICF 2025 Convention Lunch and Dinners

Friday Night Opening Dinner

Menu:
Mixed Baby Green Salad
Chicken with Apples and Cranberries –
Baked Breast of Chicken stuffed with a delicate blend of apples, cranberries & sage dressing
Green Beans and Rice Pilaf
Fresh Berries served with Champagne Sabayon
Prices:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$65.00
Official Convention Opening and dancing will follow dinner.

Menu:
Mixed Baby Green Salad
Steak Au Poivre –
Seared New York Steak coated with a green peppercorn brandy reduction
Asparagus
Roasted Red Potatoes
Creamy Traditional Tiramisu, soaked in Espresso
Prices:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$70.00

Pope Saint John XXIII Award will be presented. Dancing will follow.

Saturday Night Banquet

Sunday Award Lunch

Menu:
Barbecue Buffet
Sliced Melon, Traditional Cols Slaw and Homestyle Potato Salad
Cured Tri-Tip
BBQ Chicken Thighs
Combined Muffins, Ranch Beans and Corn on the Cob
Prices:
Delegates: Included in registration.
Non-Delegates: \$45.00

Family of the Year, Mother Teresa, Grand President's
and Young Adult Awards will be presented.

Reservations: Delegates complete the Convention delegates form. Non-delegates: complete the form below.
Make checks payable to: ICF Convention Fund. In the memo line, write "Convention Banquets."

Deadline: August 1. Reservations received after August 1st are \$10.00 more per reservation.

NAME:	Br. #	Friday Dinner	Saturday Banquet	Sunday Lunch

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please inform the ICF office of any dietary restrictions and we will try to accommodate them.

Convention Article: "Gateway to God's Bounty" Update

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

A reminder to all branches to elect your delegates and send in your delegate registration by July 1.

Please see the flyers in the *Bollettino* and in the Quarterly Mailing/Officer's Portal and on the ICF Facebook page for the following:

1. Hotel reservation form
2. Banquet reservation form for non-delegates
3. Delegate registration form
4. Thursday: Baseball Game. Visalia Rawhide vs. San Jose Giants
5. Blood Drive. Friday, August 29



6. Bingo. Friday, August 29

7. Fresno District Marketplace Vendor Sign-up Sheet

In addition to a marketplace, the Fresno District will have a raffle and silent auction throughout the Convention. The drawing will be on Sunday afternoon before the Convention Raffle Ticket drawing.

The Convention Directors Committee is working on the program for the Convention. We think we have a great line-up of workshops for delegates and non-delegates to attend on Saturday morning:

Workshops include:

1. *Spiritual* – presented by Fr. Chris Bennett.
2. *Membership* – The membership committee will present their findings

from their focus groups and surveys.

3. *Genealogy* – Fr. Greg Kimm will show you how to research your genealogy. Whether you're starting to research your genealogy or are a pro, Fr. Kimm will give tips on how to research. Who knows what ancestors you may find?

4. *Technology 102* – Presented by Patrick Senge and building on last year's Technology 101 workshop.

5. *Italian for Opera Lovers* - presented by Francesca Taylor.

6. *ICF Programs and Fundraising* – Synopsis of our programs and ideas on how to fundraise for them.

Reminder to continue collecting items for Salt and Light Organization. Salt and Light is requesting household cleaning items (dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) and hygiene

products (deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.).

I have three branches signed up for our "Rapid Connections" (renamed from "Idea Hall"). I'm looking for more branches to participate. It's a terrific way to share ideas amongst branches. The Convention Directors want the convention to be a place where branches can obtain innovative ideas, share information and learn from one another. Please email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net if you would like to participate. The "Rapid Connections" will take place on Saturday during lunchtime.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Visalia!

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Directors Chairperson

A Century of Faith and Fellowship *continued from p. 1*

Denise Antonowicz

Celebrating the Centennial

As Branch 5 celebrates this historic milestone, it stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of the Italian American Catholic community in Santa Clara. The branch continues to embrace the ICF's evolution into a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization that welcomes Catholics of all backgrounds, while honoring its Italian heritage.

The legacy of ICF Branch 5 at St. Clare Church stands as a beacon of faith, culture, and community service—a century-old testament to the power of unity and dedication in preserving our shared heritage while building bridges to the future.

A Moment of Reflection: 1925 to 2025 –

The following is the Homily written by Monsignor Francis V. Cilia, Pastor and shared at the Mass

1925 was. . .an interesting year. We might call it "a mixed bag." It was in the middle of the "Roaring 20s." Radio transmissions were new and quickly spreading around the world. Permission was granted that year to be able to transmit video wirelessly. the beginning of TV. The first film was shown on an airplane- a British Air flight. Angelo Roncalli, the future beloved Saint John XXIII, was ordained a bishop. Saint John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, was canonized by Pope Pius XI. And, I must add, it was in 1925 that Benito Mussolini became dictator of Italy. A mixed bag...But it was also in 1925 that Branch 5 of the Italian Catholic Federation was established. Since that year, there have been 8 popes, even as we mourn the death of Pope Francis, who was buried this morning. Like you, he was a member of the great Italian diaspora.



Branch 5 Banquet

Following a wave of great migration of some 4 million from Italy, spread across this land, the ICF filled a void in the lives of so many Italian Catholics, honoring and preserving a deep and rich cultural and religious heritage. I always thought that to be a member of the Federation, one had to be both I and C, but I learned a long while ago that while being Italian was optional, being Catholic was not! The ICF is one response to Jesus' words as we heard in the Gospel of Mark, going "into the whole world to proclaim the gospel to every creature," echoing the sentiment of Peter, James and John, expressed in the Acts of the Apostles: "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." So, you have done for these 100 years. But as the world has changed and as Italian Catholics have become one driving force, not only in our Church, but also in our nation, through inculturation and assimilation, this branch will sunset. . .

You probably know, better than I, that Branch 1 is in San Francisco... at Saint Anthony Parish I could find no listing of branches 2,3,4 and 6...



Branch 5 Banquet

Number 7 is at All Souls in South San Francisco. Just as Holy Cross Parish in San Jose, the National Parish for all Italians, serves few Italians and a large group of Filipinos and Hispanics.

Yes, times change. During Easter Time, we focus on the mystery and miracle of Resurrection. Not even Jesus' closest associates saw it coming. . .and many would not believe, but as He appeared to them, ate and drank with them, their eyes were opened, and they preached the Good News. I am no prophet. . .I do not see the future, but I am filled with hope, as we pray often, that the Lord who began this good work will bring it to fulfillment. If Jesus could leave behind an empty tomb, who is to say what

God has in store for you? Perhaps, not in 3 days or 3 years, but as L L Cool J remarked, "Dreams have no deadlines." Whatever is in God's plan for you, we should always be open to surprises.

And so, we end with a small prayer, written by Dag Hammarskjöld, second General Secretary of the United Nations: "For all that has been, thanks! For all that will be, yes!!"

Amen.



Branch 5 Mass

Italian Catholic Federation Annual Central Council

The Central Council is the governing body of the organization. Members keep the Catholic spirit intact and assure the integrity and continuance of the Federation.



www.ICF.org

Expand your commitment to the ICF as a Central Council Member. Candidacy is open to Members in all Branches. The age cap has been eliminated and it is no longer required to be a Convention Delegate to run.

Campaign Process:

- Submit your candidate application, Bollettino entry and a headshot photo to the ICF office by August 1. (Firm deadline)
- Optional full page yearbook ad is due to the office by July 1. (See yearbook information).
- One poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the designated area.
- Each candidate will be provided with one table at "Meet the Candidates." In lieu of hospitality rooms, this is your sole campaign area at the hotel to utilize if you wish to distribute flyers and campaign favors. Food and beverage related favors (including candy) are not permitted in our hotel contract. You may decorate your table avoiding balloons or confetti. Candidates are responsible for table cleanup following the Friday night festivities.
- To maintain fairness, campaigning is not permitted during registration, sessions, activities, on the ICF Facebook page, or in the Bollettino (other than your candidate entry).
- Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session - two minutes per candidate.

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

- Honor the ICF By-laws, Rituals and Central Council Statutes.
- Attend Central Council meetings and the annual convention. Travel is reimbursed.
- Serve and participate on the Central Council committees to which you are appointed by the Grand President.
- Support and promote all ICF programs.
- Inform the ICF office of any serious problem pertaining to the Branches and Districts throughout the Federation.
- Serve as a Special Representative at events at the request of the Grand President.
- Attend your Branch and District meetings, providing leadership as needed and assisting with ICF protocol.
- Keep lines of communication open between Branches, Districts and the Central Council.



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

I, _____ / _____
Name City/State
wish to be a Candidate for Membership to the Central Council.

I have been nominated by _____ / _____
Branch No. City

Signature of Candidate Date

Signature of Branch President Date
(or alternate) submitting the name of
the above Candidate for nomination.

This nomination application is to be postmarked by August 1st of the election year. Email and fax are also acceptable submission methods.

Central Council Nominee Profile

Describe in 300 words or less your qualifications for candidacy and the goals you hope to accomplish as a member of the Central Council.

Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and editor@icf.org. Submissions should include a clear photo.

Note:

Candidates cannot sign their own application forms.
Candidates should wear proper business attire at all convention business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2025 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!
Show us your celebrations.

Let us celebrate
your joys
and successes!

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

- Collected & kept for years •
- Referenced by members •
- A visual history of your year •

You Need COLOR!

The full-page entry for Branch 281 looks great in the 2024 book! (See page 75.)
So much more impactful than black and white would have been.
Please consider color for impact.

Everyone spends
money locally!

Sell commercial ads to the folks you spend your money with and get a
20% commission check.

(Not the actual 2025 cover)

**Artwork Deadline
JULY 1ST!**

Successful Entry Tips

- Create a NEW entry this year
- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use COLOR in your entry
- Submit Celebration entries for your members and their achievements

Celebration Pages

Births • Weddings • Graduations

Full color 1/16th page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details.
Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!



All of the Documents relating to the Convention Souvenir Book are available on the web site in the Officers' Portal under the Documents Ending 12/31/24.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



VALLEY STRONG ARENA

300 N GIDDINGS ST. VISALIA, CA 93291

THURSDAY - AUGUST 28, 2025

GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM



All You Can Eat for 2 Hours

Hot Dogs

Loaded Carne Asada Nacho Bar

Coleslaw & Potato Salad

All You Can Drink Sodas - No Host Bar

Game & Food \$65 per Person

Free Parking



Name _____

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of Tickets @ \$65 each _____ Make Check Payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation - 8393 Capwell Dr, Suite 110 - Oakland, CA 94611

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - AUGUST 1, 2025

Italian Catholic Federation
Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

22nd Annual Central Council

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday JULY 25 2025

Shotgun Start 8:30 AM

Bennett Valley Golf Course
3328 Yulupa Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls,
Prize Fund & Fiesta Buffet
Deadline Friday, July 11, 2025
After price per Golfer \$190
Banquet only: \$50

Lunch Buffet Catered by
Bennett Valley Grille
3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa

Make check (\$180 per Golfer - Banquet only \$50 per person) payable to Italian Catholic Federation (write Golf in memo line). Send check & form to ICF - 8393 Capwell Dr., Ste. 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Name of Golfer: _____
E-Mail: _____
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For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.ICF.org

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Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

23rd Annual Central Council

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday JULY 25, 2025

Sponsorship Opportunities

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our sponsorship opportunities:

- ➡ Hole-In-One Sponsor: One per Region Available \$250 ☐
- ➡ Hole Sponsor: Sponsor a hole and have your name next to the tee box! (18 available) \$100 ☐
- ➡ Closest to the Pin Sponsor: Your name on the sign on the closest to the pin hole (4 available) \$50 ☐
- ➡ Goodie Bag Sponsor: Sponsor the Golfers Goodie Bags. Your name on each bag. (10 available) \$25 ☐
- ➡ Raffle Donations: Donate a basket (minimum \$50 value) or money towards a basket (Unlimited) ☐

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____
My Sponsorship is for Northern CA ☐

Please make your checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

Deadline July 11th, after this day, we cannot guarantee a sign will be produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned.

For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.ICF.org

Italian Catholic Federation
Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

23rd Annual Central Council

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday JULY 25, 2025

"Lunch Buffet"

Not a Golfer...We have the perfect opportunity for You!
Come and Congratulate the Winners and Commiserate with the Non-Winners!

Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Bennett Valley Grill - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa
Price: \$50 per person
Delicious Fiesta Buffet - No-Host Bar - Great Raffle

Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone #: _____

Please make your checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621
Deadline July 11th. (Write Banquet on the memo line)

For More Information: 1-888-ICF-1924 or www.icf.org

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Italian Catholic Federation's 3rd Annual So Cal Charity Golf Tournament



Location: Lakewood Country Club
3101 E. Carson St, Lakewood, CA 90712

October 25th Saturday, 2025

Shotgun Starts at 8 AM
Registration Fee: \$200
After Deadline: \$210

Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____
Name of Golfer: _____
Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
Make check for \$200 per Golfer, write Golf in memo line

SIGN UP DEADLINE
Friday, October 10th

For more Info, contact Perry Shurko
Cell: 562-804-0230
Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

Even if you can't attend the tournament or banquet, you can show your support of the ICF with one of our Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsor (Have your name next to the tee box) : \$100
Closest to the pin Sponsor : \$50
Raffle Donations (Donate a basket) : Minimum \$50 value

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Make checks payable to
 Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Sign up deadline is October 10th. We cannot guarantee a sign will be Produced, but the sponsor will be mentioned

October 25th
Saturday, 2025

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.
 Cell: 562-804-0230
 Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com



Not a Golfer? We have the Perfect Opportunity for You!

Mexican Buffet: \$50 per person

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Make check \$50 per person. Write Banquet in memo line
 Make checks payable to
 Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

October 25th
Saturday, 2025

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APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Samuel Ferreira		Las Vegas, NV	\$30
5/2	Branch 281		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/3	Carmelita San Juan	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
5/4	Maria Terndrup	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/5	Nancy A. Silva	39	El Nido, CA	\$30
5/6	Marilyn Bell		Twain Harte, CA	\$30
5/7	Annie McCarthy	210	San Bernardino, CA	\$30
5/8	Melanie Lujan	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
5/9	Les Hilger		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/10	Anne Marie Santich		Alamo, CA	\$30
5/11	Rob Basuino		San Jose, CA	\$50
5/12	Fr. Roberto Vera	354	Soquel, CA	\$30
5/13	Michael Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/14	Torin Kingshill		Seattle, WA	\$30
5/15	Frank Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
5/16	Joan Reiland	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
5/17	Douglas Brown		Rocklin, CA	\$30
5/18	Jean Kulbeth		Fresno, CA	\$30
5/19	Amy Bustabade	39	Merced, CA	\$30
5/20	Cindy Schuette	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
5/21	Crocetta Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
5/22	Josephine Parra	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
5/23	Lillian Bayer		Danville, CA	\$30
5/24	Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
5/25	David Elboom	45	Elk Grove, CA	\$30
5/26	George Souza		Hoschton, GA	\$100
5/27	Branch 25		Salinas, CA	\$30
5/28	Suzanne Dykzeul	390	Ripon, CA	\$30
5/29	Connie Baczynski	332	Novato, CA	\$50
5/30	Victoria Moore	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
5/31	Vincent Saso	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG



Deadline to Enter – October 10, 2025

WHO WANTS TO WIN SOME \$\$\$?
 TAKE A CHANCE WITH
 THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION'S SECOND GOLF BALL RAFFLE.
 ...\$15 FOR 1 ♦ \$30 for 2 ♦ \$45 for 3 OR \$50 FOR 4...[BEST DEAL]
 ...CASH PAYOUTS INCLUDE PRIZES OF \$100, \$500, \$750, & \$1,000...
 THE DRAWING TAKES PLACE AFTER THE
 I.C.F. SO CAL REGION GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.
 CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
 WITH THE MEMO - GOLF BALL RAFFLE.
 WE NEED YOUR NAME, E-MAIL, PHONE NUMBER & BRANCH NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE).
 ONLY 1,000 GOLF BALLS WILL BE SOLD.
 CONTACT THE I.C.F. OFFICE AT (510) 633-9058 OR
 PERRY SHURKO AT (562) 804-0230, P_SHURKO@YAHOO.COM

Send this Form with your check...made payable to Italian Catholic Federation...
 Memo Golf Ball Raffle... to: 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Name: _____ Branch Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I am purchasing _____ Golf Balls for the Raffle

Family Recipe--Pineapple Surprise Cake

Deborah Rodondi

Welcome Summer and Happy Father's Day to All!

The recipe I am sharing with you this month was made for our dessert at the ICF San Mateo District's April meeting.

The individual holding the recipe and willing to share was Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, in Burlingame President Dorene Campanile. I am not a big sweets fan, but I found this not to be overly sweet, packed with good flavor and what is not to like about cream cheese frosting. A great addition to our summertime BBQ's and picnics.



chopped nuts, mix.

Pour into a 9 X 13-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool completely, then frost with cream cheese frosting.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

- 1-Cup butter (soften)
- 1 - Large Cream Cheese, softened (8 OZ)
- 2-Cups powdered sugar
- 1-tsp. vanilla extract

In a large bowl, beat together butter and cream cheese with an electric mixer. On low speed, add the powdered sugar a little at a time. Mix well until creamy then beat in vanilla extract.

Sprinkle frosting with toasted coconut flakes for an interesting twist on flavor.

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 and 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.

Remember a good Italian cook measures with their eyes and heart!

Buon Appetito!

PINEAPPLE SURPRISE CAKE

- 2-Cups flour
- 2-Cups sugar
- 2-tsp. baking soda
- 2-Eggs, beaten
- 1-Can (20 OZ) Crushed Pineapple, undrained
- 1-cup finely chopped nuts (optional)

Use a wooden spoon to mix all ingredients.

Mix together flour, sugar and baking soda. Once mixed add beaten eggs and crushed pineapple, mix. Add

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 8

Carmelo Sabatella

Congratulations to ICF Mothers in celebration of the work that you do with your families and with your support of the Italian Catholic Federation. Please take the time to enjoy each other and if you have time share family stories with us.

Come visit the Chapel and Library and Mother Cabrini Chapel Store. For more information on the Chapel and Library please visit icf.org/MotherCabrini shrine.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 8, 2025 - **Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House** at St. Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. hosted by the ICF San Gabriel Valley Region.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella,

AIA, President, ICF, LAADC

-Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-372-7812



Sign up to **save a life...**

14th Annual ICF

Blood Drive

Friday, August 29th, 9:00am - 12pm

Convention Hotel

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

To Reserve a spot in advance:

or, please Contact:

Laurice Levine

LLLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023

Goody Bags and Raffle!



**CONVENTION
BINGO**

Wyndham Visalia
Friday, August 29
2pm - 4pm

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

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

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Reservations: Please mail check to the ICF Office.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

92nd Festa Italia to Return to the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 5th – 7th, 2025

The 92nd Annual Festa Italia invites the community to celebrate Monterey's Italian heritage and honor the vital contributions of its local fishermen, both past and present.

This beloved, free, family-friendly event offers a full experience of Italian culture, featuring the sights, sounds, flavors, and traditions that have made it one of Monterey's most cherished festivals. Drawing in locals and visitors from across the United States, Festa Italia continues to capture the essence of Italian heritage.

Held over three days, the festival presents a wide range of authentic Italian cuisine, lively music, energetic dancing, and a welcoming atmosphere for attendees of all ages. Guests can indulge in a tempting array of Italian dishes available for purchase, from Calamari and Steak and Sausage Sandwiches to Pasta, Arancini, and Cannoli, representing the rich tapestry of Italian culinary excellence. There will also be an Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich, a delicious vegetarian dish added to Festa last year. An assortment of beverages, including

wine, beer, sodas, and water, will also be available to complement the culinary experience.

Beyond food, Festa Italia offers Italian-themed and Festa Italia-specific merchandise, plus an array of vendors showcasing unique crafts, clothing, and more, adding another layer of cultural immersion.

The roots of Festa Italia date back to 1933, when the Sicilian fishermen of Monterey donated a statue of Santa Rosalia, their patron saint, to the San Carlos Cathedral. Seeking her blessings for safe journeys and bountiful harvests, they established this enduring tradition, which has since become a meaningful celebration of cultural heritage, honoring and preserving the legacy of Monterey's fishing community.

Mark your calendars for the 92nd Festa Italia and join in honoring these rich traditions. Embrace Monterey's Italian roots and celebrate the spirit of Italy right here in our community, ensuring that our shared heritage remains vibrant for generations to come.

AT A GLANCE:

What: 92nd Annual Festa Italia held by the Festa Italia Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Festival Entry Cost: Free

Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey

When: Friday – Sunday, September 5-7, 2025

Friday, September 5th – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 6th – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

11:30 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies and Procession to Old Fisherman's Wharf** for the traditional blessing of the fishing fleet followed by great live entertainment and all event activities.

Sunday, September 7th – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey

Entertainment (to be announced)

Bocce Tournament – Saturday, September 6th and Sunday, September 7th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park

Information: (831) 633-4444 or email mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org

Additional information and updates will be posted on the website:

www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org



\$2,500 Grand Prize

Followed by Prizes of \$500 – \$1,500

Price: \$30 per book of 12 –or– \$3 single tickets.

♦ **Raffle earnings support our local Branch and Federation wide programs.**

♦ **Winning tickets will be pulled on the Sunday of Convention.**

♦ **You do not need to be present to win.**

Directions to Buyers:

♦ **Fill out or place an address label on each ticket.**

♦ **Return tickets to your Branch by August 1st.**

♦ **Include a check made out to I.C.F.**

♦ **If you would like additional books, please contact your Branch chairperson.**




Apostolate -- Charity

Carmen Kilcullen
Apostolate/Charity Committee

This month, I wish to remind all branches that you should be working on your Apostolate-Charity annual report. The forms can be found on our website, *icf.org*. I hope that we can receive 100% reporting from all the branches. We do so much good work that we should be proud of our endeavors.

Please note that only charity donations are for the report. Dues paid and expenses for the Convention are not charities. Awards will be



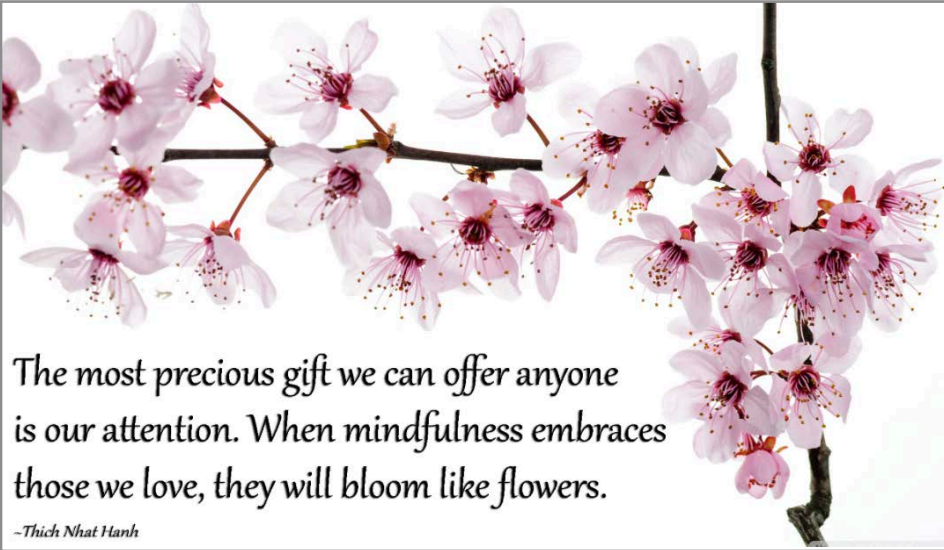
given out at the Annual Convention in Visalia. Send in your reports to the CC Office as soon as possible so we can get to work on the judging.

Thank you for all your work in supporting the Apostolate-Charity program.

Congratulations to our new Pope, Leo the XIV. He needs our prayers as he assumes the office of Pope with its many challenges.

Happy Father's Day to all you wonderful fathers. My father, Ambrogio, was one of the very best.

Carmen



The most precious gift we can offer anyone is our attention. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.

-Thich Nhat Hanh

Save The Date

Grand President Testimonial

honoring

Denise Antonowicz

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Palermo Italian Restaurant

791 Auzerais Ave, San Jose, CA

Cocktails: 5:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

More details to come.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of May 10, 2025:

IN MEMORY OF: Marie Mungai Marie Mungai Gasper Cardinale Esemea B. Tabacco Fedele Scornaienchi Fedele Scornaienchi Marie Mungai Gloria Garcia Ernestine Pernecco Marie Mungai Marie Mungai Frances Creed Hendrickson Marie Mungai Frances Hendrickson	DONATED BY: Jim and Deanna Musler Mike and Marcie Rossi Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Al and Deanna De Nurra Officers/Members of Br. 26 Harry and Kathleen Hill Diana Petrolino Aldine Grisenti Josef and Catherine Kapper Pat and Lou Mages CC Spouses' and Family Association Officers/Members of Br. 28 Jim and Patty Jarrett Officers/Members of Br. 191
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IN CELEBRATION OF 35 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:
Fr. Christopher Bennett
Fr. Christopher Bennett

A SPECIAL HONOR:
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.


HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:
Louise Vento

Bob Basuino
Officers/Members of Central Council

Jo-Ann Maggiora-Donivan

Mike and Marcie Rossi

*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.



We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If so, Laurice Levine, ICF Liaison for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (at no cost to your branch).

Contact Information:
360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

Heritage — Father's Day

Louise Vento, Committee Member

Father's Day, a cherished tradition in the United States and Canada, offers a special opportunity to express heart-felt gratitude, appreciation, and love for fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and all the paternal figures who have shaped our lives. This annual observance, marked by the giving of thoughtful gifts and warm greetings, traces its origins back to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, who initiated the celebration in 1910. Her vision resonated deeply, and the custom steadily gained momentum across the nation. By 1936, a national committee formally established the third Sunday of June as Father's Day, a date we



will honor this year on Sunday, June 15th.

On this Father's Day, I am particularly reminded of my own father's remarkable journey. Losing his father at the young age of thirteen, he stepped into the role of provider for his eight younger siblings. His dedication led him to leave school and work as an orchardist for the Athenour Family in Almaden, California, a commitment he upheld for an impressive 47 years until his retirement at sixty. Though he passed away in 1999, his legacy of responsibility and hard work continues to inspire me.

Whether your father is near or remembered in your heart, may this Father's Day be a meaningful occasion to acknowledge and celebrate the profound impact of fathers in our lives.

Happy Father's Day.

In Loving Memory

(Report as of May 9, 2025)

Fedele Scornaienchi	Branch 026	Gay Tortorici	Branch 380
Gloria M Gargiulo	Branch 036	Gene L Nunziati	Branch 438
Madeline Grant	Branch 036	*We also remember Henry Fleischmann, a former member of Branch 433	
Melanie J Yeager	Branch 173		
Mary Kendrick	Branch 185		

Scholarship Donations

(Received as of May 9, 2025)

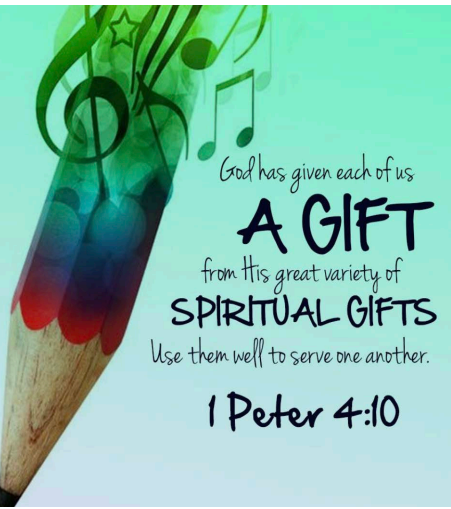
Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year

Officer/Members of Br. 173
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Aldine Grisenti
In Memory of Joan Delfino
Laurice Levine and Family
In Memory of Joan Delfino

ICF General Fund Donations

(Received as of May 10, 2025)

Jo Ann Schiro
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Louise Vento



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of May 10, 2025)

Branch 173
Branch 250
Branch 417
Annemarie McCarthy

Welcome New Members

(Report as of May 9, 2025)

Branch 026	John Avina	Lauretta Avina
Branch 036	Jennifer M Bange	Florence Marie Cavaliere
	Guiseppe Cavaliere	Ventura Cavaliere
	Anna Cutino	Joe Smith
Branch 073	Eddie Puccetti	Charley E Viley
	Douglas B Viley	Jennifer A Viley
Branch 179	Ronald N Hamilton	Susan L Hamilton
	Isabel Katigbak	Carmela Lima
	Maria Elena Marquis	Corazon D Peralta
	Bonnie L Pooley	John P Pooley
	Emiliana Zagaroli	
Branch 214	Dennis M Fiala	Margaret R Fiala
	Michele M Vasta	
Branch 229	Hugo Gutierrez	Rev Ernesto Torres
Branch 285	Joyce Gomez	
Branch 332	Mike Caldwell	Gerald Gentile
	Paula Stilling	
Branch 374	Massimo Sammi	
Branch 391	Denise M O'Brien	
Branch 432	Gloria Clawson	Francisco Gutierrez
	David Maron	Nita K Ohlhauser
	Joann Thilgen	
Branch 435	Sandra (Cindy) Buchan	Thomas (Tom) Buchan
Branch 442	Art F Wang	Julie A Wang

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
PRESENTS THE
2026 "DAILY RAFFLE THEME"
SPORTS ITALIAN STYLE
WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR FEATURING SPORTING EVENTS PAIRED WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGES TO CELEBRATE

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THE CALENDAR SPECIAL! LIST SPECIAL FAMILY OCCASIONS SUCH AS BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, GRADUATIONS, ANY SPECIAL EVENT! YOU CAN ALSO INCLUDE BRANCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS.

MAIL INFORMATION AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 8393 CAPWELL DR. SUITE #110 OAKLAND, CA 94621

PLEASE ALSO E-MAIL INFORMATION TO ADMIN@ICF.ORG

PRICE SCHEDULE
1 NAME/EVENT - \$10
2 NAMES/EVENTS - \$15
4 NAMES/EVENTS - \$20
(ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WILL BE A COMBINATION OF THE PRICES LISTED ABOVE)
EXAMPLE: \$30 - 5 NAMES/EVENT @ \$20 + \$10
OR \$40 - 8 NAMES/EVENTS @ \$20 + \$20
DEADLINE FOR NAMES AND PAYMENTS IS JUNE 1, 2025

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

We wish all Branch 1 Fathers a very Happy Father's Day!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Congratulations to our new Pope Leo XIV as we will be praying for him in his new role. We have been preparing for our RAVIOLI Dinner fundraiser on June 22, 2025. Seems so many functions occur in June. So, we still have some items on our list of events with more information to follow

They are: A Mass for our Branch will be scheduled soon and hope to gather in the St. Francis Garden or hall of Saints following Mass. The "car show" will take place sometime this summer.

Our Branch decided to give a first-year scholarship in honor of our member, Rina Cassanego for her 100th Birthday as Rina has been a member of the ICF for 83 years. A second year Scholarship was given in memory to our member Melanie Yeager who recently passed away. Also, Rafael Wemiz, father-in-law of Brenda Wemiz - May they both rest in peace.

Please keep our members in your prayers: Fr. Brian McKenna, Fr. Gerald Barron, Fr. Harold Snyder, Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Victor & Maria Camicia, Rina Cassanego, Mary Ann Camacho, Anita Cecina, Patty Dugoni and Fred Yeager. From Branch 1 Patricia Arnaudo and Branch 19 Kathy Treviso.

A special thank you to Brenda Wemiz for chairing our May dinner.

Convention reminder - August 29th-August 31st. Wyndham Visalia Hotel

Raffle tickets for the Convention - please return with stapled stubs and funds to Marge Silva by July 31, 2025.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Remember when the San Francisco Giants were known for their June Swoon and they would stop winning in June. Well, let it not happen to us. Let us keep pushing our fundraisers and all our other activities such as Bocci Ball Fundraiser and a Casino trip.

Our Branch 213 was also part of the St Augustine's Ministries Festival where Parishioners were invited to join one of St Augustine's many ministries such as Choir, Ushers, Knights of Columbus or ICF and many more. Special thanks to Gloria De Vincenzi and President of Br. 213 Marianne Cameron for organizing our station.

This year's Br. 213, St Augustine is awarding first year Scholarship to Carlo Melendez who is graduating from Junipero Serra High School. Congratulations to Carlo and to the members of Br. 213 for all their efforts.

A Big Happy Birthday to Barbara Gabriel, and Maria Galletti.

Congratulations Barbara Gabriel, a May calendar winner. Keep buying those calendars.

Keep in your prayers Chuck Baumann, Jackie Smith, Barbara Gabriel, John Cannon and Lorraine D'Elia.

Thank you, Roberta Franchini for hosting our last meeting which we heard was very interesting. We wish we were there but we were cruising to Hawaii.

See you next month Aloha.

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao! I hope everyone had a festive Cinco de Mayo and a wonderful Mother's Day. Our June meeting is on Tuesday, June 3rd for KFC 3-piece meal, WINE, coffee & dessert. It's \$15pp & the cut-off is May 30th. If you have not made a reservation yet, call Eunice at 650-692-3740 to RSVP. Social starts at 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

There is no meeting in July due to vacations! Our August meeting is on Tuesday, August 5th and features our very popular giant hot dogs, with chili, homemade slaw, wine, coffee/tea & dessert for \$15pp. The social begins at 5pm with dinner served at 5:30pm. Send your check (payable to "ICF BR 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, Ca, 94030. The cut-off is Friday, August 1st!

Have a great Father's Day!
Adonna Amoroso, Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Hello everyone! Welcome to June! We're moving right along and it's hard to believe that summertime is here.

As we look towards the rest of the year we have our annual convention Labor Day weekend, the So Cal Golf tournament on October 25 in Lakewood and our Bishop Banquet the next day.

Enjoy your vacation and have fun this summer.

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Happy Mother's Day!

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at ICFNationalBranch67.org, complete the application process and join us at the next NBr 67 meeting.

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

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812
E cas1810@aol.com
SAVE THE DATE

- 11/16/2025 Annual Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and Luncheon at St Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA. RSVP to cas1810@aol.com.

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

Branch 108 members enjoyed lunch in Holy Family Church's Connolly Hall on May 4, 2025 while celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a culturally appropriate pot luck lunch.

Extending warm wishes to all Members celebrating their May Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries this year.

SAVE THE DATE

Next annual Branch 108 picnic and general Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2025 at Alhambra Park

from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and

special prayers to former Branch members and friends of ICF who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

Keep safe and stay healthy.
Carmelo Sabatella PP
ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812
E cas1810@aol.com

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Judd Wadzinski, Gary Brouger, Anasofia Veneziano, Phyllis Vieni Luciano Scorgia, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Chiara De Lorenzo from Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos, who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship. Chiara is the daughter of ICF Member, Anthony De Lorenzo.

We received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students and we presented two \$500 Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarships to graduating students at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 20, 2025.

We also received applications and essays from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School students and we presented a \$500 Phillip Pace Jr. College Scholarship and a \$500 Salvator "Sam" Pace College Scholarships to graduating 5 students at the Senior Awards Night on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Recently our Branch also donated \$2,000 to St. Benedict Church; \$500 to St. Benedict Church to help with the purchase of the new Parish Hall Gas Range, and \$500 to the St. Benedict Spring Festival which was held on May 16, 17, and 18, 2025.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend a Special ICF Mass in Italian scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at St. Benedict Church to be celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Fredric Abiera. - The mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass and invite your family and friends.

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

Ciao! A presto.
Frank Salomone, President
Branch 111 - St. Benedict, Montebello



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

We are happy to announce that our scholarship winners this year are Marcus Baccari grandson of branch members Paul and Maria Baccari. Marcus attends Mary Star High School. Second branch scholarship was awarded to Alexander Sciarra. He attends St John Bosco High School. We wish them both much success in their college endeavors.

Mass for St Anthony requested by our branch will be held on Friday June 13th at 8 a.m. at Mary Star.

Our next general meeting will be held on June 19th at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Center. Up for discussion will be the changes for this year's fiesta. Annual fiesta will not take place this summer due to the construction at the elementary school. In lieu of this, there will be 4 Fiesta dinners. First dinner will be the swordfish dinner held on June 20th. Fiesta Italian dinner will take place on Friday July 18th. Our branch will be helping out at this dinner.

Volunteers will be needed to help make meatballs on July 17th. If available, to help please sign up at meeting.

Fiesta Latino dinner will be held on August 22. Croation dinner will be held on Sept 26th. Dinner tickets will be sold after masses or by calling the rectory. In addition, Neal can be called for the Fiesta Italian dinner tickets at 310 433-1044. Crowning of the Fiesta Queen will take place at the Fiesta Italiano dinner. Consult bulletin for further dinner information.

