

I.C.F. 94th Annual Convention Agenda

Visalia, California • Aug. 28 - 31, 2025

THURSDAY, August 28, 2025

Visalia Rawhide Baseball GameBallpark Gates Open

6:30pm

Baseball

FRIDAY, August 29, 2025

9:00am-12:00pm

Blood Drive Laurel 1:00pm-2:00pm

Delegate Registration Lobby

2:00pm-4:00pm

Bingo..... Redwood Presented by: The Ways and Means Committee

4:00pm-6:00pm

Delegate Registration Lobby

5:30pm-6:00pm New Delegate Orientation.....

..... Redwood Presented by: Grand 1st Vice President Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

6:30pm-7:00pm

Meet the Central Council CandidatesBallroom Foyer

7:00pm-11:00pm

Opening Ceremonies Dinner

.....Oak/Maple

Dinner reservations required. Cash bar available.

Call to Order by the Convention Director:

Lauren Kilcullen, Grand 2nd Vice President

- Masters of Ceremonies: Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Past **Grand President & Grand** Parliamentarian, and Family Br. 281, Bakersfield
- **Opening Prayer**
- Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem
- Introduction of the Grand President:

Denise Antonowicz

Welcome and Presentation from the Host District:

Allen Watts, Fresno District

- **Greeting from the Grand President: Denise Antonowicz**
- Roll Call of Districts
- Inspirational Message: Reverend Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director

- Closing Prayer
- Federation Anthem: "Noi Vogliam Dio"
- Dancing to follow until 11pm

SATURDAY, August 30, 2025

8:30am-9:00am

Final Delegate Registration....Lobby

8:45am-10:15am

Clergy Vesting Room Cypress 9:00am-10:00am

Memorial Mass.....Birch Reverend Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director, Presiding

10:15am-11:00am

Spiritual Workshop.....Laurel/Birch Reverend Christopher Bennett, Spiritual Director

10:15am-11:00am

Membership Workshop .. Oak/Maple Presented by: The Membership Committee

10:15am-11:00am

Technology 102..... Redwood Presented by: Patrick Senge

11:15am-12:00pm

Genealogy Workshop ...Laurel/Birch Presented by: Fr. Greg Kimm

11:15am-12:00pm

Italian Workshop..... Redwood Presented by: Francesca Taylor

11:15am-12:00pm

ICF Programs & Fundraising ...

Presented by: Lisa Crudo

12:00pm-1:30pm

No-host Lunch Break

12:00pm-1:30pm

Chaplains' Luncheon Restaurant

1:30pm-3:30pm

Convention General Session.....

.....Oak/Maple Assigned delegate seating.

Call to Order Denise Antonowicz,

- **Grand President Opening Prayer**
- Pledge of Allegiance and **Federation Salute**
- Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, and Staff
- Adoption of Rules/Regulations
- Credentials Committee Report
- Welcome First Time Delegates

- Speeches of Central Council **Candidates**
- Central Council Election
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Proposals
- Podcast Presentation
- Discussion on Future of Awards
- Attendance Drawing
- Central Council Election Results
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

6:30pm-7:00pm

Banquet Social.....Lobby Cash bar available

7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday Banquet.....Oak/Maple Reservations required.

Welcome

Allen Watts, Fresno District President

- Master of Ceremonies Vince Piro, Past Grand President, **Member Emeritus**
- Invocation
- · Dinner is served
- Remarks from Local Dignitaries
- Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award to Bill Perry by Denise Antonowicz, **Grand President**
- **Closing Prayer**
- "God Bless America"
- · Dancing until 10:30pm

SUNDAY, August 31, 2025

9:00am-10:30am

Convention General Session....

-Oak/Maple
- Opening Prayer
- Resolutions and Communications
- National Charity Presentation
- Response
- ICF Website Update
- Discussion about Scholarship Ideas
- Committee Recognition: Apostolate/Charity, Heritage, Membership, Scholarship
- Charitable Donations
- Convention Site Report
- Attendance Drawing
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

10:30am-11:15am

Central Council Meeting..... Executive Boardroom

12:00pm-2:00pm

Awards Luncheon.....Oak/Maple Reservations required.

• Welcome

Lauren Kilcullen Convention Director. Grand 2nd Vice President

- Mistress of Ceremonies Roselvnne McNeal, Central Council Life Member
- Opening Prayer
- Lunch is served
- Presentation of the Grand President's Award to Vince Saso by Denise Antonowicz, **Grand President**
- Presentation of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Award to The Margaret **Aylward Center** by Denise Antonowicz, **Grand President**
- Closing Prayer

200pm-5:15pm

Clergy Vesting Room Cypress

2:30pm-4:30pm

Concelebrated Mass and Installation of OfficersBirch/Laurel

Mass

Presiding: Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan, Bishop of Fresno

 Installation of Central Council Officers

Installing Officer: Denise Antonowicz, **Past Grand President**

- Remarks by the 2025-2026 Grand President
- Fresno District Raffle
- Convention Raffle Presented by: The Ways and Means Committee
- Federation Anthem
- Adjournment







BOLLETTINO



ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage

Welcome to the 94th Annual ICF National Convention! Gateway to God's Bounty

Lauren Kilcullen, Convention Director

The Convention Director's Committee and the Fresno District are excited to welcome everyone to Visalia! As everyone gathers in the Central Valley of California, we celebrate the



bountiful harvest that comes from the fields surrounding Visalia and the spiritual bounty that comes from our great faith.

We are especially excited to welcome our Newest Branch – Br. 450 at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln, CA! We hope the new members of the Branch find faith, fellowship and family in the ICF

As the glow from celebrating our 100th Anniversary starts to fade a bit,

we hope the spirit of the celebrations continue as we renew our commitment to the ICF for the next 100 years. This year's Convention is an excellent way to begin.

The Convention Directors have been busy planning the workshops which offer some of our favorite topics from years' past along with new topics to stimulate interest in family and heritage. From the Spiritual Workshop led by our engaging Spiritual Director Fr. Chris Bennett to Genealogy led by Fr. Greg Kimm to ICF programs led by Lisa Crudo, the workshops offer a broad range of topics. Any member or guest may attend workshops.

The Heritage Room makes a return to the Convention. Please stop by and learn about the istory of our organization. Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and Bob Basuino have created a wonderful display of artifacts. The Fresno District is having an Italian Marketplace; a good room to browse and purchase items.

The Convention Director's Committee has been working diligently to organize a convention that is fun, engaging and instructive. Attend the workshops, general sessions, dinners and Masses. Also, take time to renew friendships and introduce yourself to someone new. Discover innovative ideas to help your Branches. As Past Grand President George Bacigalupi said, "The ICF Convention is our Family Reunion." Make the most of your time and partake in all of the activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone this weekend!

Lauren Kilcullen Convention Director's Chairperson

Grand President's Monthly Message

Denise Antonowicz

Dear Friends and Family of the Italian Catholic Federation,

Welcome to Visalia and the Annual ICF Convention!



Whether you've been part of our community for decades or are experiencing your very first convention, I can't express how wonderful it is to have everyone together in one place. Our gatherings are a tapestry woven from the stories, traditions, and faith of so many unique individuals—each of you adds something special, and together we create the living, breathing heart of the ICF.

This weekend isn't just another mark on the calendar. It's a celebration of everything that brings us together—our faith, our heritage, and the friendships that have carried us through both joyful and challenging times. Walking into a room full of familiar faces and eager newcomers reminds me why our Federation continues to thrive after nearly a century. The warmth, generosity, and energy you all bring inspire me every single year, and I deeply hope that—wherever you've come from—you feel entirely at home here in Visalia.

I'd like to offer my deepest gratitude to the Fresno District for their incredible hospitality and the tireless work that went into making this convention a reality. Organizing an event of this size is no small feat, and your dedication does not go unnoticed.

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Bringing Faith and Fellowship Together: New ICF Branch 450 Opens in Lincoln

Perry Shurko, Central Council

On behalf of the officers of the Central Council and the members of the Expansion Committee, I am thrilled to introduce the Italian Catholic Federation's newest branch—Branch #450, St. Joseph in Lincoln, California—now officially part of the Blessed Sacrament District.

The branch's inauguration, featuring the induction of 62 charter members and the installation of officers, was held on June 22. The Mass was celebrated by our Spiritual Director, Fr. Chris Bennett, along with Fr. Freddy Gucor, the pastor of St. Joseph. The ceremony was presided over by our Grand President, Denise Antonowicz, with support from Grand First Vice President Franklyn Lopes Jr., Grand Treasurer Lisa Crudo, Past Grand Presidents Bob Basuino, Bob Acquistapace, and Mike Rossi, along with Dante Galeazzi and Perry Shurko.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Nina Malone, who was the driving force behind this new branch. Nina, who also serves as Branch President, works at St. Joseph and poured her heart into making this a success. Special thanks to Blessed Sacrament District President Joseph Aguilar and his team for their support and hard work in



Br 450 Newly installed officers with Grand President Denise Antonowicz

setting up and assisting in the kitchen.

A delicious pasta dinner was lovingly prepared and served by the officers of the Central Council. Thank you to Franklyn for the beautiful centerpieces and to Perry for cooking a wonderful lunch.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to Branch 450—may you grow strong and make us all proud.

Congratulations!





Br. 450 Officers cut the cake with Grand President Denise Antonowicz and Spiritual Director Fr. Chris Bennett

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and informative.

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Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

We gather at our annual convention once again to celebrate the richness of community, the abundance of wisdom, and the generosity of spirit that flows through our shared purpose. Each year, this gathering offers us a chance to reflect, recharge, and rediscover the treasures we hold not just in our work, but in each other. This year's theme, Gateway to God's Bounty, reminds us that we stand at a threshold of immense possibility. In every conversation, in every connection, and in every moment of learning, we draw closer to the divine gifts offered to us freely.

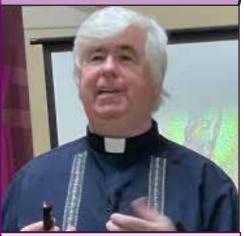
In the passage from John's gospel where Jesus asks the disciples to put out into the deep, we see the disciples, professional fishermen, toiling all night and catching nothing. They were skilled, they knew the sea, they knew their craft, and, yet, their nets were empty. Jesus instruction: Then Jesus comes along and tells them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. It's a simple instruction, but it changes everything. The disciples obey, and their nets fill to bursting with fish. It's a miraculous catch and a bounty they couldn't have imagined. It all came from believing in Jesus and from following His instruction.

A lesson for us: Often, we toil and struggle, trying to do things in our own strength. We rely on our skills,

our knowledge, and our experience. But sometimes, that's not enough. Sometimes, we need to listen to Jesus, to follow His instructions, even when they don't make sense to us. When we do that, when we believe in Him and obey Him, we can experience a bounty in our lives.

What does this bounty look like? It's not always a physical or material bounty. It's not always about having more money, or a bigger house, or a better job. Sometimes, the bounty we receive is spiritual. It's a deeper understanding of God's love for us. It's a stronger faith, a greater peace and a more profound joy. It's the assurance that we are loved, that we are valued and that we are not alone. This is the kind of bounty that can sustain us in the difficult times. When we're struggling, when we're hurting, when we're doubting, this spiritual bounty can give us the strength to keep going. It can fill us with hope, with courage and with determination. It can remind us that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves

This bounty is not just for us. It's not just about our own personal gain. The disciples didn't keep all those fish for themselves. They shared them and they used them to feed others. In the same way, the bounty we receive from God is meant to be shared. It's meant to be used to bless others and to build up the body of Christ. This is a crucial part of our faith. We are not called to be selfish



Father Christopher Bennett ICF Spiritual Director

and to hoard our blessings. We are called to be generous and to share what we have. When we do that, when we use our blessings to bless others, we become a part of God's work in the world. Let's consider the moment when the disciples, having toiled all night without catching a single fish, obey Jesus' instruction to cast their nets on the right side of the

May your time at the convention be filled with insight, inspiration, and joy. We're honored to walk this path with you.

Fr. Chris



The Italian Catholic Federation: **Donating to Thalassemia Since 1982**

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

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adopted Cooley's anemia (thalassemia) as their national charity in 1982, under the direction of the Grand President, the remarkable David Botta. The ICF has since



donated \$2,490,154 to thalassemia as a result of its members immense generosity, passionate dedication, and tireless hard work.

