

June 30, 2025

Dear District and Branch Presidents:

You are encouraged to do everything possible to bring your District and Branch Chaplain to our Annual Convention in Visalia this year.

A survey of Chaplains, who have attended past Conventions, indicates that they have all found their presence at the Convention to have been a very positive experience. They have commented on how much they learned about the Federation and the good works it performs. They also expressed how helpful it has been for them to meet with other District and Branch Chaplains and exchange information and ideas. It has been our experience that every Chaplain that has attended our Convention, has come away with a very positive attitude and a fresh outlook on what they can do to assist the Federation.

The Central Council will host a Luncheon/Workshop for all I.C.F. Chaplains. Additionally, your Chaplain is invited to concelebrate the Sunday Mass. In order to make the necessary seating arrangements, we need to know by August 1, 2025 in which of these events your Chaplain will be participating. Please advise the office by calling toll free - 1-888-423-1924. Also, please advise your Chaplain to bring his own vestments (or alb and stole) if he plans to concelebrate.

Also, if your Chaplain plans to concelebrate we will need a letter of good standing sent to the I.C.F. office. This is a common document that the Chaplains should know about and need to provide when they are concelebrating Mass outside of their Diocese. Please ask your Chaplain to send his Diocesan Letter of Good Standing to the I.C.F. Spiritual Director by August 1, 2025. The letter can be sent to Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Attn: Fr. Chris Bennett. Fr. Chris will then provide all of the letters to the Diocese of Fresno. Without the letter on file, the Chaplain may not concelebrate.

Please note that if your Chaplain is attending the Friday Night Dinner (\$65.00), the Saturday Night Banquet (\$70.00) or the Sunday Luncheon (\$45.00) your District/Branch will be responsible for the purchase of his ticket and he will be seated with your group. Only Diocesan Chaplains are covered by the I.C.F.

We look forward to seeing you and that we will once again experience a successful Convention.

Sincerely,

Convention DirectorsqCommittee