Please join us for Viejas casino turn-around on June 26th. \$40.00 per person. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from Boys and Girls Club. Call Pauline Iacono for reservations. 310 832-0563

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our lives
Anita Trujillo

Arcadia**Br. 218, Holy Angels**

Our next general meeting is June 8 and then no meetings until September. Please watch for Jeane's newsletter regarding the details for the June meeting.

From the branch we wish all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Everyone, have a good summer and see you in September.

Lolly M.

**Downey****Br. 362, St. Raymond**

June is busting out all over!! Yes, it is. Here we are entering the summer months. Last month we handed out all of our hard-earned money to those who are deserving such as St. Vincent de Paul, the Orphanage Ministry, Life Teen, Cooley's Anemia, scholarships, Gifts of Love and many more. Sorry, I missed the event as I was away in Canada for a wedding.

We held our first casino bus trip last month as well, where 55 went to Harrah's casino. It was a great trip.

Come join us on the 8th for our next Bingo Luncheon where we will be serving up Meatball Sandwiches. We will follow that up with another Bingo in July.

Don't forget to honor your dad this month, Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there.

If you're traveling this summer, stay safe and have fun and we will see you next month.

Thousand Oaks**Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon**

Our next meeting will be held on June 13 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paschal Baylon Church parish hall. Our program for the evening will be a pasta sauce cook off. Please bring your homemade pasta sauce and cooked pasta to enter the competition. We will all taste and vote for the best sauce. There will be prizes for first, second and third place. If you do not want to be in the sauce competition, please bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Ciao for now!
Jean Fontana Bridges
Corresponding Secretary Branch 380

Rancho Palos Verdes**Br. 444, St. John Fisher**

Don Wynn had a serious fall last week & is still in the hospital. Please remember him in your prayers at this difficult time. The beginning of construction of our Parish Center has begun & our meeting room is no longer available. So, rooms inside Barrett Hall will be available for us to use. Bruno Vieri, secured a room for us & the film about Msgr. Hugh Oflaherty who help to save Allied POWs as the Nazi's invaded Rome.

Msgr. Sork announced his retirement in June of this year, after over 25 years as serving as our

Pastor. He successfully began the process of building the new church & oversaw its completion.

Now the Msgr. Eugene Gilb Parish Center is under construction & will be completed by June of 2026.

Well done, Msgr. Sork. Msgr. Antonio Caccippuoli is our new pastor. He arrives in June, from Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral where he was pastor.

A Novena of Mother's Day masses is being celebrated in honor of all mothers, living & in heaven.

We welcome our New Pope Leo the 14th & pray for his blessings on all our people on his new journey as the Holy Father.

Continue to pray for Marianne Canetti, Joe Trani, Guido Fassinelli & all our Br444 members.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Manhattan Beach**Br. 447, American Martyrs**

Hello everyone. I hope you are all enjoying yourselves and gearing up for the summer months which are now upon us. We are happy to announce that our branch donated a first-year scholarship and it went to one of our own, Josephine Urbon who along with her family have joined our branch. Congratulations!! She will be headed to Berkeley in the fall. Good luck!!

We have plenty to look forward to for the next few months and will be sending out emails with all of our happenings.

Last month our branch celebrated its 7th year as a branch of the ICF.

Way to go!!!

OAKLAND**EAST BAY****District Council**

As the Easter season continues, we look forward to the gift of the Holy Spirit in Pentecost. Summer approaches with the promise of warmer days, outdoor activities, graduations and many branch social events.

At this time of the year, we see some of the fruits of our efforts in fund-raising activities—the opportunity to provide scholarships to graduating students. This year the EBD district was able to donate funding for first, second, third- and fourth-year scholarships.

Additionally, following the closure of Branch 91, the officers chose to allocate the remaining money in the social fund to the scholarship program. These funds will support a second-year scholarship.

Congratulations to Branches celebrating anniversaries! Branches had their 46th Anniversary at Buon Appetito in April. Branch 10 is hosting an Anniversary dinner in May for the celebration of St. Philip Neri's 100th Anniversary and their 99th Anniversary.

The EBD Golf Tournament is coming in July and the Convention on Labor Day weekend. In preparation for the Convention, Branches are selecting

their delegates and selling raffle tickets.

Thank you, Father Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, Chaplain of Branch 343, for being with us for our April EBD meeting!

We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved Pope Francis and in support for our newly elected Pope Leo XIV.

Happy Fathers' Day! Gratitude and blessings to our Fathers and all men who love and care for us.

Sincerely
Roberta Madej

Alameda**Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie**

We hosted over 80 guests on Saturday, May 17 for our dinner commemorating the 100th anniversary of Saint Philip Neri Church. The event coincided with the 99th anniversary of Branch 10. Father Bob Glynn, SJ, a 1971 graduate of our parish school, Saint Philip Neri, celebrated the Mass which preceded the dinner. Also, attending were Father Vince Cotter, our pastor from 2001 to 2008; Father Mario Rizzo, the chaplain of the East Bay District and parochial vicar of Saint Joseph eBasilica and Saint Barnabas Parish of Alameda; Father Kenneth Nobrega, the parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Basilica and Saint Barnabas Parish; and Central Council members Dante Galeazzi and Dr. Vince Malfitano. All proceeds from the dinner went to support events honoring the church's anniversary. Special thanks to chef Leo Munoz for his roast beef dinner, to master of ceremonies Ken Dorrance and to Terry Greig for taking reservations.

Next up is our annual barbecue scheduled for Saturday, July 19. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. The menu starts with hamburgers and concludes with dessert. Also included is a baby shower for birthright. Prices are \$15.00 for adult members, \$20.00 for non-member adults, \$10.00 for young people 5 to 12 years old and free for children under 5. For reservations and further information, please contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or 510-326-3474.

Congratulations to Alameda High School senior Kyle Banducci, the recipient of a first-year ICF college scholarship funded by Branch 10. Kyle will enter the University of Southern California in August.

At our May meeting we elected our delegates for the Federation convention in August. Representing Branch 10 will be President Jim Lee and East Bay District President (and member) JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan.

John Zugnoni,
Branch 10 publicity

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



St. Eugene Br. 198 Scholarship BBQ Dinner Winners; L-R Bob Acquistapace ICF Br 198 Treasure, Scholarship Winners Katherine Thomas, Jesus Martinez Diaz, Anthony De Torres, Caroline Wilkinson, Sofia Galetto, President Doreen O'Rourke Br 198



Br. 198 St Eugene Scholarship BBQ Cooks Grandson Ryan McCalmont & Bob Acquistapace.



Chuck Fomasi, Pete Barbieri, and Donovan Dorr frying fish for Branch #209's annual Fish Fry.



Members of Branch #209 at our April General Meeting potluck.



Branch #209 serving up delicious fish fry meals!!!

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 213, Pictured here at the St Augustine Ministries Festival from left to right: Gloria De Vincenzi, Fr. Ray Reyes and Br. 213 President Marianne Cameron.



CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 21 Santa Cruz “Taco Tuesday”



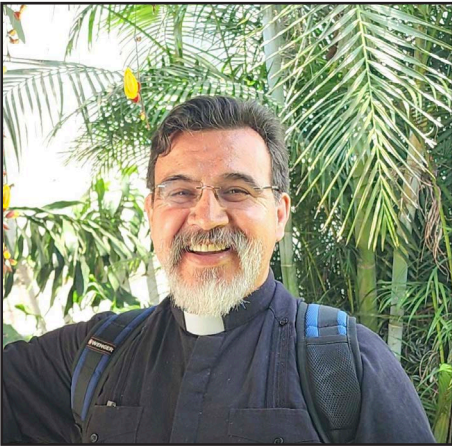
A large delegation of members from Br. 291 recently attended Br. 354’s Pasta Feed in Paso Robles. Our members always look forward to supporting the Paso Robles ICF Branch and enjoying a delicious spaghetti & meatball dinner!



Br. 21 Santa Cruz “Taco Tuesday”



Br. 21 Santa Cruz “Taco Tuesday”



Father Roberto Vera Central Coast District Chaplain



Lenten Dinner Crew Branch 36



Doug Otmar & Fr. Ommar Branch 36



Madeline Grant 1934 - 2025 Branch 36



Peter & Clara Lecce Branch 36



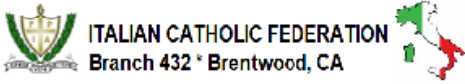
Peter Davi & Teresa Peterson Branch 36

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Roni J., Donna H., Sylvia S., and Johnny V. from Crockett #14 working the Fish Fry at St. Rose Church. Great Job ...


Immaculate Heart of Mary



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
Branch 432 - Brentwood, CA

Please join us for another Italian Catholic Federation Celebration
50's Sock Hop Dinner Dance - 50's Theme Attire Encouraged (Prize to Best Dressed)

Let's Shake, Rattle -N- Roll



Saturday, June 26th - Doors Open @ 5:30 p.m. (IHM Church Hall)
DJ - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, Ice Cream (Dinner 6 - 7) (No-Host Cash Beer, Wine, Soda Bar)

Tickets are \$40 per person (Make Checks Payable to: ICF)
This is a fundraiser event! Profits go towards our local kids' scholarships and other ICF Charities
This event is expected to sell out so order your tickets soon

To purchase Tickets, Please Contact:

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Laura Pierce laurapierce7@gmail.com 488-219-4263
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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 444, Grace & Dolly



Br. 444, Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti



Br. 444, Patty & Cristina



ICF Branch 108 Cinco de Mayo Lunch Meeting on May 4, 2025

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 111, April Meeting & Dinner



Br. 111, Happy Birthday to Henry & Emma



Branch 111 Meeting



Mary Star of the Sea Church Shrine of St. John Joseph of the Cross and permanent mosaic of the Madonna dell'Arco. Neal Di Leva, President and wife Anna Di Leva 2nd Vice President.



Br. 115, Mary Star's societies present at the Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco were the Guadalupe/Hispanic Group, St. Joseph, I.C.F., St. Anne and Filipino Group.



Br. 115 Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco on May 10, 2025 at Mary Star of the Church. Church societies along with member processed flowers to the altar.

Fremont
Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Branch 215's First Year College Scholarship donation has been awarded to Amelia Ferrario!! Amelia's dad, Paul, is the 1st VP of Br. 215 and her mom, Julie, is our Branch Orator. The Ferrarios are one of two Family Memberships Br. 215 is grateful to have. Amelia will be graduating from James Logan High School, Union City, CA. We are very proud of you, Amelia!

By the time this article appears Br. 215 would have completed its Pizza Survey. For the first three weekends in May, we asked Corpus Christi Parishioners to tell us the name of their favorite pizzeria in the Tri-City area (Fremont, Union City, Newark) as well as their favorite pizza. We put the names of all those who participated in a box to select one person as a lucky winner of a free large pizza of their choice. ICF Br. 215 was proud to give \$30.00 to the lucky winner.

Also, Br. 215 will host the dessert booth at Corpus Christi's Parish Festival on 6/22/2025. We will either sell snow cones or a plate of delicious Italian cookies.

I know that it seems there are so many raffle tickets out there to purchase. However, please support the ICF Convention Raffle Tickets as well as our 3rd Annual Cash Raffle to be held the weekends of 7/5-7/6 7/12-7/13 and 7/19-7/20.

Lastly, mark 8/3/2025 on your calendars. We will gather for our 6th Annual Branch Luncheon to continue to taste the cuisine and customs of the 20 Regions of Italy. So, far we have gone to Liguria, Veneto, Piemonte, Calabria and Sicily. President Fran will host. The luncheon will be held at the club house of Spanish Ranch 1 Mobile Home Park in Hayward. We will be traveling to the Lazio Region, mostly Rome, to enjoy good food, our friendship and make wonderful memories.

Respectfully submitted by,
Fran LaTorre

Livermore
Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,
What a busy April we had! Thank you to Toni Manzetti for organizing the Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner and for all those members who helped make this such a successful event. The generosity of those who provided items for raffle baskets and the silent auction, as well as the generous attendees, allow us to fund scholarships and to make donations for Cooley's Anemia research, our parishes, and other charities.

The theme for April's Italian conversation group meeting was Easter in Italy. We learned about some of Italy's traditions and foods, particularly the intricately decorated chocolate eggs and special desserts. The Andiamo group spent a day at Filoli taking in the beautiful Spring colors. Also, thank you

to Nancy Navarini for organizing the Ice Cream Social with a speaker from Meadowlark Dairy, topped off by bowls of delicious ice cream.

May started off with some of our members attending the lovely Catholic Daughters Tea at St. Michael's. We had our own ICF decorated table. At our May meeting we will have demonstrations on the uses of porcini mushrooms and on cannoli making.