The funds donated have been used in a wide variety of ways, including but not limited to the following:

Research—before the passing of the Orphan Drug Act in 1983, the U.S. federal government did not greatly support research for rare diseases, and it was not until the mid 1990s that thalassemia gained traction in this arena. The ICF supported research that led to improved medication and technology for thalassemia.

Now that government grants fund research, ICF contributions are put toward other important endeavors. We are hopeful that government grants will continue into the future because in the past several months funds for thalassemia have been cut, CDC programs have been closed, and Medicaid is at risk. Approximately 75% of the patients at CHLA are on Medicaid.

- Expansion of clinical services and patient travel—our program at CHLA continues to get many new referrals from all over the state and country for children and adults with thalassemia and other closely related blood disor-
- Outreach and education, including the thalassemia newsletter, In That
- Holiday parties/party in a box (from 2020 until present) and other patient events. Please save the date for Sunday, September 21, for an Autumn Holiday Party – our first gathering since COVID began.

The PASSAGES transition program and the development of adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients can continue to obtain quality care beyond pediatrics and thrive into later adult-

The result of the ICF's diligence is increased longevity and improved quality of life for patients. Knowing that there is an organization and people dedicated to your rare disease also reduces the sense of isolation that patients and families often feel. The ICF makes a difference that extends well beyond monetary donations, as its caring and compassion towards patients, and humanity in general, has created deep, strong bonds of friendship and family.

Educating the community and working alongside the ICF is a vital part of the thalassemia program at CHLA. If you are interested in Laurice attending a branch meeting or fundraiser,

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Family Recipe -- Tuna Olive Roll and Parisian Rolls

Deborah Rodondi

Summer is winding down, and school is ready to get into full swing. The two recipes I'm sharing with you this month make great after-school snacks or quick, delicious bites for lunch-or whenever a craving strikes.



Growing up, I always remember these sandwiches. Over the years, you could always find a bag of them in my freezer. With five children, my mom found these to be the perfect fix for hungry kids coming home from school, and we always enjoyed these special treats.

The tuna olive sandwich was a recipe my mom, June Rodondi, discovered. The Parisian was created by my maternal great-aunt, Roma Mingoia, from Livermore, who loved to cook and experiment with recipes. Thanks to her creativity, Roma is also credited with inventing our French bread pizza appetizer (featured in the December 2015 Bollettino), a family favorite that originated from this very recipe.

Tuna Olive Roll

- 1 (6 ½ or 7 ounce) can tuna, drained
- 1 (4 ½ ounce) can chopped black
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 4 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 6-8 rolls

Mix all ingredients (except rolls, of course). Cut open rolls take out a little of the soft insides (allows for more of the filling), fill with mixture.

Wrap in foil. Heat in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes.

3 batches fills 24 small 3-4 inch round

Parisian Rolls

- 4 chopped hardboiled eggs
- 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese
- 3 pimentos (optional)
- 1 can chopped black olives
- ½ cup vegetable oil

1 can hot sauce (or small can of tomato sauce with a little Tabasco)

salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients. Cut open rolls and remove some of the soft inside, fill with mixture.

Wrap each roll in foil. Place on 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted.

NOTE: For both recipes, after wrapping them in foil I put them in a plastic bag and freeze, ready to cook. Takes about 25 minutes to heat when frozen.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

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

Buon Appetito!

ICF: Donating to Thalassemia

By Laurice Levine

she would be honored to attend and speak about thalassemia, our program, and share stories from her patient's perspective. Please reach out anytime.

On behalf of the entire staff at the Thalassemia Center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and most especially the patients and families, we wish to extend our boundless gratitude to the ICF for continuing to choose thalassemia as their national charity and for all of their support, friendship, and love. You make a vital difference in countless lives!

For more information about thalas-

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Live to Give **Convention Donations**

(Report as of August 1, 2025)

Br. 82 Blood Drive's Donors: Elizabeth Holladay Jessica Sanchez Lisa M. Fugazi In Memory of Ronald F. Miles

Denise Antonowicz continued from p. 3

GP Message--Continued: Ciao, amici!

Special thanks are also due to our Convention Directors Committee, the Central Council, and the heart and backbone of our office—Charlene Kramer, Patti Smith, Nanette Scarpellini Metz, and the entire staff. Your behind-the-scenes efforts and steady commitment are what make this gathering run smoothly and feel so welcoming for all of us.

Over the next few days, you'll find plenty of opportunities to reconnect with old friends, strike up conversations with new faces, and reflect on the shared values that bind us together. I encourage you to dive in—attend the sessions, participate in the Masses, share your stories, and let yourself be swept up in the spirit of community. Make time to savor the meals, the laughter, the music, and the small moments of

kindness that always fill our halls. These are the experiences that linger long after the weekend ends.

Thank you for your dedication to the ICF and for carrying on the traditions that define us. Your efforts ensure that our organization remains vibrant and meaningful not just for us, but for generations vet to come.

May this convention be a time of inspiration, joy, and renewed connection for you and your loved ones. May God bless our time together and guide the future of the Italian Catholic Federation.

With heartfelt appreciation and warmest wishes for a memorable weekend,

Denise Antonowicz **Grand President**

For complete information on Testimonial Dinner for Past Grand President Denise Antonowicz, see flyer on the back cover.



RESERVATIONS FORM

October 18, 2025

FOR THE

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT Denise Antonowicz

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Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

Pope Saint John XXIII Award Recipient BILL PERRY

A Life of Quiet Service: Bill Perry's Mission of Faith and Justice

In a world where recognition often overshadows purpose, Bill Perry stands out as a man of quiet faith and unwavering service. A devoted member of the Church of the Transfiguration in San Jose, Bill has spent decades living the Gospel through consistent action, deep compassion, and a powerful sense of justice.

With a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministries from Santa Clara University, Bill serves as the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Director for the Diocese of San Jose. In this role, he promotes the annual Lenten campaign and oversees local CRS grant programs that benefit underserved communities.

One of Bill's most impactful efforts is the Contemplatives in Action Lunch Ministry, which he co-founded during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since April 2020, the program has delivered over 22,000 sack lunches to the unhoused and food-insecure in Santa Clara County. Entirely donation-based, the ministry partners with organizations like Catholic Charities, Amigos de Guadalupe, and the John XXIII Center to reach those most in need.

Bill's outreach extends even further. He has sorted and distributed clothing, hygiene kits, toys, and linens for farmworkers and the unhoused, assisted refugees through Catholic Charities, and even served as a pen pal to a death row inmate as part of a prison ministry. His ability to meet people where they are — literally and spiritually — is a reflection of his strong belief in the dignity of every human being.



At the parish level, Bill is a cornerstone of the Transfiguration community. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Social Justice Coordinator, weekly bulletin writer, and former music minister. Along with, his wife Edna, he co-co-ordinates the annual Christmas Project, delivering gifts and meals to families in need. He has also faithfully supported parish events like the Faith Formation Pancake Breakfast and "Generations of Faith" sessions, offering presentations on CRS, social outreach, and Catholic teaching.

Bill's influence is not confined to his parish. He has served as a Fair Trade Ambassador, organized diocesan Fair Trade sales, and is actively involved in the San Jose Cursillo movement, helping others deepen their faith.

Despite all of these accomplishments, Bill remains deeply humble.

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Grand President's Award Recipient VINCE SASO

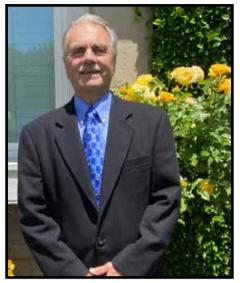
"I know of no great man except those who have rendered great services to the human race." —Voltaire

To say Vince Saso is a volunteer feels almost too small. The dictionary tells us a volunteer is someone who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or task. By that definition, plenty of people in Gilroy fit the bill. But not everyone leaves a mark the way Vince does.

For decades, Vince poured his energy into the Employment Development Department, guiding farm workers, cannery workers, and day laborers—people often overlooked—toward stable employment. He had a knack for helping people find dignity and purpose in their work. After 35 years of service, Vince finally retired in 2006. But "retirement" was just a technicality; his real work was only beginning.

The Gilroy Senior Center was his next stop, where he started serving lunches to local seniors. It didn't take Vince long to notice the deeper struggles many of these folks faced. Some needed more than a meal; they needed a friend, an advocate, a helping hand. Vince became all three. He didn't wait for someone else to step in, he acted, quietly and persistently, often behind the scenes.

"As The Mayor of Gilroy, it is difficult to think of anyone more deserving of recognition than Vince," says Mayor Greg Bozzo. "His kindness and optimism is infectious to anyone and everyone he encounters. It is clear that Vince is motivated to do what he does mainly by his desire to have a positive impact on our city, while expecting nothing in return."



But Vince's service doesn't end with seniors. At ICF Branch #28, he's been a pillar for years, serving in nearly every leadership role, including president and trustee. Vince is the kind of leader who rolls up his sleeves—literally. He cooks dinners for the branch three or four times a year and takes charge of the kitchen at major fundraisers. After the tables are cleared, he makes sure nothing goes to waste. Leftovers are boxed up and offered to members at a nominal cost, with proceeds going right back to the branch's charitable work. If someone can't make it out, Vince delivers meals directly to homebound members, using his own time and resources.

"Vince is a caretaker. He looks after God's flock in ways that many of us do not even consider," says Diana Berry, past president of Branch #28. "He uses his own resources and those that he gets donated to take care of all he can."

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Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Recipients THE MARGARET AYLWARD CENTER

In 1867 the congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Faith was founded by Margaret Aylward to assist the poor of Dublin, Ireland. The sisters arrived in the US in the 1950s when the suburbs were growing and the need to staff elementary schools throughout the archdiocese of Los Angeles increased. In 2004, Sisters Vickey Haran and Barbara Gunning saw a need to expand the ministry of the sisters by opening the Margaret Aylward Center in Pico Rivera. Together with the help of their associates, and God's will, they worked hard to transform an abandoned house into a place of spiritual guidance and social outreach. It was created to tend to the needs of the poor and marginalized.

The goal today is to work closely with other agencies and to collaborate with them in analyzing issues faced by the community members and work towards implementing solutions.



The center strives to meet the needs of God's struggling people by offering ESL - English as a Second Language), citizenship preparation, how to avail of public benefits, marriage and family and individual counseling, skills for developing better self-esteem, dry food distribution, clothing, referrals for shelters for the homeless and helping families find housing. All of their programs are sustained primarily by the Sisters of the Holy Faith, their Associates, private donors, and a great number of volunteers.





JOIN US IN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY THRIVE

This year the Italian Catholic Federation will be collecting mini or full sized cleaning and personal care supplies at our Convention in Visalia. The items collected will be donated to Salt & Light who are making a significant difference for those in need in Central California.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY AND OFFERING DIGNIFIED HOUSING

The Neighborhood Village Programs

Fully furnished modular homes for rent,
complete with amenities inside
Resident care and property management staff on-site,
along with all Salt + Light staff
Micro Enterprises and
dignified income opportunities for residents Job training and workforce development
Wraparound mental and physical health services



















Sign up to save a life...

14th Annual ICF

Blood Drive

With the Central California Blood Center

Friday, August 29th, 9:00am – 12pm Convention Hotel

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

To Reserve a spot in advance:

https://signup.com/go/GGHJeAY

or, please Contact:

Laurice Levine

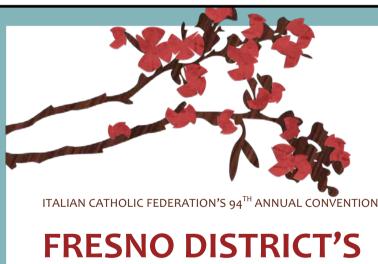
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Goody Bags and Raffle!