We will be meeting at a restaurant for our June meeting, so watch for details.

Buon Compleanno to all those with June birthdays! Also, a hearty welcome to our newest member, Joyce Gomez!

Please pray for our new pope, Pope Leo XIV and for the soul of Pope Francis. Also, please keep those members who are ill in your prayers.

Ciao,
Paula Flessatti

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

On April 10, our branch celebrated our 46th anniversary with members and guests at Buon Appetito restaurant. The camaraderie, the food, and of course the raffle prizes, made for an enjoyable evening.

At our May meeting, we presented a soon-to-be graduate of Our Lady of Grace school our branch's ICF Scholarship. Justin Nguyen received the scholarship in front of our members and his proud family. The scholarship was rewarded to the eighth grader who wrote the most compelling essay of how his heritage has influenced his life. Justin read his essay to those assembled. This ICF scholarship will be noted in the graduation program.

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dear Pope Francis. We also pray for the Holy Spirit to help guide our Holy Father Leo XIV as he begins his leadership of our Catholic church.

Speriamo che tutte le nostre mamme abbiano trascorso una piacevole Festa della Mamma!

Eduardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Greetings to all in Contra Costa and beyond. All seven of our branches have been busy with events. And a few held Fundraisers and some celebrated anniversaries.

Next up is our annual District Mass on Saturday, August 2 at St. Catherine Of Siena parish in Martinez. Mass will be celebrated at 4: 30 p.m. A no-host dinner will follow at a local restaurant. All are welcome for the Mass. However, the dinner tickets are limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Branches, please send your apostolic

reports to our chairperson, Juliette Cote by June 30. Our District has been awarded for several years for 100 percent participation. Let's keep that tradition going.

Has each branch submitted an entry for the Convention Yearbook? Have nominations for convention delegates taken place? Don't forget to turn in your convention raffle ticket stubs with payment to the ICF office by August 1.

Our next District meeting will take place Thursday, August 14 at CTK parish at 7 p.m. A reminder will be sent with the meeting room location.

In closing, we extend a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads and granddads.

Have a great month.
Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett
Past President

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

Well, there's a lot going on this month. It's an exciting time for us all as we welcome a new Pope, and with him the promise of good things to come.

Please join us on June 10th for our Scholarship Meeting. We'll be serving a pasta dinner to celebrate our well-deserving winners; Greyson Martin, Georgina Pietro, Gracie Perry, Devin Hubbard, Christopher Groves, Cariana Ciapponi, and Zachary Parker. Congratulations to you all!

It seems that our friend, Linda Wolthius, has been a little under the weather recently. So, we're sending her our wishes for a speedy recovery. (We heard that John is taking very good care of her.)

Thank you to all of our ICF members who volunteered and helped with the St. Rose Fish Fry. It was a great success and a fun day. This is an important annual fundraiser for the Church, and your support was greatly appreciated.

In case you hadn't heard, Bocce season has started. Good luck to all of our ICF Bocce players. The competition is fierce, but our players are up for the challenge!

Are you feeling lucky? Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and gambling on our Bus Trip to Red Hawk Casino on July 25th. If you haven't been on one of these trips, you're really missing out on some serious fun. The cost is \$50.00, and includes transportation, \$15.00 in play credit and \$5.00 in food credit. If interested, contact Nancy Carlos.

Hope you enjoy a wonderful summer!
Blessings,
~Helen



Concord
Br. 214, Todos Santos

We are looking forward to our May meeting because of so many things which are happening. First, we have 3 new members and maybe 2 more joining in May.

Also, we are honoring the two 8th grade students, one from St. Agnes, and one from Queen of All Saints who won the heritage essay contest. They will each receive a donation from our branch for high school. They will read their essays at our dinner meeting and their parents are invited also.

Our donation for May is Loaves and Fishes.

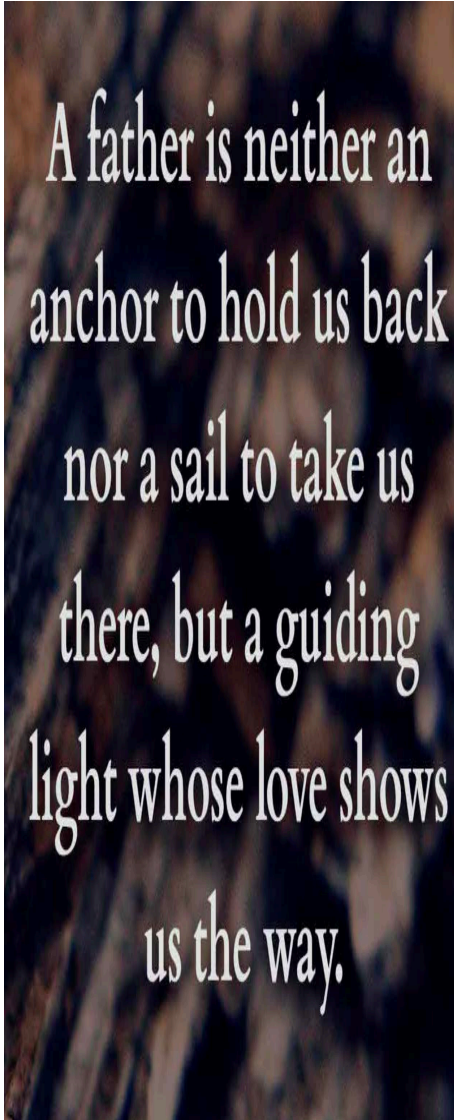
We are looking forward to our members appreciation barbecue which will be held at Roberta Healy's house. It is on July 26th. It's a fun time with good food, drinks, desserts and raffle prizes.

We will miss our monthly meetings. We will resume in September, which we are currently selling convention raffle tickets.

Enjoy Mother's Day this Sunday, May 11th. I wish you all a happy day celebrating with your families.

So much is happening in Rome. The passing of the beloved Pope Francis, and the election at the Conclave to elect a new Pope.

Have a safe, fun summer.
Con Amore,
Norene DeLuca



Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart
of Mary

Greetings to you! A belated Mother's Day for all our Branch #432 Moms. And Happy upcoming Father's Day to our dads.

Speaking of fathers – what a wonderful surprise to hear the name of our own native son, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, announced on May 8 as our newest Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV!! I know we are all praying for his long-lived and successful Pontificate. Viva il Papa!

Our April meeting was short, but we welcomed 4 new members: Suzanne Brennan, Erino Lucchesi, Richard and Sandra Alward, Gloria Clausen, David Maron. We appreciate you all.

But so sad that once again we had no Heritage report. Please consider providing one for our June meeting on the 30th. We plan on a Luau menu.

Due to Memorial Day, we will NOT meet in May but please remember to say a prayer that day for all who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep America "The Land of the free because of the Brave."

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 25 – Sock Hop, 5:30 – 10 p.m. Try to sell some tickets and make sure you get your own.
- July 26 - Wine Tasting Event, 1 – 5 p.m. We have 8 wineries on board to pour for us!
- July 28 – Scholarship Dinner, NO meeting just dinner and awards. Price to be determined.

See you at the Sock Hop!
Ciao for now! Mary M.

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

Summer has arrived and the tomatoes and pepper plants are growing (maybe even a few Early Girls are ripening). Branch 442 had a busy spring with hosting a dinner for Winter Nights, our Ladies Tea fundraiser, Easter, monthly meetings, ICF and local scholarships, and our quarterly mass and brunch.

Our April meeting was baseball themed and featured a talk from a representative from Loaves and Fishes. They are the only organization serving a hot meal to the hungry in Contra Costa County. Our members were very impressed with the fact that they serve over 3000 meals a day. All meals come from a central kitchen that delivers to 5 locations plus a food truck that rotates to more locations. They also have a culinary training program with job placement in the restaurant industry.

Our May meeting featured the movie "Nonnas" as we celebrated all our Nonnas by bringing some of their dishes and a display table with their pictures.

Our June meeting date may have changed so please watch for the Evite.

Enjoy the beginning of summer!
Juliette Cote

BLESSED
SACRAMENT
District

Sacramento
Br. 45, St. Mary

Our 90th Anniversary dinner event has been re-scheduled to Saturday, June 21st in Giovanni Hall. Our official anniversary date is April 28th, (1935) but due to some unexpected delays in April, we had to postpone the event to June. Join us for a Chicken Marsala dinner, indoor bocce court play, no-host bar, music and more. Bocce play starts at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for adults, \$15 ages 6-12, Free for under 6. Invitations were sent out after this writing. Call me at 916-508-1199 if you were not notified.

Welcome two new members to the Branch. PIETRA PETER and LISA PARRINELLA. We look forward to your participation in the branch and thanks for joining us!

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Year Scholarship winner SEAN DUNN. Sean resides in Rocklin and attended Whitney High School. He will be attending Gonzaga University in the Fall. Wishing him much success in college!

SAVE THE DATE for our next dinner and bingo on September 21st Chicken and Polenta is on the menu. More details to follow.

Ciao, Janine

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Our Board has been busy planning events for the next few months and we are asking you to save the dates. In order for these events to be successful, we need you (and your families and friends) to attend and help out if you can. If you have any questions or are available to help, please message me at teacherpam53@sbcglobal.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Hospitality Sunday & Corporate Mass - August 3rd - St. Teresa's Church
- Annual Picnic (with Knights of Columbus) - September 27th - ARD Park – 11 to 3
- Bunco Fundraiser - November 1st - Canyon View Community Center - 11 to 3

Hope you can join us for these fun events!! More info to follow soon. Watch your email and the *Bollettino*.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen



Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

I hope all the women of ICF had a very enjoyable time with family and friends on Mother's Day, May 11, 2025. It was a beautiful day to be enjoyed by everyone, whether you were indoors sharing a meal, or outside laughing and having fun with your loved ones. Just remember that all mothers are a gift from God to their children.

We began May with a Cinco de May Dinner Celebration. We enjoyed a traditional Mexican meal with all the trimmings! This has always been a fun dinner, and it lived up to its reputation. A fun time was had by all! Vera, our 2nd Vice President discussed the history behind the Mexican pastries that were placed on the table. It was very enlightening. Thank you, Vera for taking the time to research and share the delicious history behind this tasty treat!

Next month, on June 29, 2025, we will be having our 2nd Annual Paint & Sip Fundraiser. It was amazing to see how many talented women and children were at last year's event. Since I am not really an artist (by any stretch of the imagination), I loved watching how with just a few brush strokes, you can come up with a beautiful picture that is uniquely yours. I was pleasantly surprised and in awe of what beautiful artwork there was in the room. With plenty of snacks and drinks for everyone, it was a fun time had by all! I really look forward to this year's event.

Ciao for now...
Irene Perez

SANTA ROSA
District

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francisco Di
Sales

We had a great Mother's and Father's Day dinner. Thank you to Richard Passalacqua and crew for cooking the delicious tri-tip and pasta. The dessert potluck was very tasty as everyone sampled the desserts that members made.

Upcoming Events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, June 10 in the rectory. 6:00 p.m.

ICF Mass: Sunday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

St. John's Parish Festival: Sunday, June 22. Celebrating 75 years of St. John's School. More details in the Parish Bulletin.

Calling all Golfers: Friday, July 25 is the ICF Golf Tournament at Bennett Vally Golf Course. Price: \$180.00 for golf, breakfast burritos and lunch. \$50.00 for lunch only. Call Lauren for reservations: 707-595-3111.

We honored our Scholarship winners at our Mother's and Father's Day Dinner. We wish them much success as they

continue their studies.

We congratulate Pope Leo XIV as he begins his papacy and pray the Holy Spirit guides him as he leads our Church.

Happy Father's Day!
Lauren

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are very proud to report that our branch awarded seven scholarships to this year's graduates. This was possible because of our generous donors. The members of Branch 198, Charlene Moratto, Becca Carrera, the Sikes family, Marge Milano, Paul and Addie Desideri, and the Barbieri family.

As we go into summer, let's remember that our branch continues to meet every month and we hope you plan to attend every meeting. The June potluck to honor Fathers is always a big success. June 2 this year.

Doreen O'Rourke has the Convention raffle tickets for our branch and we ask you to buy a book to support our branch and the larger Federation. Could you be the next grand prize winner, you will never know unless you buy a book.

Please pray for Lorraine Castelli and all our members who are ill or alone.

May you have a great summer.
Happy Father's Day,
Robert Acquistapace
Proud Father of 4 daughters

Sebastopol
Br. 209, St. Michael

Hello from Branch #209!