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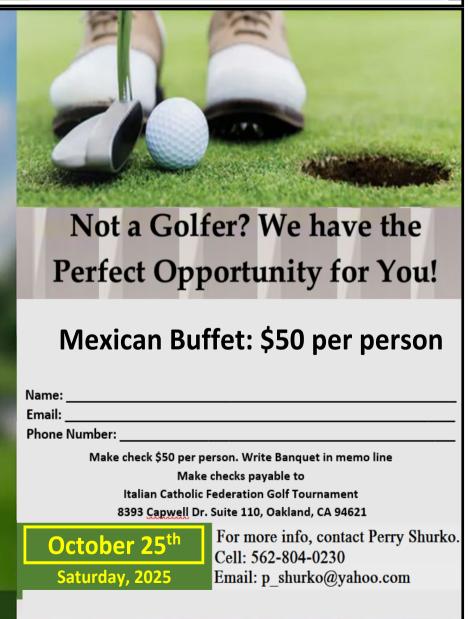
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Hours of Operation: Friday Aug 29TH – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday Aug 30TH – 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM







Golf Balls for the Raffle

I am purchasing

Italian Catholic Federation's 3rd Annual So Cal Charity Golf Tournament Location: Lakewood Country Club 3101 E. Carson St, Lakewood, CA 90712 Shotgun Starts at 8 AM October 25th Registration Fee: \$200 Saturday, 2025 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 For more info, contact Perry Shurko Cell: 562-804-0230 SIGN UP DEADLINE Friday, October 10th Email: p_shurko@yahoo.com

Gifts of Love Program: Gateway to God's Bounty

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value

in kindness, respect and helping others. The Convention theme that was chosen this year "Gateway to God's Bounty" is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God and always moving forward thankful for the blessings we have received. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need, by bringing them hope, by bringing light into their lives and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. As of the end of June, we have received \$791,271.37 in donations and granted awards of \$751,960.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encour-



age our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards

to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the

Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins. The application form is available on the ICF Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, emailed to the ICF Office at info@icf. org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia 902005@ live com

God Bless You. Teresa Helfand



Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of August 1, 2025)

Branch 130

Branch 209

Branch 217

Branch 285

Branch 362

Officers/Members of Br. 47

In Memory of Mabel and Joe Teresi

Eva Stern

In Memory of Rose Arnaudo

Speedy Recovery Wishes for Natalie Canata

Cory and Teresa Helfand

In Memory of Estelle Carney

Linda Suda

In Memory of Rose Monaco Arnaudo

Tony and Donna Cuschieri

In Memory of Rose Arnaudo

Carla Del Carlo

Get Well Wishes for Liliana Mangini

Kara Hermann

In Memory of Rose Monaco Arnaudo

Joanne Bruna and Carl Silva

In Memory of Rose Monaco Arnaudo

Denise Ramon Herrera

In Memory of Rose Monaco Arnaudo

Elaine Osorio

In Memory of Rose Arnaudo

Cooley's Anemia **Donations**

(Received as of August 1, 2025)

Branch 1

Branch 14

Branch 111

Branch 115

Branch 130

Branch 217

Branch 285

Branch 343

Branch 362 Branch 438

Santa Clara Valley District

Bunny Filice

In Memory of Frances Filice Italian Catholic Federation

In Honor of Vincent Saso -

2025 Grand President's Award Recipient

FESTA ITALIA **MONTEREY**

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 to 7, 2025

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

Saturday, September. 6th, 10 a.m. to 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

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

activities.

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

Entertainment - it's on the ad which I attached, again.

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

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

Additional information and updates will be posted on the

website:

www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org

Book Review -- Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future

Vince Piro

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future Pope Francis Simon and Schuster

In Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, Pope Francis shares his ideas for shaping

ideas for shaping our future, together. As always, the Pope's thoughts and calls to action are driven by mercy, a guiding principle of his papacy. And as I reflect on this 100 plus years of the Italian Catholic Federation, I believe we have also been guided by mercy, mercy for others and the Lord's mercy for us.

The book is broken into three parts: A Time to See, A Time to Choose, and A Time to Act. Pope Francis - influenced here by our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic - believes that first we must honestly explore our world and its challenges. Then, we must choose a way forward, one based on Christ's mercy for us and our mercy for each other. Finally, we must act to better our world as Christ acted.

In **Part One: A Time to See**, Pope Francis calls us to look deeply and thoughtfully at our world and societies. Of course, with so much tragedy and so many challenges, it is easy to

"be paralyzed" and to retreat. However, the Pope urges us to "to go to the edges of existence if [we] want to see the world as it is." He asks us to have an intimate and personal relationship with those on the margins of our society, those in need. He believes that those who during the COVID-19 pandemic served others in need - nurses, doctors, caregivers serve as "antibodies to the virus of indifference" and serve as role models for all of us. He calls for us "to open [our] eyes and let the suffering around [us] touch [us] so that we hear the Spirit of God speaking to [us] from the margins." We must not let narcissism, discouragement, and pessimism act as roadblocks that stop us from seeing and then moving ahead. And to take an honest look at our world, we must acknowledge our past and its "situ-ations of shame," but he urges us to

In **Part Two: A Time to Choose,** the Pope calls for discernment. He believes that we "need ... a healthy capacity for silent reflection ... Most of all, we need prayer." It is through discernment that we will choose the path ahead, the path that leads to a

... look at the past critically but with

empathy, to understand why people

took for granted what now seems to us abhorrent." I believe he calls for us to

take an honest look at the past and to

learn from it but to not let it paralyze

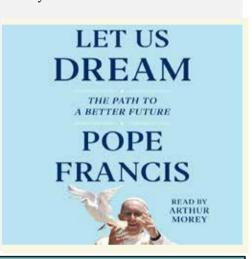
us from moving forward.

more just and merciful world. In this section, he reminds us of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and its "preferential option for the poor." And he reminds us that as we work to correct the social injustices and inequalities of our societies, "we do not just act for the poor but with them, as Benedict XVI so well explained ..." Of course, we may be puzzled as to how to take the abstract teachings of CST and apply them to our actions. The Pope believes that it is through discernment - guided by the Holy Spirit - that we will come to know the actions we should take.

In Part Three: A Time to Act, Pope Francis writes, "If ... we can act as a single people, life and society can change for the better" and he believes that "this is the time to restore an ethics of fraternity and solidarity." However, this is not a call to communism or any other ideology. In fact, he may be calling out the weaknesses of both capitalism and communism when he writes, "If one worldview exalts and promotes the atomized individual, leaving little room for fraternity and solidarity, the other reduces the people to a faceless mass it claims to represent." Ideologies do not work. Also, in this chapter, he calls for us to reject the injustices of our societies, such as the death penalty and abortion as well as the economic injustices caused by societies that too often serve the market or those in power rather than the people. As he writes, "People or bricks: It's time to choose." He calls us to serve the Lord through our service to others.

The book is filled with the Pope's experiences, making this an extremely personal book that is full of heartfelt and often humble observations. He shares stories from his time in Buenos Aires to his time in the Vatican. These concrete examples from his life give the book a very human element behind what are the ideas of a learned and intelligent mind and a humble and kind heart.

It is my belief that when the ICF serves - whether by donating to charitable causes or by serving in a more hands-on approach - that it too works toward the dream of a world filled with Christian mercy.







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 <u>LLevine430@aol.com</u>

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.

BILL PERRY -- Pope Saint John XXIII Award Recipient

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He is known for his warm smile, gentle presence, and tireless work ethic.

Those he serves — especially members of the unhoused community — know him by name and look forward to his visits, not just for the food he brings, but for the friendship and dignity he offers.

Bill Perry is a living example of Catholic Social Teaching in action. His life is a testament to the power of faith, compassion, and humble service. Though he never seeks recognition, his work continues to touch countless lives and inspire others to serve with love.



VINCE SASO --Grand President's Award Recipient

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This is what sets Vince apart. Being a volunteer, for him, isn't about filling a role or padding a résumé. It's about seeing a need and doing whatever it takes to meet it—with humility, creativity, and a sense of purpose that never seems to waver. Gilroy is a strong community, but like any place, it faces its share of challenges. What defines a community, though, isn't the hurdles it faces, but how it responds. Day after day, Vince Saso gets up and helps Gilroy define itself—not by its problems, but by the quiet, steady acts of service that lift everyone a little higher.

For all the lives you've touched, the meals you've delivered, and the hope you continue to spread, thank you, Vince. You remind us what true service looks like, and why it matters

Heritage — Bandiera d'Italia

Louise Vento, Committee Member

 $oxed{1}$ he flag of Italy, often referred to as the Bandiera d'Italia, is a tricolor flag featuring three equally sized vertical stripes of green, white, and red, with green at the hoist side. It was formally adopted on January 1.



1948, and the crest of the Italian Republic was removed from earlier versions. One common interpretation of the flag's colors is that green represents the country's plains and hills, white symbolizes the snow-capped Alps, and red stands for the blood spilled during the Wars of Italian Independence. A more religious

interpretation suggests that green represents hope, white symbolizes faith, and red stands for charity.

The Sicilian flag was first introduced in 1282 and is characterized by the presence of the Trinacria in the center, featuring the winged head of Medusa and three bent legs, along with three wheat ears. The three legs symbolize the three points of the triangular shape of the island of Sicily. In January 2000, the region of Sicily officially adopted the current public flag, which consists of two triangles—yellow and red—with the Trinacria in the center. Yellow represents the region of Palermo, and red represents the region of Corleone. With the passage of this law, the flag is now authorized for use on public buildings, schools, and city halls.

Scholarship Donations

(Received as of August 1 2025)

Scholarship Donation - 1st Year Diana Quaresma-Bacigalupi In Memory of Estelle Carney

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th

Officers/Members of Central Council Antoinette and Angelo Pecora In Memory of Estelle Carney Denise Antonowicz

In Honor of the Living and Deceased Members of Br. 5 Gerald Delfino

In Memory of Estelle Carney Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bambas In Memory of Rose Arnaudo

Donna Pfaff

In Memory of Rose M. Arnaudo

Dorene Campanile

Get Well Wishes for Donna

Cervelli In Memory of Marilyn

Goodall Gerald Delfino

In Memory of Diana Robba

Mark Neuburger

In Honor of the Birthday of Mary Perata

In Loving Memory

(Report as of August 1, 2025) Donna L Murray Branch 010 Jack O Stagnaro Branch 021 Audrey M Franco Branch 026 Monica B Carrillo Branch 036 Dolores R Kaelin Branch 036 Branch 036 Jean M Sanchez Nancy Donato Branch 115 Angelina Gioiello Branch 115 Mary Wardlaw Branch 130

Fred J Yeager Branch 173 Rose M Arnaudo Branch 184 Joseph Lanera Branch 218 Virginia B Gerache Branch 246 Mike Caldwell Branch 332 John P Letcher Branch 342 Esemea Tabacco Branch 343 Peter Ted Grassi Branch 351 Charlie S Selna Branch 390 Jack L Bacigalupi Branch 438 Virginia Bergman Branch 438 Don Wynne Branch 444





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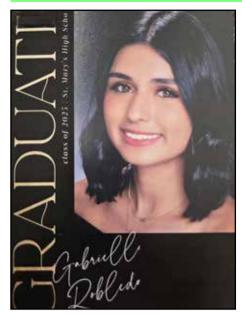
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Michael Orumor

Welcome New Members

(Report as of August 1, 2025)					
Branch 021	Marie I Netto				
Branch 036	Ted Blocker	Hudson Gasperson			
D 1 020	Anna Lisa Giorgini				
Branch 039 Branch 045	Pedro A Mendoza	Danual Hadge			
Branch 045	Carol Hedge John Muraoka	Darrel Hedge Joseph J Muraoka			
	Kasey A Muraoka	Leo J Muraoka			
Branch 045	Maria Dimen				
Branch 073	Ramil Dimen	Natalie Dimon			
	Rev Jhay Galeon Sonia Montes	Jesus Montes Margaret Pasquinelli			
	(Jack) Dylan Presti	Sonia Zamora Montes			
Branch 108	Rick Ursitti	~~~~~~			
Branch 111	Artemio Soto	Patricia Soto			
Branch 115	Stephanie Mc Kenny	Trinity Mc Kenny			
Branch 191	Van Mc Kenny Debra Springer				
Branch 198	Maureen Mignacco-Dutil				
Branch 246	Rose A Bellantoni	Giovanni Cianflone			
	Kayleigh G Correia	Lucy De Maria Laudate			
Branch 281	Matthew A Cauzza	Jan M Lemucchi			
	Jeff M Lemucchi	Rick Odom			
Branch 332	Susie Odom Jerry Richardson	Mary Lynna Diahardson			
Branch 332	Shirley Rodriguez	Mary Lynne Richardson Donna J Scuitto			
Branch 391	Kris Bailey	Donna o Scarceo			
Branch 438	Katelynn E James	Kristen C James			
	Liz P James	Scott A James			
	Robert (Bob) C Leach	Selia M Leach			
Branch 449	Nancy Spurlock Phyllis C Krooskos	Rita Zanzinger Alexander Palomar			
	Louise Sebastian	Conie Tenorio			
Branch 450	Barbara Allen	Kenneth Austin			
	Linda Austin	Doris Basuel			
	Jimmy Beniquez	Marielle Beniquez			
	Laureen S Burke Bob Cernok	Patrik M Burke Carol Cernok			
	Kelly Y Chang	Judith K Ferrera			
	Rev Karun Gade	Anita A Garcia			
	Fe Gregorio	Federico Gregorio			
	Rev Fredhelito Gucor	Theresa L Hamlin			
	Cheryl C Hosking	Nancy Janovich			
	Margaret L Kavanagh Michael D Krempely Sr	Donna M Krempely Nathaline R Malone			
	Nina A Malone	Marie Mamone			
	Julita Manela	Karen M Martin			
	John Molina	Yolanda Molina			
	Ronald F Morin	Karen Mosca			
	Maureen G Moss	Charles E Nagel			
	Ralpha J Nagel Hedy A Pickell	James Peterson Herb A Pickell			
	George A Ramos	Marie J Ramos			
	Margaret A Reilly	Kathryn J Riga			
	Margaret Ryan	Patrick Senge			
	Carol J Silva	Andrea J Stephenson			
	William D Stephenson	Dorine M Suarez			
	Janice E Suarez Rosa M Tonarelli	Sophia Svelund Carol A Van Amburg			
	Alba Velo	Mario Velo			
	Suzanne Ventura	Janet J Vicencio			
	Mario K Vicencio	Joan Vierra			
	Daryl S Wong	Dennis P Zaro			
	Dolores P Zaro				

STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 395 First year scholarship winner, Gabrielle Robledo.



Br. 395, What a better way welcome new members then with an Italian Rum Cake!



Br. 82 Stockton District Bishop's Burse Dinner Chris, LuAnn, Deacon Karl



Br. 82 May meeting Chris, Ret.Lt.Col. Litts Memorial Day presentation.



Br. 82 Stockton District Bishop's Burse Dinner



Br. 82 May Meeting Karla, Deacon Karl, LuAnn, Lori.



Branch 395 welcomes three new members!



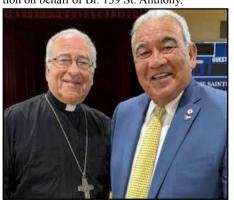
Stockton District Bishop's Burse Dinner: Bishop Cotta, Pastor Father Dutra, District President Robert Pachinger and Branch 390 President Dennis plus Central Council members; Life Member Dante Galeazzi, Lisa Crudo and Franklin Lopes.



Stockton District Bishop's Burse Dinner: Head table hosted by St. Bernard, Branch 390, Tracy.



President Birdie Neri, assisted by Ron Augustini, presented a donation for Seminary Education on behalf of Br. 139 St. Anthony.



His Excellency Bishop Myron Cotta & Life Member Dante Galeazzi



Patty Litts of Branch 82 presents Spiritual Bouquet to Bishop Cotta

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

Welcome to Branch 450, St. Joseph in Lincoln



Br 450 New Inaugural Members--62 members



Br 450 Inauguration mass at St Joseph (L to R) Pastor/Chaplain Fr Freddie Gucor, Spiritual Director Fr Chris Bennett, Parochial Vicar Fr Karun Gade



Grand President Denise Antonowicz presents the branch charter and gavel to new Branch President Nina Malone





CC Expansion Chair Perry Shurko prepares the dinner of pasta, salad and bread.

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to Anna Doyle, Laurie Sullivan, Rosalinda Brady. Happy September Birthday Wishes to Cathy Barranti.

Please save the date of Sunday, November 9th for an Italian lunch to be held in San Francisco at the home of Diana and Dennis.

Cordiali Saluti Diana Cresci

SAN MATEO District Council

Burlingame Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

With our Convention coming up August 29 - 31st, the majority of our members have sent in their ticket stubs with funds to Marge Silva. For those who have not yet, please bring to our August meeting on August 14th and they will be hand carried to the Convention.

Our members voted to give \$500 dollars each to Cooly's Anemia and Gifts of Love which will be presented at the Convention

At our June meeting it was decided not to have a July meeting as our efforts were working on our big fundraiser Ravioli dinner near the end of June. We are happy to report we had a very successful dinner and will hear the final accounting at our August 14 meeting. So many people to thank for Our success.

Special mention and thanks go to John Crosby of Crosby N. Gray for the wine and ice cream and Connie and Keith of Aguilar and Son's for the Ravioli and Soda.

Please remember in your prayers the following: Fr. Brian, Fr. Gerald, Fr. Harold, Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Mary Ann Camacho, Victor and Maria Camicia, Rina Cassanego, Anita Cecena, Donna Cervelli and Lisa Martinelli. Branch 1: Patricia Arnaudo and Branch 19: Kathy Treviso

Our August Car Show will be cancelled due to Steve having major surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

God Bless, Roz Emery

South San Francisco Br. 213, St Augustine

We honored our Scholarship recipient Carlo Melendez and his parents at our June dinner meeting. Good luck Carlo on your way to college.

There has been a time change for our monthly meetings. Doors open 4:00 p.m. Dinner 4:30 p.m. Meeting to follow.

A Happy Birthday to Marianne Cameron and Joe Crosetti.

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

Thank you, Linda Benedetti Gloria De Vincenzi, Marianne Cameron and Judy Crosetti for hosting our last meeting

Ci vediamo il mese prossim

(See you next month)

Joe Crosetti

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti! I hope you are having a pleasant summer. I also hope that you are planning to join us for our "Annual Polenta Dinner" fundraiser on Sunday, October 19th at St. Dunstan Parish Hall. The social begins at 4 p.m., featuring no-host cocktails, beer & wine. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. and includes antipasto, bread, salad, creamy polenta & marinara, 1/4 chicken, Italian sausage, WINE, dessert & coffee. We will also have great raffle prizes and a silent auction! The cost is \$45pp (\$25 age 12 & under). Reservations are due by Friday, October 10th!

Make your check payable to "ICF Br. 403" and mail it to Faye Dawdy, 200 Poplar Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030. Include a list of attendees, a contact phone #, and who you would like to be seated with. If you are attending as a branch, please try to send in ONE check with your list of attendees, branch #, and contact info. Questions? Contact Faye at (650) 588-5400.

A giant "thank you" in advance to Millbrae Lion & head chef, Mike Gianni, and his team of volunteer Lions for preparing our food; and to the Leo's who will be serving this very popular & deliziosa cena Italiana.

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends!

Ciao! Adonna Amoroso, Secretary



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE

District Council

Welcome to this year's delegates and visitors to the annual ICF convention from Visalia California. Thank you to the Fresno District for hosting us this year. We look forward to a grand time. The LA district wants to thank Grand President Denise Antonowicz for doing such a great job these past two years.

We have a lot of activities coming up very soon and I hope you can participate in as many events as possible. In October, Laurice Levine is being back the CHLA party, with details to come. We also have the 3rd annual ICF So Cal Golf tournament which is on the 25th at Lakewood Country Club followed by the Bishop and Seminarian recognition lunch on the 26th at St. John's seminary in Camarillo. The Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage has been moved up a week and will now be on November 9th. Francesca Taylor will be hosting her next district opera fundraiser on December 7th at Holy Family in So. Pasadena. We look forward to all of these events. Sadly, I have to announce the closure of branch 443 St Rose of Lima in Simi Valley. We pray for Rita and her husband John and for all the members of that branch. We hope they stay in contact with us and the ICF. Let us close by saying a prayer for all of our LA district members. Amen.

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

ICF National Branch 67 (NBr 67) is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not presently have an ICF Branch 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 ICFNational-Branch67.org, complete the application process and join us at the next NBr 67 meeting presently via zoom.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

- Aug 16, 2025 ICF NBr 67 Gen Meeting via zoom from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Aug 29 to Aug 31, 2025 ICF National Convention at the Wyndham, Visalia, CA
- Sept 13, 2025 ICF NBr 67 Gen Meeting via zoom from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Oct 26, 2025 ICF Bishop Day Banquet at St John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA.
- November 9, 2025 ICF Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, Benediction and

Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA.

Please continue to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members and friends of ICF 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

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

ICF Branch Board wishes all ICF Members a healthy and happy summer experience including members attending the 2025 ICF National Convention in Visalia, CA.

Extending warm wishes to all Members celebrating their August and September Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries this year!

SAVE THE DATE

- 10/26/25 ICF Bishop Day Banquet at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo.
- 11/9/25 Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at SFXC Burbank.
- 12/7/25 Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House at SFXC Burbank from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region. Call 626 372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com for more information.

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

Deadline for
October Issue of
the
Bollettino is
September 10.
Please
send your articles &
photos:

EDITOR@ICF.ORG Remember to include your branch name and number

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a safe and healthy summer! Our September General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 18, 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: Elizabeth DeLorenzo, Artemio Soto, Esperanza Chavez, Kathy Salazar and Giuseppina Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

It was great seeing many of you at our ICF Mass in Italian on Saturday, July 12th at St. Benedict Church. Thank you to our Pastor, Fr. Fredric Abiera, O.A.R. for offering to do a special mass In Italian for the ICF. After mass everyone enjoyed a pizza luncheon at BJ's Pizzeria in Montbello.

It was also nice seeing many of you at our Branch Picnic on Saturday, July 26th at the Sanchez Adobe Park and Museum in Montebello. The foods, salads, desserts, etc. were all delicious. The weather was pleasant too and everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing, playing bocce & socializing

We are planning a Los Angeles Children's Hospital Party for Cooley's Anemia on October 5th. More details will follow.

The 2025 Bishop's Day and Chaplain's Recognition Mass & Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Look for more details in our Branch 111 Newsletter.

We are planning our Branch 111 Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 13, 2025at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello. Please reserve the date; more details will follow later this year.

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

A Presto! Frank Salomone ICF Branch 111 President

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

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time and talents to help make our recent events such a success!

On July 18, we enjoyed a Taste of Italy fiesta dinner a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Over 300 dinners were served. Please support the following two fiesta dinners Taste of Latin America on August 22 and taste of Croatia Sept 26. Dinners are \$30.00 Tickets can be purchased thru rectory.

On August 16 we celebrated the feast of St John Joseph of the Cross with a beautiful 10 a.m. mass, a continentabreakfast and a joyful dinner dance that evening. Your hard work from cooking and serving to set up and cleanup made it a wonderful evening for everyone.

Our next meeting will be a potluck on Thursday Sept 18th at 6 p.m. in auditorium

Please call Anna Dileva to let her know what tasty dish you will be sharing. 310 833-9444. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

At this meeting our delegates to the recent convention in Visalia, Neal and Anna DiLeva and Louise Garcia will share what they learned and experienced. Don't miss the chance to hear their insights and reconnect with our community.

Pauline is working on a casino day trip sometime end of September. We should have details worked out soon.

Save the date

Las Vegas Golden Nugget trip Nov 12, 13 returning 14th. Call Pauline Iacono for information 310 832-0563

Save the dates: Bishop Day Banquet will be held on October 26. Bus will leave from Boys and Girls Club at 8 a.m. \$30.00 includes luncheon

Mother Cabrini pilgrimage November 9, 2025.

I am saddened to share the passing of our beloved member Carmen Andreanelli. She joined the branch in 2002. Carmela was a cherished member and will be deeply missed

Please make sure to pay your dues if you haven't already.

If you've had any changes to your address, email or phone number please contact Neal to update your information.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo

Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

In June, St. Dorothy Branch 179 hosted their 2nd Pasta Cook-Off for our regular meeting. Eleven pastas were judged by our pastor Fr. Ron, a professional chef parishioner Bob, Fr. Brian from Damien High School, and Daniel, the pastaloving son of Josie and Bill Bresee. After the judging, everyone got to eat the entries! All were delicious, but the judges said one stood out made by chef Jan Daigneault. At the same meeting, we are so fortunate to have a scholarship recipient as one of our members. We presented Heather Wieland with a scholarship certificate and congratulations on a job well done.