Our General Meeting in April was a delicious potluck. We are lucky to have many wonderful members who can cook!

Also, in April was our annual Fish Fry Dinner. This is our most popular event, and quickly sold out. Many came from near and far to enjoy our deliciously breaded fish, which was seasoned to perfection-accompanied with homemade tartar sauce, potato salad, coleslaw, roll, and ice cream for dessert. This delicious meal, along with friendships and fellowship, was the perfect combination for a wonderful fun-filled evening, enjoyed by all!

In May, along with Mother's Day, we have our Scholarship Winner Celebration at our General Meeting. Lasagna will be served. We have six recipients this year, and I will include their names and pictures in next month's report. We also have our annual Bocce Tournament coming up on May 18th. Lots of great things going on!!!

We hope you're enjoying Spring! Please take care and we are sending love and blessings!

Ciao,
Yvonne Dorr, Recording Secretary
Branch #209

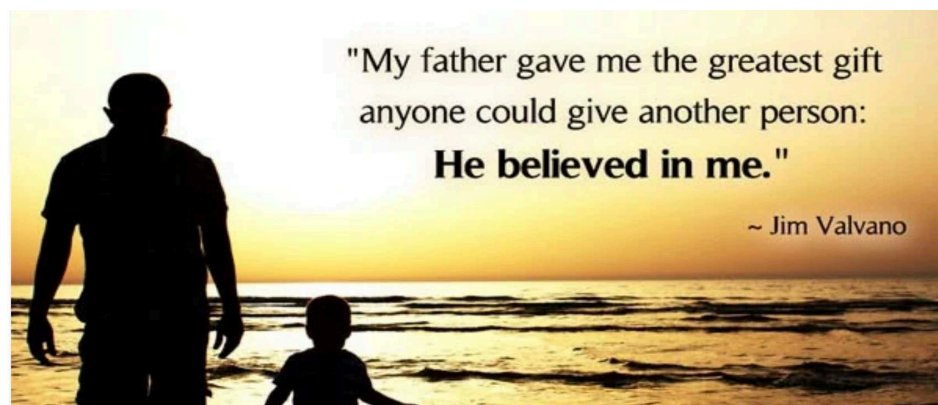
EAST BAY DISTRICT



East Bay District, Branch 343 Anniversary Dinner



Br. 343, Leonard Rossi, teacher Mr. Lonnie Parker, Justin Nguyen, pastor Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz

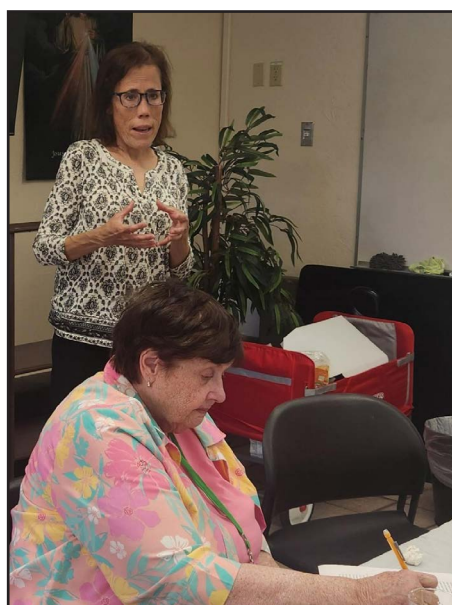


East Bay District, Branch 343 Anniversary Dinner

STOCKTON DISTRICT



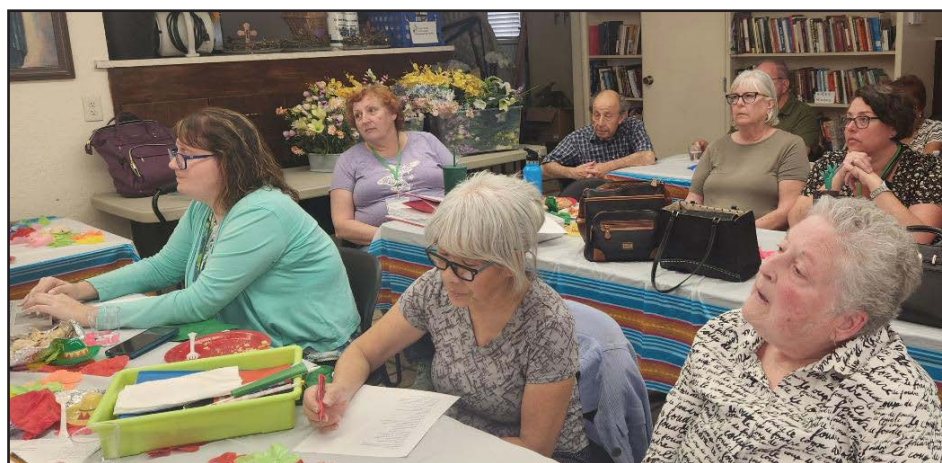
Br. 395, Fr Mark leads a discussion on Saint Catherine of Siena after the Italian mass held at Presentation Church.



Br. 82, Laurice Levine Thalassemia presentation at our branch meeting.

**JUNE IS THE TIME FOR BEING IN
THE WORLD IN NEW WAYS, FOR
THROWING OFF THE COLD AND
DARK SPOTS OF LIFE.**

— JOAN D. CHITTISTER



Br. 82 ,April Meeting with Laurice Levine and guests from other branches.

FRESNO District

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (St. Paul Newman Center)

Happy Birthday to Mary Fontes! She just celebrated her ----birthday!

We were saddened by the passing of Susan Arnold's mother, Mary, who was 103. Mary lived a full, long life and is now resting in the presence of our Lord Jesus. Sharon's address is 3749 Kenmore Dr. North, Fresno, CA, 93703.

Kathy Christensen has been ill and undergoing tests at the time this went to press. Keep her in your prayers, and her address is 3251 Magnolia Ave., Clovis, Ca., 93611.

Little known Popes' department: St. Zosimus (the 41st Pope): 417-418; came to Rome sometime before 406, bringing with him a letter of recommendation from John Chrysostom of Constantinople; he proved to be a great scholar and talented administrator.

A delicious lunch at our May meeting featured Cinco de Mayo-themed food. It was enjoyed by all and much appreciated. Our various food committees do such a great job of keeping our tummies satisfied. Our Branch continues to go forward with our apostolic and charity work even though we have had to relocate.

We are enjoying our affiliation with Saint Paul Newman Center (Church); they have been very welcoming and supportive of our Branch.

Did you know? The ICF's Pope John XXIII award was established in 1970 and the first recipient was a Dr. Joseph Middleton of San Luis Obispo.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Solo Chi E Matto, Da In Custodia Il Lardo Al Gatto," or "Only Crazy People Put A Cat To Guard The Pantry."

Thought for the month:

*"Lord, guide my thoughts and guard my words,
That only good will escape my lips."*(Hoff)

Ciao.
Marco Parco

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

Happy beginning of Summer in beautiful Fresno. As I write this message, we continue to pray for the election of a new Pope. By God's boundless fatherly love, may we have a pastor to lead our church by his holiness.

John Mulligan's contribution to the newsletter is as follows. The select group of Branch 308 elders continues to assemble each week to debate...with much physical gesturing...such earth

shattering matters as the size of this week's pancakes versus last week's pancakes. Having already settled the "Are they pancakes or flapjacks?" squabble.

Continued prayers go to Joanne De Benedetto and thankful healing for Angelo Pecora. May's dinner meeting will be a celebration of Cinco De Mayo favorites.

Debbi Jorgensen
and
John Mulligan

CENTRAL COAST District Council

Congratulations, Central Coast District for all our branches who have been very busy with events these last couple months. Thank you for continuing to support our apostolic and charitable works with Lenten dinners, Fish Fry's, Corn/Beef/ Cabbage luncheon, Pasta dinner, Polenta dinners, monthly meetings and many more events.

July 19, 2025, we will have our summer District meeting at 11:00 a.m. at Stewart's Floral Shop in Santa Cruz, hosted by Branch 227 Aptos. This will be a potluck, each person brings a dish to share. We appreciate that each Branch donates a raffle basket/prize. Also, there will be an auction table, this is optional. If you have any item to donate— this will help our funds for our district and hosting branch.

September 13, 2025 Bishop's Day

11:00 a.m. Mass—San Carlos Cathedral followed by Luncheon at San Carlos Cathedral Hall. Hosted by Branch 36 Monterey- Santa Rosalia More info will follow.

Continue to pray for all our members, that are ill, homebound, and for their special intentions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine, President
Central Coast District*

Santa Cruz Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Although we have not published any news lately, our Branch has been busy. Santa Cruz hosted a District Meeting in March with a Corned Beef & Cabbage luncheon. The bylaws committee presented a draft of new Central Coast District bylaws to be reviewed for approval in July 2025 at the next District meeting.

April 13 our cannoli sale after Mass on Palm Sunday was a big hit, we ran out! On April 25, Holy Cross ministries participated to celebrate Fr. Manny Recera's 40th anniversary of his ordination. A wonderful meal was served with lots of dancing and singing.

Welcome to our two new members, Nancy (Galli) Dalquist and Joanne (Gemingnani) Swaney.

Congratulations to Thomas May and

Ryan Clark recipients of ICF scholarships sponsored by our branch and Virginia Orlando.

We hope to meet them and their family at our June 10 branch meeting at Holy Cross.

We will elect delegates to the ICF convention and are looking for leaders in 2026 to keep this branch open, consider taking an opportunity to make a difference and serve as an officer.

Live with compassion and pray for peace in the world.

ICF Branch 21
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Santa Cruz, California

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father's Day to our Dads and Grandfathers (Nonno).

"Blessed is the Father, who shares his heart, lives his faith, gives his time and love to his family."

Proverbs 20:07

We are happy to announce that San Carlos pastor Father Ommar Solis is our new Br 36 Chaplain. We are also very happy to celebrate his 10th Anniversary of Priesthood. Congratulations Fr. Ommar!

Congratulations to Lucy Willman, winner of 50/50 scholarship raffle! The raffle is the primary source of funds for our scholarship awards every year and we're grateful to those that support it.

June 26: Our branch celebrates its 94th Anniversary by beginning the evening with a sparkling beverage toast. New Member Initiation and Scholarship/Achievement Awards will also take place at this time. Our menu: Chicken Cacio e Pepe, Pasta alla Trapanese, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Berry Crisp Dessert. See website for details and ticket purchases in mid-June. Congratulations to our student scholarship winners!

July 31: Annual 85 & Over celebration, more information to follow for this great event, with music and a great friends and family meal at San Carlos Cathedral Hall.

August 7: Deadline for returning your convention raffle tickets. Our branch makes \$10 for each book of raffle tickets we sell. Great fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

August 23: Summer buffet dinner meeting. More information to follow.

September 13: Central Coast District Bishop's Day begins with 11a.m. mass at San Carlos Cathedral, followed by luncheon hosted by Branch 36 San Carlos Hall.

We are saddened to report that members Madeline Grant and Gloria Gargiulo recently passed away. Our condolences to their families and may they Rest in Peace.

Summertime is a time to enjoy your family, friends, sun, sand and sea.
Elaine Valentine
Co-President Br 36



Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

May was a wonderful month for ICF Branch #51, filled with fellowship, planning, and celebrating our Italian heritage.

We held a general meeting where members came together to discuss upcoming events and share ideas for future activities. It's always inspiring to see the enthusiasm and commitment from everyone as we look ahead.

Our Heritage section featured a special presentation by Leonora Barlow on polenta, a classic Italian dish with deep cultural roots. Leonora shared the history and preparation of polenta, and each member received a container along with cooking instructions to try it at home. It was a thoughtful and engaging way to bring a taste of tradition into our kitchens—thank you, Leonora!

We are also proud to announce our scholarship recipient: Aidan Williams from Palma School in Salinas. Aidan stood out for his academic achievements, leadership, and community involvement. We are honored to support him in his educational journey and wish him the very best.

As June begins, we'd like to wish all the fathers and father figures in our branch a very Happy Father's Day. Your guidance and love are the foundation of our families and community.

"A tavola non si invecchia."

(At the table, one does not grow old.)

Kevin Cortopassi



**Deadline for
July Issue of the
Bollettino is
June 10.
Send your articles &
photos:
editor@icf.org**

Aptos **Br. 227, St. Joseph**

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May meeting by feasting on make-your-own tostadas with tons of toppings to choose from, along with rice and beans, and flan for dessert. A big thank you to Jane Kotila, and Manny and Magdalena Martinez for putting all this together. Also, thanks to Dorothy Delucchi for providing cookies for dessert.