St. Dorothy Branch 179 General Meeting in July brought out a crowd! Nearly 50 people, in-cluding our pastor Fr. Ron and our own retiree in residence, Monsignor Norm. It was Monsignor's birthday so in addition to all the great food, we had a special treat: A deli-cious birthday cake! It's always great being together, and some of our members are looking forward to August for a Bocce Rematch!

Patricia Trustee, Branch 179



Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

The convention will be held in Visalia this year. Mary Rovarino will be representing us besides President Jerry. We wish them a good and productive trip.

Our board will be very busy planning our meetings to make them more interesting with guest speakers, an element of fun and great lunches with some offsite meetings held at different venues. Watch for Jeane's newsletters for details.

The branch is very sad to announce the passing of Jos Lanera. Joe was our Santa Claus for many years and participated in all of our meetings and functions. He was always friendly to everyone and used to bring his famous lemonjello. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences to Maria and his family.

To everyone, have a good rest of the summer and we hope to see every one of our members at our kickoff September meeting.

Lolly M.

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello and welcome to another ICF convention. It's hard to believe Labor Day is here, summer is winding down and we are celebrating another convention. Thank you to the Fresno District for hosting this year and to the city of Visalia.

Last month our branch had a great and successful bingo luncheon and it was a full house. Thank you to everyone for making it a big success.

Our next bingo luncheon will be on September 14 so be sure to bring a friend or two.

With autumn right around the corner, we are looking a very full calendar of events. CHLA will be having a party for the children, the district bishop banquet, golf tournament and Cabrini pilgrimage - which by the way - has a date change. It's now on November 9th.

Wishing all of you a very safe and relaxing Labor Day.

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

At a recent meeting, member Daniel Van Slyke gave an informative presentation on the history of the many Popes named Leo. He noted that Leo the XIV may follow in the footsteps of Leo XIII, who authored an encyclical on capital and labor. In it, he stated that workers were unjustly exploited, but he rejected socialism as a solution. Pope Leo XIV believes that the remedy is for Church, State, employers, and employees to collaborate to further the principles of justice and Christian charity.

We also recognized two students who each were rewarded \$500 branch scholarships. Caiden Tatlonghari received the



Mary Wynton Music Award for his vocal talent, and Sebastian Shamo received the Al Restivo Distinguished Service Award for his 260 hours of service to St. Bede and the wider community.

Our annual Branch Mass/ Champagne Luncheon held at Lakeside Golf Club was organized by Orator, Emy Mannarelli, President Phyllis Harb, Fiora Murphy, and Gloria McGaughey. A spiritually uplifting Mass celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Jim Bevacqua, was followed by a beautiful Italian luncheon. (See photos)

Planning is already underway for the 2026 Feast of St. Joseph celebration which will include use of the new parish hall, a luncheon, and a Silent Auction. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated-please consider getting involved in this important fundraiser!

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Sept. !6th- Gen. Mtg 6:00-Parish Center Report on Convention-Joel Wynton

Saturday, Oct. 25th – ICF So. Cal. Regional Golf & Banquet Tournament Lakewood C.C. 8 a.m. Golf & Banquet \$200 Banquet only \$50.00,

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

ICF Branch 380 Announces Fall Community Calendar, Including Mexican Independence Day Celebration and St. Paschal Baylon Festival.

THOUSAND OAKS, CA – August 1, 2025 – International Catholic Federation (ICF) Branch 380 is excited to announce a vibrant fall calendar of community engagement for the Conejo Valley.

First, ICF Branch 380 will host a celebration for Mexican Independence Day this September! The branch will feature a colorful Folklórico dance presentation, honoring Mexico's rich heritage and fostering cultural appreciation.

Following this, preparations will be in full swing for the St. Paschal Baylon Festival this October! The ICF booth promises a delicious experience, serving classic Italian culinary delights. "Get ready to savor mouth-watering pasta covered in sauces created by our recent Pasta Sauce Cook-off winners, savory meatballs, and delicious pizza," said Cathy Pantess, President of ICF Branch 380. "These events allow us to celebrate our shared heritage and foster fellowship, truly embodying the ICF spirit."

These efforts build on recent successes, including ICF Branch 380's participation in the Conejo Food & Wine Fest on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at St. Paschal Baylon School grounds. Dedicated volunteers, generously supported by local partner Ameci Pizza & Pasta, served delicious food, sparking genuine conversations and fostering strong community connections.

ICF Branch 380 looks forward to sharing cultural celebrations and warm fellowship with the community throughout the fall!

Respectfully submitted Don Modaro

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



The winners of Branch #209's Bocce Tournament - Congratulations to the Vannetti Family!



Br. 144 Alfred Eanni makes Italian Sushi



Br. 144 Barbara Vanni as Befana



Br. 144, Tony Gonsalves Bird Carving





Br. 198, 11-r Laurice Levine, Bob Acquistapace, Doreen O' Rourke



St. Eugene special guest speaker Laurice Levine for Cooley's Anemia at ICF Br 198 St. Eugene Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.





Eureka scholarship recipients Victoria Heiser and CassandraAnne Hardin pose with their parents and Branch #145 Vice-President Josephine Silva during our June pizza potluck dinner recognizing them and their families.



Br 198 St. Eugene July 6 hot dog social members holding free raffle tickets for a chance win \$888 scratchers.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 214, Members' Barbeque



Members from Branch #14; who are on the Crockett Bocce League.



br. 214, Eddie McGuirk a great bartender



Branch 214



Great group of people on the Crockett #14 bus trip to Red Hawk casino a lot of fun and winners.



Br. 442, Members Anne, Joan and Mary volunteering at Loaves and Fishes



Branch #432 Mary Ann Smith, Pat Rebollar, Sandy Gamble, Laura Pierce

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Branch 432 Sock Hop winners, George Maseda & Sheila Nilo



Nice group of ladies represented #14 Crockett at the Contra Costa District Mass/Dinner. Nice evening visiting with other members of our district



Branch 432 Valenti family & friends



Branch 432 scholarship recipients

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Br. 115, Mary Star of the Sea Church Fiesta kitchen serving crew the "Taste of Italy" Dinner



Br. 115, Mary Star Fiesta "Taste of Italy dinner with cooks Danny Maricich and Carol Lauro



Br. 115, 2025 Mary Star Fiesta Queen Camilla Bugarin with her parents



Branch 380's participation in the Conejo Food & Wine Fest on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at St. Paschal Baylon School Grounds.



St Peters Italian National Church, Los Angeles CA.



Br. 115, Mary Star of the Sea auditorium "Taste of Italy" dinner setup which served 300 plus.



ICF 111 Montebello - Mia Enriquez-Winner of Phillip & Phyllys Pace Scholarship



ICF 111 Montebello -Jezabel Madrid - Winner of the Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



ICF 111 Montebello - Sophia Vasquez - Winner of the Phillip Pace Jr. College Scholarship



ICF 111 Montebello -Miley Bernard - Winner of the Phillip & Phyllis Pace Scholarship



ICF 111 Montebello-July ICF Mass In Italian.jpg

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 444, Guido, Tonia & Patty



Br. 444



Br. 444, February Meeting-Don Wynn & Sheryl Payne



Br. 444, Patty, Dolly & Mary Retirement Dinner



Br. 444, Sitting: Mary & Betty; Back Row: Dolly, Gina, Bruno & Patty



Br. 374 members and friends gathered in July for a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Bevacqua at Lakeside Golf Club.



St. Bede Student Receives Br. 374 Music Scholarship Award: Caiden Tatlonghari is congratulated by Joel Wynton, incoming Br. 374 Br. President, for receiving the Mary Wynton Scholarship Award as Caiden's proud parents Roy and Christine look on. Caiden was also Valectorian of his class and will be attending St. Francis High School.



Br. 374 at Lakeside Golf Club





Br. 374 members and friends gathered in July for a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Bevacqua at Lakeside Golf Club.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)





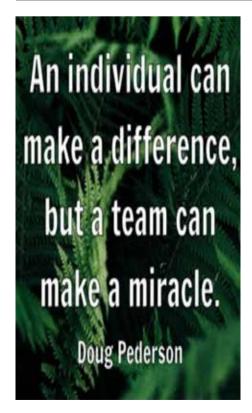




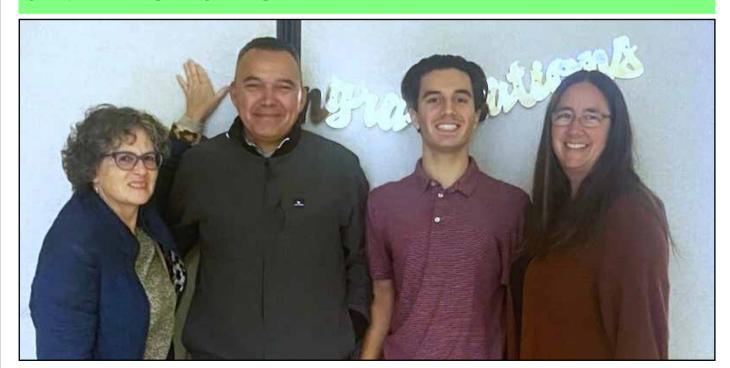
Br. 179, Scholarship recipient Heather







SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Br. 213, Pictured above are President Marianne Cameron, Carlo Melendez and his Mother and Father.

2025-2026 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DENISE ANTONOWICZ Branch 36, Monterey and Branch 184, Los Gatos

My name is Denise Antonowicz, a mem-

ber of Branches 36 and 184, current Grand President and I am honored to ask for your support as I seek re-election to the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation.



Over the years, I have been blessed to serve the ICF in many capacities—including as Grand President. Each role has been a privilege, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me. These experiences have given me a broader perspective on our Federation's strengths, challenges, and the unique needs of our members.

Throughout my service, my focus has always been on bringing people together, supporting our parishes, and making everyone feel welcome, valued, and heard. I have enjoyed organizing community events, reaching out to families in need, and encouraging our youth to get involved. I approach every task with energy, compassion, and a true spirit of teamwork.

I believe wholeheartedly in the mission of the ICF and the strength of our community. If re-elected, I will continue to listen to your ideas, learn from your feedback, and work alongside you to keep our traditions strong while embracing new ideas for the future.

Thank you for considering me for another term on the Central Council. I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the years ahead!

May God bless you all and may God continue to bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

ROSEMARY COOK Branch 13, Martinez

In my life-long participation in the ICF, I've grown in my Sicilian heritage and Catholic faith. In 2024-25 we celebrated ICF 101: a rediscovering of what it means to participate in an organization with



broad impact. Not only are we proud Italians and Catholics, everyday we demonstrate a commitment to service, education, charity, advocacy for health and wellness, and fostering community. Reminding myself how multifaceted

this organization is throughout this 101st year has reinvigorated my enthusiasm for serving you as a member of Central Council for a fifth year!

I'm currently Vice President of Branch 13, a member of the Central Council Membership Committee, Grand Trustee, and Public Relations Chairperson. ICF has also recognized me with the 2012 Young Adult Leadership Award, four years of scholarships, and as the 2020 Family-of- the-Year alongside my parents and brother. I'm grateful whenever I'm chosen for these honors. Additionally, as a thalessemic, I appreciate the Federation-wide support of research and fundraising for this cause.

I also bring leadership skills honed through coordinating countless academic and social groups, and am an accomplished director and effective communicator. My position at UChicago adds to my experience working with people of all ages and backgrounds and my proficiency in implementing creative solutions.

I've enjoyed all aspects of my involvement and am invested in the future of this organization. Family, faith, service, and culture are integral parts of my identity cultivated here. As someone raised in the rich tradition of ICF, and part of a modern generation with new talents, I'm excited to keep contributing to initiatives that will develop our digital presence, outreach, membership programs, and scholarships.

I have a unique perspective to offer as we move into the next hundred years and thank you for the opportunity to do so as a continuing Central Council member. *Ciao*!

LISA CRUDO Branch 343, Castro Valley

I'm honored to share a few thoughts

as I reflect on my time with the Italian Catholic Federation. I was first elected to the Central Council at the 2012 Convention in Reno, and it has been a privilege to serve over these past years. Since



joining Branch #343 in Castro Valley in 1981, the ICF has been an important part of my life, and that commitment has only grown stronger with time.

Earlier this year, I was humbled to be elected Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. This new role has been both eye-opening and rewarding, and it has given me even more appreciation for the hard work and faith that sustain our organization.

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to serve on and chair several com-

mittees, including Apostolic/Charity, Scholarship, Finance, Ways and Means, Convention Directors, and the "Live to Give" committee. I've also served as a Grand Trustee, chaired the Hospitalization committee, and currently sit on the Executive Committee.

It's been inspiring to see how our members have adapted and stayed connected through challenges—and I'm excited to see our organization continuing to grow. With that, I'd like to offer a very special welcome to our newest branch: Branch #450 in Lincoln, California! We are thrilled to have you as part of the ICF family.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I look forward to many more years of working together as we continue to strengthen our community in faith, friendship, and service.

LAUREN KILCULLEN Branch 52, Healdsburg

My name is Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA. I ask for your vote for

re-election to the Central Council. These past eleven years on the Central Council have been amazing. Working with my fellow Central Council members, I enjoy serving as the Grand 2nd



Vice-President, Chairperson of the Convention Directors' Committee and ex-officio on all other committees.

Once again, this year, I took on the challenge of chairing the ICF Northern California Golf Tournament and Dinner. With the cooperation and hard work of the rest of the Ways and Means Committee, this event raised over \$2,100 for our General Fund. It was a fun day that was enjoyed by golfers from around the ICF!

The ICF is a second family to me and the continued resiliency of the ICF and its members is burning bright in our parishes and communities. We continue to be the "go-to" group in our parishes when pastors need something done. Pastors know that the ICF is a constant presence that is always willing to help. Let's continue with this spirit and grow even stronger.

Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me, and I continue to believe that the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the very few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities.

With your continued support for me on the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future. FRANKLYN LOPES, JR. Branch 227, Aptos and Branch 21, Santa Cruz

As we meet in Visalia, I look forward to seeing every one of you, once again, and I wish to thank all of you for your

support this past year.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, California, and I am of Italian and Portuguese descent. I currently serve as Grand 1st Vice President of the Central Coun-



cil and Co-Chairman of the Heritage Committee, as well as Co-Chairman of the Mentor Program. Additionally, I am President of Br. 227 in Aptos, CA, and a member of Branch 21 in Santa Cruz. I have owned Stewart's Floral for the past 26 years.

It is my hope to be re-elected to the Central Council so that I may continue what our founders, Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini, began 101 years ago. My primary goal is to increase membership throughout the Federation and to present to the Central Council the issues that most concern our members. It is my honor to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation and I will continue to work to strengthen it in every way – through faith, family, heritage and charity.

May we have a fun-filled and meaningful convention, and may I ask for your continued support as a member of the Central Council.

God Bless you all.

Friendship can really change the world.

-Pope Leo XIV

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DR. VINCENT MALFITANO Branch 36, Monterey

Wow, what a year it's been!

I've traveled to so many ICF Branches and met so many incredible, dedicated people. What an honor it's been to represent all of you, and now I'm asking that you help me continue this very important honor, and journey.



I am passionate about getting the ICF word out there, to let our individual Branches know that this Council Member is very much involved in helping them to be the best, most rewarding Branch to all of its individual members.

But I strongly feel it's time to concentrate on the next 100 years and how we move this incredible organization forward, reaching a broader group of people. So, I've been working, for the last eight months, to develop an ICF Podcast! Yes, you heard that right. ICF will now have its own Podcast.

My mission was to create this ICF Voices Podcast to give all of you an opportunity to share your collective voices with everyone. It's a modern communication initiative designed to promote and pass on the enduring values of Faith, Family, Heritage and Traditions to all current and future generations. As ICF moves into the next 100 years, this podcast aims to serve as both a bridge to the past and a voice for the future, ensuring that the legacy of this Federation remains alive, vibrant and relevant in a rapidly changing world.

I am very excited to have created this Podcast, which has been approved by the Membership Committee as well as the Executive Branch of Central Council. I'm honored to have their important support. I am also honored to host this program where I will interview Clergy, Educators, Theologians and most importantly you. I want to hear your ICF stories, take your questions and pose them to the professionals and get you answers.

I now, respectfully ask for your help in getting re-elected so I may continue to do good meaning full work for you and our Incredible Federation.

God Bless.



KENNETH MARSHALL Branch 342, Auburn and Branch 127, Petaluma

I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started with Branch 12 in Napa, California. I started as Sentinel and then worked my way

up to becoming Second Vice-President.

I then started dual membership with Branch 103 in Sonoma, California. When I started with Branch 103, I started as First



Vice President and I worked my way up to Branch President. I was also Santa Rosa District President at one time.

I am currently a Central Council Member Emeritus and a member of Branch 342 in Auburn and Branch 127 in Petaluma.

I was a Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus and a Faithful Navigator. I find myself as a leader in all that I do and a recruiter which I enjoy doing. I brought in over 50 members to the Knights of Columbus. If elected to the Central Council, I feel I can help grow the Italian Catholic Federation and want to help where there is a need. I have a new vision on recruitment.

Thank you and God Bless. Kenneth Gene Marshall

> ANNIE MCCARTHY Branch 210, Fontana and Branch 217, Redlands

Hi, I'm Annie McCarthy. I'm President of Branch 210 in Fontana and 1st Vice President of Branch 217 in Red-

lands. I'm also the Treasurer for The San Bernardino District. I've been with the ICF since March 2002, when my mom, Fabiola Di Paolo, invited me to join Branch 379 in Huntington Beach. I



quickly became their Orator. Mom encouraged me to join a branch closer to home, so I joined 210 and soon I was Recording Secretary until I was asked to run for President.

I attend all meetings of both of my Branches and District and have never missed a Convention. During Covid, I held our Branch together by doing "meetings by mail" since our members were averse to Zoom. We did this for 4 years because we lost our home since the Pastor closed the doors to our Church's many ministries. We have a

home now, but since our attendance is a bit low, I am also the Recording Secretary, handle Heritage, Apostolate, and write the articles for the *Bollettino* for both 210 & 217.

I have worked hard to help make our Bishop's Day a success and always invite the Director of Vocations and several Seminarians because I want them to know that ICF also supports vocations and contributes to Serra House of Formation.

I am grateful for the support of both my Branches and District. If elected, will work to increase membership and promote Hospitalization. Branch 210 currently has 68% of our members covered. If elected, I would love to work with the Hospitalization Committee.

I love being an ICF member and being involved in the leadership roles offered to me. I would appreciate your vote. *Grazie*.

PERRY SHURKO Branch 362, Downey, and National Branch 67

Greetings one and all. Welcome to Visalia - the Gateway to Gods Bounty - and the Annual Italian Catholic Federation Convention.

My name is Perry Shurko and I am running for another term on the Central Council. I come to you from Branch #362, St Raymond, in Downey where I am serving as



the Branch Vice President. I also play a part in Br. 447, American Martyrs, in Manhattan Beach where I am the acting Branch President. If that isn't enough, I am a memberof our National Branch #67. But there's more! I am the President of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District.

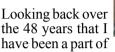
I joined the ICF in 2007, and was nominated and elected to the Central Council in 2019. I have been happily serving since then and would love to continue to serve for another year. This year, I have been the Chairman of the Expansion Committee and was excited to participate in the Inauguration and Installation of our new members of Branch #450, St Joseph in Lincoln California. I hope I can continue to help our organization grow and expand with many other additional Branches. Enjoy this weekend, and let's always be thankful for all that God provides in our lives.

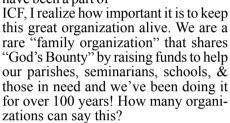
 $Thank\ you.$

THERESA SABATELLA SHAW Branch 108, South Pasadena and National Branch 67

My name is Theresa Sabatella Shaw,

member of Branch 108, South Pasadena, and Branch 67 since 1977! I am, again, asking for your vote to elect me for Central Council.





Why do I belong to the ICF? My answer is the same: "Because I am proud of what we as an organization stand for, while promoting family, faith, and heritage. We embrace the importance and pride of all heritages of our members. For the past year, Central Council members have been working hard to find ways to gather information about how we can better ourselves to attract more members in order to keep this great organization alive. Br. 67, our National Branch, has been working hard through the efforts of Br. President Carmelo Sabatella and CC Member and Los Angeles Archdiocese District President Perry Shurko, to keep the ICF out there to help spark interest in forming new branches. How hard would it be for each of us to bring in just one more member and double our membership?

I am now running again for Central Council because I will help to keep this great organization going.

Sempre Avanti! Grazie!

GET TO KNOW YOUR CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

· Meet the Central Council Candidates on Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

· Campaign speeches will be held - two minutes per candidate during Saturday's General Session.

 \cdot Election follows.

·Results announced at Saturday's General Session

Congratulations to our 2025 First Year Scholarship Winners

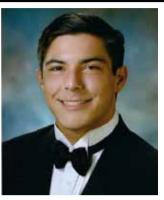
Central Coast District



Mary Marsalek Central Coast District



Thomas May Br. 21, Santa Cruz



Xavier Reinhardt Br. 25, Salinas



Isabella Storelli Br. 25, Salinas



Laura Elizabeth Hodges Br. 36, Monterey



Aidan Cramer Williams Br. 51, Castroville



Robert Arcangeli Br. 227, Aptos



Jiana Muzzio In Memory of Alice Ponza Br. 227, Aptos



Grace Nudo Contra Costa District



Ava Giberti In Memory of Sheila A. Grilli Br. 13, Martinez



Greyson Martin In Memory of David Botta Br. 14. Crockett



Georgina Pietro In Memory of David Botta Br. 14. Crockett



Juliana Pilara Br. 154, Richmond



Domenic John Smalley Br. 214, Concord



Angelo Frasca Br. 352, Danville



Madison Hansen Br. 352. Danville



Sofia Lucido Br. 432. Brentwood



Sophia Rose Arietta Br. 442. Pleasant Hill



Br. 442, Pleasant Hil



East Bay District



Kyle Banducci Br. 10, Alameda



Amelia Ferrario Br. 215, Fremont



John Gilkison Br. 285, Livermore



Jonah Kozioziemski Br. 285, Livermore



Sofia Pecorella Br. 343, Castro Valley



Dominic Banducci Fresno District



Anna Abbate Br. 39, Merced



Nic Presto Br. 39, Merced



Areesha Tariq Br. 54, Gustine



Savannah Ginther Br. 250, Clovis



Natalie Lawson Br. 308, Fresno



Sabina Marino Br. 108, South Pasadena



Chiara De Lorenzo Br. 111, Montebello



Marcus A. Baccari Br. 115, San Pedro



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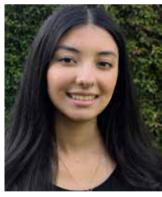
Heather Wieland Br. 179, Glendora



Michael Rule In Memory of Angie Publico Br. 237, Gardena



Kimberly Torres Br. 362, Downey



Giulianna Thompson Br. 374, La Canada Flintridge



Mario Ruggiero Br. 444, Rancho Palos Verdes



Josephine Urbon Br. 447, Manhattan Beach



Sarah Shaw Scholarship Fund



Meghan Rose Boyce Br. 332, Novato



Bella Vecchione Br. 379, Huntington Beach



Benjamin Ciccoianni Br. 406, Orange

Reno Area



Morgan de la Torre Scholarship Fund



Kieran Michetti Cerveno In Memory of Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli Blessed Sacrament District