Welcome to our new Orator, Mary Lou Weidlich, who was elected to fill the vacancy left by Bruce Dunn's passing. Mary Lou has been a member for 17 years and previously held the office of Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners. The First Year Scholarship was awarded to Robert Arcangeli of Scotts Valley High School, and the Alice Ponza Memorial Scholarship is going to Jiana Muzzio, a student at St. Francis High School.

Remember the Annual Picnic set for Saturday, June 28, at Forty Thieves Park. The menu will feature hamburgers and sausage and the price is \$15, the same as last year. Raffle gifts and workers are needed.

There is no June or July branch meeting. Nancy Herrick and Deanna Musler were chosen as Delegates to the Annual Convention in Visalia. This is the first time for both of them, so it should be interesting.

We are hosting the Central Coast District Meeting on Saturday, July 19, at Stewarts Floral. If you can help with this, let President Franklyn Lopes know.

Happy Father's Day.
Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande **Br. 291, St. Patrick**

Branch 291 recently lost a very dear member and friend, Rose Haupt. Rose was very proud of her Italian heritage and was an ICF Member for 30 years. She enjoyed attending ICF Conventions through the years and rarely missed a Branch meeting. We will miss Rose and her presence at all our Branch events. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose and keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time. Also, continue to pray for all ICF members who are experiencing pain, illness or heartache at this time.

In late April, several of our Branch members attended Branch 354's Pasta Feed in Paso Robles. We enjoyed a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner and lots of fellowship, while supporting our ICF friends in Paso Robles!

At our May General Meeting, we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Members filled our Table with non-perishable food, household products and toiletries, which were then all donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program, that serves needy families in our community.

Congratulations to all the graduates from Branch 291! Christian Kim and Dean Rodriguez graduated 8th grade from St. Patrick School; Mary Marsalek, Vinny Orlando and Lillie Parish graduated from Mission College Prep; and Rylee Fleming and Emmerson Reynolds graduated from St. Joseph's High School. Best of luck to all our graduates in their future academic endeavors!

Happy Father's Day to all the special men in our lives!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

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

David Zanini and his fabulous hard-working crew have outdone themselves again! According to all of our guests, all 383 of them, our "Almost Famous Pasta Dinner" fundraiser was an outstanding success. The meatballs were even better than ever (they always say that), and the sauce was authentic perfection, not to mention the salad and the dessert, and the Italian decorations. However, we all agree that the best part of the evening is greeting new and old friends from our parish, neighboring parishes, and the Paso Robles community. David thanks his crew and all those who came together to make the evening a success; and a special thank you to our servers, the polite, efficient St. Rose students who received many compliments from our guests. Quarts of sauce with four meatballs, and quarts of sauce without meatballs are available for \$15.00 per quart. On nights you are too busy to cook, these are wonderful to have available in the freezer.

Scholarship applications for St. Rose 8th grade students were dropped off at the school on Monday, May 5th, with a due date of May 21, 2025.

Once again Branch 354 will be working on the Mid State Fair fundraiser to raise money for the Registration Assistance Program. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming fair dates: Wednesday, 7/16/25 – Sunday, 7/27/25. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Help Wanted: Volunteers to park cars.

Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA **VALLEY** **District Council**

The Santa Clara Valley District May meeting was held at Santa Teresa and hosted by Branch 435, St. Catherine Morgan Hill.

Congratulations to Branch 5 St. Clare in Santa Clara which celebrated its 100th anniversary on Saturday, April 26th, with a beautiful mass at St. Clare, followed by lunch at Palermo Italian

Restaurant in San Jose.

For the upcoming Convention, branches should have elected their Convention delegates in May. The district reminds all branches to send in the delegates' registration and reserve hotel rooms early. Also please sell Convention raffle tickets, which is a big fundraiser to help offset the cost of the Convention. Branches remember to send in the branch list of Convention Memorial names and Sponsor names before the deadline.

This year, the annual district picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th with outdoor mass at 10:00 a.m. celebrated by Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha. This year's location will be Almaden Lake Regional Park, located on Winfield Blvd. in San Jose. There will again be a dessert auction and raffle.

The ICF will again sponsor a booth at the Italian American Festa at History Park in San Jose during the weekend July 26th and 27th.

San Jose Diocese Bishop's Day will be Sunday, October 5th, 11:30 a.m. mass at St. Martin of Tours in San Jose, followed by lunch at Three Flames.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members a Happy Father's Day and a wonderful summer vacation!

Michael Rossi

Santa Clara **Br. 5, N.S. Assunta**

See special article written by GP Denise Antonowicz celebrating our branch's 100th anniversary on pages 1 and 5.

Gilroy **Br. 28, Santa Maria** **Ausiliatrice**

Dear Members,

Lauretta Avina, author of, From Tuscany with Love, presented and read an excerpt from her new book. Lauretta moved with her family to the United States when she was a child. Lauretta attended the Gilroy schools but spent her summers in Italy. The book is filled with wonderful Italian recipes. Every recipe has a story of Lauretta's fondest memories in Italy. Stories such as Christmas in Italy while making Befanini, sugar cookies. Lauretta's sweet bread recipe, Buccellato Di Lucca reminds her of walking the streets of Lucca, smelling the fragrance of sweet licorice. Also, baking Buccellato in Gilroy reminds Lauretta of walking into the house after school and smelling the sweet fragrance, which would remind her of Italy. There are many more wonderful Italian recipes in the book along with memories of Lauretta's life. Thank you, Lauretta, for sharing some of your stories with our ICF family.

Our dinner/meeting will be on June 16th. Please join us for a wonderful meal cooked by Ed Saucedo and Crew.

Blessings, Jeanette Hudson

Mountain View **Br. 47, San Giorgio**

Ciao Summer! Buona festa del papà!
Hello Summer! Happy Father's Day!

We had our Fifth Bi-annual Pasta Grab N Go Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser with baskets full of goodies, a beautiful blessed cross, and homemade afghan. We sold out of dinners. We thank everyone for participating. We hope to be able to double our gravy for our next bi-annual pasta grab and go to dinner. We are excited that we will be donating the proceeds of our raffle fundraiser to Cooley's Anemia.

We had an exciting road trip to Monterey for the Lenten dinner at Branch ICF 36. We were able to fit 14 members into one van. We all had a wonderful time, the food was delicious, we all got a taste of limoncello, and such a warm welcome from Branch 36. We hope to do this yearly!

We will be carpooling to the St Martins du Tours International Dinner on May 17th.

We have an ICF Mass scheduled on May 18th with breakfast afterwards.

Wishing you all a wonderful Father's Day with your families.
Peace and God Bless!
Ciao, Julie

Los Gatos **St. Mary Br. 184**

Didn't your heart swell, watching the crowds in St. Peter's Square, Rome, waiting for the announcement after the white smoke rose into the sky? Finally, eruption of joy, "HABEMUS PAPAM!" We have a new Shepherd to follow in the footsteps of St. Peter: Pope Leo XIV. Born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago, Illinois, he is the first American Pope. May God Bless him on this journey.

The Santa Clara District is hosting a BBQ on Aug. 10 at Almaden Lake Park. There will be a Mass at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. Please call Donna Pfaff for tickets or information (408-265-7902).

The Pancake Breakfast was enjoyed by many - thank you Knights of Columbus for making this possible! Our three baskets were won by Brenda Lis, Tricia Dunn Schlaeffler and Tom Cook. (See photo)

June, the month of Grads and Dads: Congrats to all who worked so hard to graduate and Happy Father's Day to the dads who make it possible!

Our meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

Branch 191 has been very busy this past month. Our annual Pasta Sauce Fundraiser has been very successful. Our wonderful cooks and members have spent countless hours getting the sauce ready for distribution on May 18, 2025. The pasta sauce was distributed after the masses in front of St. Frances Cabrini making it easier for people to pick up.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser as well as those members who came out to help.

As we get ready for the summer season, we have numerous activities planned. The first is Branch 191's 60th Anniversary on June 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Palermo's Restaurant. Please watch for the flyer coming your way. Any questions, please contact Debbie Piro.

Our delegates for the convention will be chosen this month. It is always a wonderful way to keep our members active and engaged as to the ICF as a whole.

To all our mothers and fathers out there, we hope you enjoy a wonderful day with your families.

*Hugs to all,
Sharon Logan*

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

To all of our mothers, Happy Mother's Day. At our April meeting we had fun with our Easter Parade and ended with the Easter Parade Hat Contest. Everyone was a winner. Thank you to all members of Br. 368 and especially our Board President, Mary Ridi, and all board members for keeping our meetings focused. Thank you to all the different teams that provide us with dinner every month, to Ed Wendler for the wonderful prayers and stories at our meetings, our treasurer team, Tina Souza Dutra and Ann Cordoni for keeping the books in order. Thanks to Avis Erkel for Sunshine, Janet Glaubke for Layette, Sharon Kroeber for Heritage, Jerry Delfino for Scholarship and Mike Coordoni and Marcello Ridi for working at the free drink bar. I know, I missed a lot of you with thank yous but maybe we'll get you next month.

Please pray for our sick, Loraine Nunziata and Bill Rice.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. The Polenta Dinner was a really nice event with the food being especially great with a profit of \$3051. WOW.

Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross were perfect for Easter season.

The Luau Rib Dinner is scheduled for September 13th.

The 2025 ICF Convention, Gateway to God's Bounty, is scheduled for August

29 -31- 2025 at the Wyndham in Visalia California. Let the board know that you would like to represent our branch.

Thanks to Mike and Mary Clark for setting up the ICF Mass and dinner on April 12th. If you have a Budget Proposal submit it to the board in writing.

*Have a wonderful and healthy month of May.
May God bless each and every one of you and your families.
Tom Myers*

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Father Tony Famave opened our dinner meeting with prayer and President Steve Lencioni acknowledged those members who prepared and served our delicious Italian dinner of Rigatoni & Sausage.

Our popular Multicultural Celebration fundraiser had another successful run in May. We thank all those who volunteered and who worked so hard in making this event a great success.

In her heritage presentation, Louise Vento spoke eloquently of the history of Mother's Day.

Scholarship Chairperson Rose Clarke reported that two first-year awards were presented to Jonah Guardino from Mitty High School and Charlotte Mayer from Carmel High School. We hope to meet them and their families at our June meeting.

Next month, Tina Rossi will distribute ICF Convention raffle tickets.

Delegates Steve and Marina Tilbury will represent our branch at this year's ICF Convention.

Thank you, Mike Rossi, for this month's meeting minutes, which assisted me in writing this article.

Reminders: Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.; Italian American Festa with ICF Information Booth—July 26-27, 2025; District Picnic--August 10, 2025, Almaden Regional Park; Bishops Day--October 5, 1925, 11:30 Mass, St. Martin's, lunch at Three Flames Restaurant; #391 Quarterly Communion—June 8, September 14, and December 7, 2025, 11:30 am masses at St. Martin's.

*Wishing all our Father's a Happy Father's Day!
Janis Patellaro*

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Grandads, Uncle and Godparents!

Well, an American Pope is certainly a Surprise! Give thanks to the Holy Spirit.

The ICF/SVdP Community Service Pancake Breakfast was a big success with ICF serving after the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on Sunday

May 4th. We fed around 200 attendees and packed nearly 500 lbs. of Foods for Distribution and plenty of Prayer "Hands" to share with our Prison Ministry.

Congrats to all our Grads!- The Resurrection School End of Year Party will be held on the School Grounds Sat June 7th from 1-4 p.m. – All ICF Members are Invited

Please Pray for our Members and Friends: Laurice Levine, Donna Ogden (multifracture wrist injury) and Al Chantelope.

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

The Branch 435 April dinner meeting began with a potluck provided by the 28 members attending. We haven't had a potluck for many years. It was an amazing success that set the stage for a productive business meeting! All present enjoyed the great variety of delicious food and had a great time.

We were happy to welcome back Fran Scalzo who is recovering from a stroke. She is doing fine. Helga Brooks has also returned from a cruise. We also welcomed guests Grant and Ruth Ann Guiliano, friends of Larry and Carol Carr and Bill Scheid's Grandson Ben who was a great help in set-up, serving dinner and cleanup.

We look forward to a visit from Debbie Piro, the Santa Clara Valley District President, at our May 20th Branch meeting. It is also our turn to host the Santa Clara District meeting at Santa Teresa Parish on May 13th by providing snacks, treats and a heritage report.