Sean Dunn Br. 45, Sacramento



Steven Peter De Lucchi Br. 73, Roseville



Isabella Hope Bowers Br. 342, Auburn



Natalia Pyle Br. 342, Auburn



Natalia Reyne Pattee Br. 438, Roseville



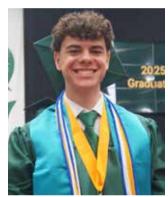
David E. Dainko San Bernardino District



Meaghan Stewart In Memory of Corky Papenfus Br. 210, Fontana



Zoey Naranjo In Memory of Linda Jean Auzenne Br. 217, Redlands



Dante Zappia
In Honor of Officers and Members of Br. 446 Br. 446, Upland



Sienna Ianni Scholarship Fund



Dominic Nava Scholarship Fund



Isabella Hemmens Br. 229, Chula Vista



Aiden Adam Frattalone Br. 449, Santee



Megan Juza Scholarship Fund



Marina Giuntoli In Memory of Carlo Giusti Br. 7, South San Francisco



Angelina Modir Manchia Br. 130, Redwood City



Liliana Melchiorre In Honor of Rina Cassanego Br. 173, Burlingame



Carlo Melendez Br. 213, South San Francisco



Marissa Ryan Scanlan Br. 403, Millbrae



Lila Antoinette Barrera In Memory of Papa Joe Marsalli Santa Clara Valley District



Nora Reid In Memory of Antoinette Sunseri Santa Clara Valley District



Matthew C. Anderson In Memory of Shirley Silva Br. 28, Gilroy



Gianna Gastello In Memory of Rosie Mammini Br. 28, Gilroy



Ethan Bertellotti Br. 184, Los Gatos



Giada Caterina Nuovo Br. 191, San Jose



Deven Merced Br. 368, San Jose



Jonah Guardino Br. 391, San Jose



Charlotte Mayer Br. 391, San Jose



Gianna DeLuca Br. 408, Sunnyvale



Lilly Hanson Br. 435, Morgan Hill



Antonio Pistaferri Br. 445, San Jose



Santo Monticelli In Memory of Bud & Tia Polley Santa Rosa District



Brandon Curry Br. 52, Healdsburg



Sophia Saini Br. 52, Healdsburg



Kendall Clemons Br. 103, Sonoma (Closing Donation)



Giovanni Paulo Dimauro In Memory of Samuele Di Girolamo Br. 127, Petaluma



Ava McCarthy In Memory of Mary Ellen Higgins



Jacob Ryan Patterson In Memory of Bruno Fomasi Br. 127, Petaluma



Caleb Pitlock Br. 144, Arcata



Jarrett Smith In Memory of Jerry Colivas Br.145, Eureka



Anthony De Torres In Memory of Norman and Roseanne Sikes Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Jesus Martinez Diaz In Memory of Peter and Juliette Barbieri Br. 198, Santa Rosa



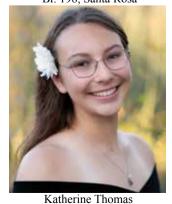
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Grace Domenica O'Hara In Memory of Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini Br. 198, Santa Rosa



In Memory of Richard Carrera Br. 198, Santa Rosa



In Memory of Michael Milano Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Caroline Wilkinson In Memory of Wilma and Bert Royeton Br. 198, Santa Rosa



Sofie Billigmeier Stockton District



Ava Dos Reis Br. 139, Manteca



Philip Martin IV Br. 390, Tracy



Gracie Angelina Perry In Memory of David Botta The Botta Family - Br. 14



Andrew Mangiapane
In Memory of Albert & Rina Brocchini
The Albert and Rina Brocchini
Family Foundation



Maisen Priddell In Memory of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero Family and Friends - Br. 39



Devin Hubbard In Memory of Donald DeTomasi Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14



Christopher Groves In Memory of James Dooley The Dooley Family - Br. 14



Angelo Carlo In Memory of Marie Grassilli Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Jake McTighe In Memory of Robert Grassilli Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Kaitlyn Nichols In Memory of Anna Oliva Robert Grassilli, Jr.



Jovannie Chavez In Memory of Maria Greco The Greco Family - Br. 54/Br.368



Gemma Giuliana Hanna In Memory of Leo and Ila Kilcullen Larry & Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52



Sarah Pipitone In Memory of Candido Vittorio Giovanni Nicolai Bette and Renato Nicolai - Br. 438



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Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 8

Carmelo Sabatella

The Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee extends warm wishes to all ICF Members and Friends of Mother Cabrini for a joyful end of summer, as we continue to celebrate the Roman Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, a tradition observed every 25 years. Mother Cabrini herself honored this spirit of hope when, at the request of Pope Leo XIII, she and her first seven Sisters arrived in New York on March 31, 1889, to evangelize and care for "the unhappy sons of Italy."

We invite you to visit the Mother Cabrini Chapel, Library, and Chapel Store. For more information, please visit: icf. org/mothercabrinishrine Your support is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATES

November 8, 2025

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House

Location: St. Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Hosted by the ICF Los Angeles and Santa Barbara/Ventura Regions.

November 9, 2025

Annual Mother Cabrini Chapel Mass, Pilgrimage, and Luncheon

Location: St. Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA

11:30 a.m. - Mass

12:30 p.m. – Pilgrimage

2:00 p.m. – Luncheon (following the Pilgrimage)

RSVP via email at Cas1810@aol.com for more information and to request a copy of the Pilgrimage flyer.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
Carmelo Sabatella,
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FRESNO DISTRICT



Branch 308, Sausage sandwich making with many helping chefs.



Branch 308, 50th Anniversary Mass with Fr. Jose



Br. 250, Newman Center, Fresno, CA - (I to r) Madeline Conatser, Alice Reyes and Shirley Mitchell.



Branch 250, Newman Center, Fresno, CA - Front table (l to r) Sharon Arnold, Betty Massa, Dina Camoroda, Carol Rice & Kitty Culleton. Back table (l to r) Val & Georgia Rios & Angelo & LeAnne Lavagnino



CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Br. 36, Mike Marotta Trio



Central Coast District, 85/Over Celebration- Br36



Jean Sanchez 1933-2025 Branch 36



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Terry Wecker 1946-2025 Branch 36



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CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (continued)





Branch 227 Annual Picnic





Br. 291 recently awarded Branch College Scholarships to three very qualified members. Pictured left to right are: Vinny Orlando, who will be attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo; Mary Marsalek who will be attending Boston College; and Lillie Parish, who will be attending Oregon State! Congratulations to these outstanding young adults!





Branch 227 Annual Picnic



Branch 227 Annual Picnic

Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St John Fisher

A farewell Mass for Msgr. David Sork included Bishops & Priests who were lifelong friends concelebrated mass together. Dinner was attended by Msgr's Family, Priests, Friends and all parishioners. After 26 years of faithful service to our Parish, it was difficult to say goodbye to our friend and Pastor.

Our Annual Picnic at Hess Park was well attended. Hany Francis, president located a good spot for us to sit, share lunch & catch up with friends we don't see that often. Surprise member who came was Guido Fassinnelli. He doesn't get out much & relies on rides to events. He misses being with people. So, let's try to get him to monthly meetings.

We had enough food topped by Tonia's Mothers fresh back Italian cookies. Every dish brought was perfect and delicious. Thank you all.

Hany sold raffle tickets for the up Coming Convention & brought us up to speed on the events planned for the ICF Convention in Visalia. "Gateway To God's Bounty" is the theme this year. Workshops include, Finding your Italian Ancestors, 4 Italian Operas Arias, & how to promote fundraisers & more members who need our prayers: Marianne Canetti, Joe Trani, Guido Fassinnelli, Sheryl Payne & Gary Hansen. *Ciao*,

Patty Longo Hansen

Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Hello everyone!!! I hope you've all been enjoying your summer. Can you believe it?? Another convention is here! Thank you, Stephanie De Raddo for representing our branch as our delegate at this year's convention in Visalia California.

Last month members of the branch gathered for our 2nd annual Bocce Day at the El Segundo Sports Park. Everyone had a great time playing bocce, sharing food and having a great summer break.

There's a lot happening in these next few months, so let's get started. Our annual Limoncello festival is right upon us. Be sure to mark your calendars for September 27 in the O Donnell Hall. The Cooley's Anemia Children's party will be on the 21st, details to come from Laurice Levine. In October there's the 3rd annual Golf Tournament. Gather up your family and friends and bring them to Lakewood Country Club, and then the next day we will go to Camarillo to St John Seminary for our LA District Bishop Banquet. We have a full calendar of events, so let's keep moving forward and stay strong. Ciao.



Oakland

East Bay District Council

The East Bay District continued its summer tradition of enjoying "America's Pastime"- baseball- at the park on Italian Heritage night! Though the A's are gone, 14 EBD members met at the renovated historic Raimondi Park in Oakland to support the current Pioneer league leaders- the Oakland Ballers! July 10th was the Ballers 1st Italian Heritage Night – and we were there -celebrating friendship, a great game and heritage! Raimondi Park is dedicated to Ernie Raimondi, born of Italian immigrant parents, who along with his brothers, was a rising baseball minor leaguer. But Ernie was killed in action in WWII. Our own EBD member, James McGee has written a book about Billy, Ernie's older brother and the Raimondi's-Oakland's historic baseball family.

Though summer is waning, there is still much to look forward to:

All EBD Branches will be represented at the Annual Convention in Visalia August 29th – 31st. Branches are collecting items for the Salt+Light Charity to send with our representatives.

Bishops Day – celebrated jointly between the East Bay district and the Contra Costa District is Sunday, September 21st at 2:30pm for Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley. Mass will be followed by a reception of "heavy" hors d'oeuvre and presentation of burses and spiritual bouquets to Bishop Barber. Registration is through the EBD and CCD branches. If not in the Districts, please contact Karen Rossi.

The EBD branches have been busy! Check out the Branch reports for news of BBQ's supporting Birthright, cash raffles, Bingos and more!

Sincerely Roberta Madej

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

You are all welcome to join us for our annual and very popular Ravioli Dinner on Saturday evening, October 4. The location is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The doors will be opened for social hour at 6:00 p.m., and dinner, beginning with another of chef Ben Ratto's fabulous salads, will be served at 7:00 p.m. The program will, of course, include a raffle (or, in ICF terms, "raffle with ravioli"). Prices are \$35.00 for adults, including a hosted bar, and \$12.00 young people 12 and under. For reservations, contact Terry Greig, 510-504-0498, by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30. Payment in advance by check made pay

able to "ICF Branch 10" and sent to Terry Greg, 1010 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501.

We have lost two longtime members in recent months. Dick Austin, who joined in 2003, died in May of this year. Donna Murray, a member since 1980, died in late June. In addition, Father Vincent Cotter, the pastor of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish from 2001 to 2008, who served as our chaplain during that time, died on July 10. Father Vince's funeral was celebrated by Bishop of Oakland Michael Barber, SJ at Saint Ignatius Parish of Antioch on July 31.

We hosted 60 guests for our annual summer barbecue on Saturday, July 19. Many of the attendees brought donations, both monetary and baby items, for Birthright of San Lorenzo. Esther Ramos of Birthright spoke on behalf of the organization. Many thanks to our barbecuers, Bob Lubeck and James McGee.

We hope to see you for ravioli on October 4.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Our branch has enjoyed the summer months starting with our June meeting at Gay Nineties Pizza and then at a fun pot-luck barbecue for our July meeting. We were pleased that one of our scholarship winners, Jonah Kozioziemski, and his parents attended. We wish him all the best as he heads off to Brandeis University, where he plans to study Physics.

Travel was the theme of the July Italian conversation group meeting, where members talked about traveling in Italy and beyond and learned about the Italian Ferragosto holiday. Members also enjoyed an Italian city trivia game.

September will be a busy month for our branch. We start with a hearty thank you to Carlotta and Dale Schauer who will be attending the ICF convention.

Later in the month, members will be busy baking for the cookie booth for Catholic Community of Pleasanton's Hoedown, slated for Saturday September 20th. Sunday September 21st will find some members attending Bishops Day at Our Lady of Grace Church, while other members will be manning the ICF table at the St. Michael's parish festival.

We are looking forward to our Sept. 28th meeting where we will celebrate Octoberfest. We are also looking forward to hearing all the latest ICF Convention news from Carlotta and Dale.

Please keep those members who are ill in your prayers.

Finally, Buon Compleanno to all those with August and September birthdays!

Ciao, Paula Flessatti

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Summer is flying by and will be gone before we know it. And that means that our annual convention will have already come and gone by the time you read this! We are still in the planning stages for our annual "Bites and Bingo" event, coming on September 13th at Our Lady of Grace here in Castro Valley from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will have raffles, door prizes, plenty of tasty food, and bingo games for all who join us. All are invited! Any questions, please call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or Allison McGuirk (925) 285-0976. Entry fee \$30 for advanced reservations needed by Sept. 8; children \$15.