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Br. 445 held its first Holy Week Soup Supper for Transfiguration ICF members and guest parishioners. It was a great success with ICF members preparing nine different types of soup, along with breads and desserts. This may become an annual event! Thanks also to the ICF decorating crew. Janie Falcone made an additional cheese tortellini soup to donate to St. Christopher's Soup Supper that night as well.

ICF members: Bill Perry, Jim Falcone, Phil & Joan Lang and Robert & Cindy Sevilla also participated in Holy Thursday 'Maunday' Service as Fr. Chris Bransfield washed their feet.

The 4th Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother's statue was held May 4th at Transfiguration. ICF coordinated and hosted the event. Fr. Chris Bransfield led the prayer ceremony and choir members led everyone in songs. ICF member Jean Cosentino crowned Mary during the song "Bring Flowers of the Rarest." The event was followed with donuts and coffee for all provided by ICF.

Many thanks to Br. 445 members who spent many hours: gathering orders for our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser; assembling cookie boxes; picking up the cookies and finally boxing the cookies into festive holiday boxes for distribution. Many sincere thanks to all who purchased cookies in support of our fundraiser!

Happy June Birthday wishes to: Jennifer Nisich, Bill Perry, Geri Tusso, Joan Lang, Sylvia Ortiz and Barbara Bahl!!

Wishing everyone a Happy Father's Day and a wonderful summer!!

*Until next month stay safe and well,
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

Our members baked their special cookies, cakes, brownies, banana nut bread and pies for our Bake Sale. Parish members were looking forward to the bake sale and had us sold out by the ten o'clock mass. The support of the Parish is greatly appreciated. Thanks to our bakers who supplied the baked goods to sell. We are few in number but they made it a successful Bake Sale. Their help is greatly appreciated.

The Bishop's Burse will be held in Tracy June 29, 2025. Make plans to attend and support our seminarians. Father Adrian is one of the seminarians we supported many years ago and is now the Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church.

The District Picnic will be held August 17, 2025 at the Escalon. Plan to bring your family and friends. It is always a very enjoyable day and a chance to see old friends.

The Convention will be August 29 thru August 31, 2025. Reports for the convention, reservations, Yearbook submissions and etc. need to be submitted by the due dates.

Jun 11 Meeting 6:00 p.m., J St. Hall 7th & K Sts.

Jun 29 Bishop's Burse - St Bernard's Church Tracy

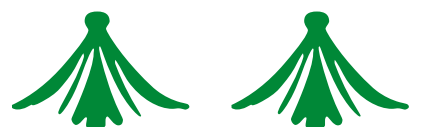
Jul - No Meeting

Aug - No Meeting

Aug - 17 District picnic & meeting Escalon Park

Aug - 29 thru 31 Convention - Visalia
Sep - 10 Meeting 6:00 pm J St. Hall 7 & K Streets

*Happy Father's Day!
Cecelia McGhee*



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 191 fundraiser - Debbie, Sharon, and Linda



Br. 435 at work at our April 15, 2025 meeting



Congratulations to Branch 5 in Santa Clara which celebrated it's 100th Anniversary in April. Branch President Bob Basuino proudly poses with the branch banner.



Branch 391 members Bob Gorini and Mike Rossi help celebrate with Louise Vento on her 90th birthday



Br. 184, Pictured at the recent Pancake Breakfast is our Branch--President Deanna Meyer, Basket winners Brenda Lis, Tricia Dunn Schaeffler, and St. Vincent de Paul, President Sue Ahmadian (holding a basket won by Tom Cook),and Chip LoBue from the Knights of Columbus. The Knights provided the food and served the breakfast, which benefited both our ICF and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Branch 368 Easter 2025



Branch 368 Easter Parade Hat Contest Winners 2025



Branch 368 Easter Parade Hat Contest



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 28 The Vanni Family



Branch 28 enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by The Vanni Family



Br. 445 ICF Members Assembled Boxes for Mother's Day Cookies



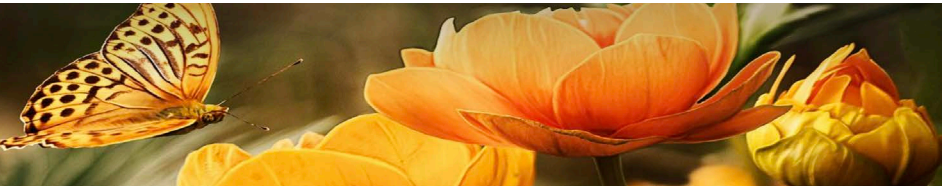
Br. 445: Holy Week - ICF Soup Supper Chefs



Br. 445 ICF Members Gathering Mother's Day Cookie Orders



Br. 445, Member Jean Cosentino and Fr. Chris Bransfield - 4th Annual May Crowning of Mary



Br. 47 5th Bi-Annual Pasta Grab N Go - April 2025



Br. 47 Van to Monterey



Br. 47 at Lenten Dinner in Monterey



Br. 47 at Lenten Dinner in Monterey

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

We celebrated mothers last month, and now it's time to honor fathers. In Italy, fathers are recognized on March 19th, the Festa de San Guiseppe, the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of fathers and workers. How do they celebrate? Children spend the day creating special cards, drawings, poems, and small gifts to give their fathers. And of course, there is tons of food, more sweet than savory.

Speaking of savory foods...grazie to all who came to Brick House in support of our fundraiser. We are especially grateful to Elisa for all the work she did as the chair.

Shout outs of appreciation to those that volunteered at the Blood Drive, and most importantly, to those who donated this precious gift of life.

A salute to retired Lt. Col. Phil (Scaletta) Litts who gave an interesting, informative presentation about Memorial Day at our May meeting.

Upcoming events: June 8th – Festa Italiana at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds and June 29th Stockton District Bishop's Burse Dinner at St. Bernard's in Tracy.

Do you know a graduating senior who is off to college or a young adult with special needs who could use some extra funds? Tell them to apply for our branch college scholarship or Thrive grant. Every little bit helps.

Pray for Papa Francis who has risen to his heavenly home, and pray also for our new Pope Leo XIV who accepted God's call to lead our Catholic Church.

Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca **Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio**

Our April Meeting was held on the 22nd at St. Anthony's Cafeteria. Central Council Representative Dante Galeazzi led us in prayer prior to dinner. Michelle Harmon prepared Pot Stickers and Chicken and Vegetable Chow Mein. Patti and Ed Fichtner brought assorted cookies and cakes.

President Birdie Nieri called the meeting to order after we finished dinner. Members present recited the Federation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the March 25th meeting and balances in our Checking Accounts as of April 1. As always, Members are encouraged to read the "Bollettino".

President Birdie Nieri reminded everyone of the District Meeting to be held on May 18th at Tony's Kitchen. Please RSVP to Birdie if you will be attending. Cost is \$20. Discussion was held as to the direction our Branch will take in the future. Some ideas were generated and a few of our members will look into them.

No decisions were made at this time.

Branch 139's next meeting will be held on May 27th at St. Anthony's Cafeteria. Birdie Neiri will be bringing dinner; Michelle Harmon will provide dessert. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

*Bye for now,
Michela*

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

In addition to the scholarship awarded to Gia Rinaldo, we are happy to learn that Philip Martin IV has been awarded a Central Council first year scholarship. Philip attends Tracy's Merrill West High School and is headed to the University of Pacific next year. Way to go Philip!

Thursday, June dinner will be homemade Italian Meatloaf and all the trimmings, to be held on Thursday June 26th. Deadline to make your reservations is Monday, June 23rd and don't be late, we sell out this one!

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June "Buona Fortuna." How about a big Happy Father's Day to all the 'Papas' in our wonderful organization! We are so blessed!

Our Branch 390 is hosting this year's Bishop's Burse on Sunday, June 29th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church Parish Hall. Please make your reservations as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements - deadline for reservations is June 23rd. A "Save The Date" will be sent to your branch with details. You can also get these details from the announcement in this month's *Bollettino* issue.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers. Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. Thanks to all prayer partners for their support.

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from.
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*Stay healthy, happy & safe.
Betty*

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

Happy Father's Day to all our dads out there, however in Italy, Father's Day was already celebrated on March 19th. So happy belated Festa del Papà! It is always celebrated in June because it coincides with Saint Joseph's day, the patron Saint of Fathers.

On June 8th our Branch held our annual bake sale after all the masses. No one can resist buying something when the ICF is baking. Thanks to all our members that made it possible.

At our June meeting, the guest speaker, Andy Mattos, shared tips on how we can stay safe in our everyday lives.

Some sad news. We lost long-time member Roger Roman. Roger was our branch historian for years and took some incredible pictures which we will cherish forever. He also chaired our heritage committee for a decade. Grazie Roger. We will miss you.

Our Branch is going to take July off, so buon estate for you all.

Alla prossima, Mary Ann

SAN BERNARDINO **District**

Fontana **Br. 210, St. Joseph**

We had no May meeting this month due to Mother's Day commitments, and our meeting would have fallen on, you guessed it, Mother's Day! We chose to instead honor our moms, here and in heaven and to keep Momma Mary ever in our hearts; "To Jesus through Mary" after all!

I have had a great time these past few weeks keeping in touch with our Seminarists from the Diocese of San Bernardino. I attended the 20th anniversary of Serra House of Formation and had the opportunity to spend a little time with Bishop Emeritus Gerald Barnes. I also attended the Bishop's Tea and took a future Seminarist from my home parish with me. He had a long talk with Bishop Rojas and looks forward to entering Seminary next year. That is one of the things we strive for, vocations to the priesthood, so this month, I worked on that goal!

Our Branch always prays for vocations when we pray our Rosary. No Priest, No Eucharist! Looking forward to our June meeting, our agenda is packed since we missed a meeting, but we'll get through it, our Branch is small, but mighty!

*Till next time,
He is Risen, Alleluia!
Annie McCarthy, President Branch 210
Fontana*

Redlands **Br. 217, Sacred Heart**

Our May meeting was an interesting one for us. We found out that our District Scholarship winner David Dainko, is the older brother of our Branch recipient of our \$500 scholarship, Sean Dainko! Isn't that a marvelous coincidence? We will be honoring them both at a reception after an upcoming 430 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Redlands.

At our April meeting, we had such an interesting Heritage Report on Little Italy in Los Angeles that we are investigating the possibility of making a Branch trip and making a day of it. We are all excited about the prospect of taking the train and exploring Little Italy.

Two of our members, Lorenzo and Leonardo Emerick made their First Holy Communion today and were unable to join us for this meeting. Their sister, Aelia, also a member, as well as their dad Paul, our President were with them, and we were all with them in spirit and prayer. Congratulations, Lorenzo and Leonardo!

*Ciao for now,
Annie McCarthy, VP Branch 217*

Upland **Br. 446, Saint Anthony**

958 cannoli!! That's how many cannoli we constructed and distributed on Mother's Day weekend! Many weeks of pre-sales after all the Masses helped to drive our sales. We could not have had such a successful event without the help of so many of our dedicated members. Our Cannoli Masters, Geri Kerins and Jim Impastato have a special recipe blend that makes our cannoli extremely delicious. Flavors included chocolate chip, chocolate chip filling with nuts or vanilla cream with cherries. Using the church kitchen helped us to keep the 58 lbs of ricotta and all the other ingredients extremely fresh. Our president, Carrie Rossie, guided and planned the logistics. Teams included Sales, Construction, Quality Control and Distribution. The Cannoli Construction Crew started at 7:30 a.m. and were done by noon. Because so many of our orders were for Mother's Day, Nan Judge wrapped bows on all the packages. Joyce and Peter Tesoro brought Italian music, and we had great fun singing along to standard classics while filling the cannoli. We also had too much fun shaking the powdered sugar. At 1 p.m. the Distribution Team took over and used the church hall to pass out the pick-up orders to our customers. Our annual Cannoli fundraiser was a lot of hard work, but we always walk away smiling! Our members are awesome and contribute many hours of their time to make all our fund-raising events successful. It doesn't seem like hard work when it is shared among friends!

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



Branch 217 Redlands May 2025 Meeting



Br. 210, Bishop Emeritus Gerald Barnes with Annie McCarthy at the anniversary of Serra House of Formation in Grand Terrace.



Branch 217 Redlands May 2025 Meeting



Br. 210, Bishop Alberto Rojas with Natan Ramirez, a future Seminarian. We attended our Bishop's annual Bishop's Tea.



Br. 446 Cannoli Filling



Br. 446, Cannoli presale



Br. 446, Peter Tesoro and Virginia Impastato



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