We will also be enjoying a delicious elegant chicken dinner at our branch meeting in September. So much to look forward to!

Grazie a Dio per l'ICF! Edoardo McGuirk

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Hello Contra Costa and Beyond,

We hope each of you has enjoyed a wonderful summer. Many of our branches stayed active with a variety of events and celebrations.

It's now time for the ICF Annual Convention, which will be held in Visalia over Labor Day weekend. All seven of our branches are sending delegates, and two Central Council members—Life Member Roselynne McNeal and Rosemary Cook, who is running for re-election—will also be attending. We are pleased that additional members from our district will be joining as guests. Safe travels to all!

All seven branches awarded scholarships this year, and our District also awarded a scholarship. Best wishes to all the students!

Our District Mass was celebrated on August 2 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez, followed by a delicious dinner. Special thanks to Chairperson Mary Cook from Branch 13 for planning such a meaningful and enjoyable evening.

Our next District Meeting will be held on August 14 at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill at 7:00 p.m. An email will be sent with the meeting room location and additional details regarding Bishop's Day, which is coming up

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Diana Mackinson on the loss of her sister. May Clarice rest in peace.

Happy Grandparents Day on September, 7!

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead. Fraternally, Patty Jarrett Past President

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

Branch#13 is proud to support member/ officer Rosemary Cook in her quest to join Central Council for her fifth year. She represents the younger adults of the Federation and is eager to expand and share her talents. ICF needs more younger adults working together to advance the Federation. We invite delegates to meet her and learn her goals. She'll continue to be an effective valuable member of Central Council. May God bless all attendees and guide the delegates in patience and verve.

"August," derived from "augustus" meaning "respected/impressive" and spiritually meaning "illuminating corners of the soul," represents time of reflection/transition. Let's call on August's light to help brighten all aspects of our lives and use this time to reflect on accomplishments and what still awaits us to make the best year. How've we met this year's challenges? How've we grown spiritually? socially? How've we made our mark in our family, ICF, and community?

Then, we move into September, a time for ordering our lives with an inner rush signaling new beginnings; welcoming time to balance our lives, now invigorating. The well-adjusted life is the natural rhythm of the day and provides the potential to encourage stability between leisurely and work routines. Individuals throughout each season must determine how to make life work for them. Even the best intentions may disrupt a well-planned day. However, focusing on God at the center of our lives, we can do the impossible.

There are three months remaining in this Jubilee Year. You're invited to make it memorable.

For the greater glory of God, Mary Cook

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

We hope you're enjoying a relaxing summer.

Are you planning on attending our Branch Picnic on August 10th? We sure hope so. This year it will be held in Alexander Park in Crockett. We'll be having a vendor BBQ-ing smash burgers for us, but please bring a salad or dessert to share. Bocce games will begin at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. We'll also have card games for card sharks young and old(er). Reservations are needed so we can give a head count to the vendor. This is a great time for members and their families to get together for some old-fashion fun. Don't forget your hats

We send our deepest sympathy to Carol Lawson and Steve Bonovich on the loss of their loved ones. Our get well wishes go out to Pat Botta, Carmela Kenny, Chico Flores, and Linda Dorn. We also remember all the families that are affected from the flooding. You are all in our prayers during these difficult times.

No branch meetings are scheduled for July or August. Our next meeting will be held on September 9th. We'll be celebrating the 98th anniversary of our branch! Johnny V. and his Bar-B-Crew will be making his world-famous BBQ Ball Tip with all the fixings. We'll also have a special free gift drawing for our members who attend. Dinner is \$20.00, but the fun is free!

Our Annual Polenta Dinner is scheduled for October 25th. Tickets for the event will go on sale the night of our September meeting (September 9th). You can also purchase them beginning September 10th by contacting Donna Hoffmann or Helen Petersen (510) 990-2139.

That's about all for now. Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

Blessings, ~Helen

Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

Our June 9th meeting was small again. We would love to see more members come to our meetings. We miss you! There will be no branch meeting in July. Enjoy the summer!

Contra Costa District Communion and Dinner, August 2ND – 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena in Martinez, followed by dinner at La Tapatia in downtown Martinez.

UPCOMING BRANCH MEETINGS... (always on the second Monday of the month):

- August 11th 12 noon Barbeque Lunch at the Reindorf's Home in El Sobrante. Price to be determined. Reserve with Lorraine 510-697-3128.
- September 13th 6:30 p.m. Chicken Dinner at Salesian High School Cafeteria, \$15.00. Reserve with Lorraine 510-697-3128.

A Prayer for Summer
Thank you for summer.
Thank you for the longer days
And the beauty around us.
Thank you for the slower pace
And the time to be with family and friends.

Draw us closer to You this summer. Make us aware of your presence around us

And teach us to pray wherever we are. Protect us as we are traveling. As we enjoy Your creation, give us a hunger and thirst for You.

Here's to a great ICF Convention over Labor Day Weekend!!! We are sending our Branch President, Lorraine Acuna as our representative.

Ciao, Sally Costa

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno

We had a wonderful time at our President Roberta Healy's house for our annual members appreciation barbecue. We had 44 people attend. The weather was perfect and the food was catered by Back Forty. We had 27 gift cards people won. A good time was had by all.

We are preparing for our representatives to attend the National Convention on Labor Day. They will learn many new ideas for our branch.

We are excited for our pasta/bingo on September 20th. We expect about 95 people. We will have it catered by Zandanellas. This is a big fundraiser for our branch

Have a safe rest of your summer. Bless you all Norene DeLuca

Danville Br. 352, St. Isidore

Bongiorno ICF,

Our June meeting was barbecue hamburgers and sausage and all the good fixings to go with it. Fr. Wayne did our blessing and Joan Marx, our vice president, honored Father Mark by saying how much we will miss him as he is moving on to Saint Raymond's. He told us he will come back to visit as it is just down the road.

Brian Moresco was the chef on the barbecue. Russ and the crew did all the rest. As much as we love our Italian food it was fun to change it up for the evening. Brian also did a presentation on the Americans of Italian descent who fought in War II.

We were happy to present first year scholarships to our future leaders. Madison Hansen is from Cal High, Angelo Fresca, and Dominic Smalley are from De La Salle were joined with their families. They thanked everyone and spoke how their Italian heritage was important to them, and where they were going to go to school in the fall. They made us all proud!

Our next activity will be going to Cashe Creek by bus for the day. The cost is \$40 but you will get \$20 back from the casino if you're not so inclined there is also a spa. There is still more room on the bus so we opened it up to the parish.

Hope you all have a very blessed and fun summer.

Ciao, Sally Panella



Brentwood Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Hello to all our members – old and new!

Thanks again to our Membership Committee for working hard and bringing much needed new membership to our branch. Welcome to our newest members – we all look forward to getting to know you better.

June was a fun month with our first "Sock Hop" fundraiser. Thank you all for the enthusiasm and thanks to Mike Valenti and Lilly Beatty for selling a whole bunch of tickets. Our DJ was great. The food was spot on (delicious Diner grub served up by Chris Romero and Holy Smoker). We had a Photo Booth which was busy and OH the outfits! I wish I could use all the photos but we are limited. Pictured are Sheila Nilo and George Maseda, our best dressed winners and Mike and Eleanor Valenti with some family members and friends. All who attended enjoyed themselves and hopefully we will do it again next year

We also had our general meeting on June 30 with a Hawaii Laua themed dinner provided by Tom and Sandy Gamble (delicious as always). The special treat was the Hawaiian music provided by "Mele Ohana," a Brentwood Senior Citizens Club and their lovely and talented Hula dancers. The wonderful music transported us to the Tropical Islands for an hour or so. Everyone remembered their Hawaiian shirts and dresses and that also lent a tropical air to the evening. Four of our more adventurous ladies (Mary Ann Smith, Pat Rebollar, Sandy Gamble and Laura Pierce) got up to learn how to do the Hukilau, led by the great Hula dancers. We all had a good laugh and loads of fun. The group also provided a Heritage Report about the Hawaiian Islands, traditions, music, etc. Thanks to all who made this night so pleasurable and memorable.

We ended the month of July awarding scholarships to: Salvador Casillas, Olivia Silz, Matthew Colon, Carlos and Cristian Camacho, Stephanie and Samantha Fehr, Allison Thomas and Sofia Lucido, our parishes deserving recipients. We wish them and their families all the best. Our Italian dinner was provided by Chris Romero and his company Holy Smoker. Another fantastic meal!

Stay tuned for our Car show and Pasta feed on Sept. 26 and our Christmas dinner on Dec. 1.

Ciao for now, Mary M.

DEADLINE

September 10 for the October issue of the Bollettino.
Send your articles & photos: editor@icf.org

EAST BAY DISTRICT



Br. 343, Leonard Rossi chairing our July meeting



Br. 343, Members of Branch #343 enjoying July 4th-inspired dinner.



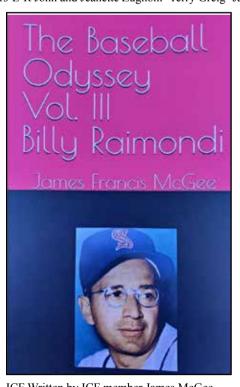
ICF Italian Heritage Night at The Oakland Ballers-L-R John and Jeanette Zugnoni- Terry Greig -James Lee and Ernie Poggi



Carolyn Cardinalli presenting the ICF scholarship to Jonah Kozioziemski at the Branch 285 barbecue.



ICF Italian Heritage Night at The Oakland Ballers- Mascot Scrappy



ICF Written by ICF member James McGee-Background on Raimondi family-Italian Heritage Night at The Oakland



ICF Branch 10 Summer Barbecue

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

The Convention in Visalia is upon us and I hope some of you will be attending. It's always a fun time of meeting new members from other branches, far away, and hearing how their branches keep members active and engaged. It's always a time to refresh our minds and hearts with new ideas and ICF connections

We took our July break, but a few of our members went to Loaves and Fishes to volunteer to feed the hungry. They really enjoyed their time and felt very rewarded. Those they fed were very appreciative. We will try to go again after summer for those who missed.

Our next meeting will be on August 17th. Please look for details in the church bulletin and the Evite that was sent. This will be your last opportunity to donate items for the convention charity, Salt and Light, so please bring your items to the meeting. Contact Joan Cummings if you are unable to be at the meeting but still want to donate.

Plans are in the works for our annual Fall dinner set for September 13th. Committees are being formed and we hope all will get involved. Sign-ups will be at the August meeting.

Enjoy the rest of summer! Juliette Cote

BLESSED SACRAMENT District Council

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Our next event is Bingo and Polenta Dinner scheduled for Sunday, September 28th in Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will be at 3:30 p.m., Bingo at 4:30 p.m., and Chicken and Polenta dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25 for members and \$32 for non-members, \$15 for Ages 7-12 and Free for 6 and under. One Bingo card and two raffle tickets included with your reservation. More cards can be purchased. Call me at 916-508-1199 for more information and reservations by Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.

Welcome new members to the Branch. The MURAOKA FAMILY (John, Kasey, Joseph and Leo) and CAROL & DARREL HEDGE. We look forward to your participation in the branch and thanks for joining us!

SAVE THE DATE for our remaining events for 2025: Oct. 25th Bishop's Day, Nov. 23rd Chicken and Polenta Dinner, Dec. 6th Pasta Dinner with the Parish, and Dec. 13th Christmas dinner at Vince's. More details to follow.

Ciao, Janine

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

We hope that all members and their families will be able to join us for our Annual Picnic at ARD Park on Saturday, September 27th from 11 to 3. The Knights of Columbus will once again be grilling delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. There will be fun games, including the always popular bingo! Members will be asked to contribute and potluck dish and \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the meal. Our calling committee will be contacting you very soon to see if you will be attending and what dish you would like to bring.

On Saturday, November 1st our branch will be hosting a Bunco fundraiser at the Canyon View Community Center in Auburn. We will have lunch, fun bunco games, and a great raffle. More details to follow soon. Mark your calendars, we hope you can join us!

Our branch hopes all convention attendees have a wonderful convention experience!

Ciao! Pam Andersen

SANTA ROSA District Council

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming events:

Harvest Potluck: Tuesday, September 16: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. Come and enjoy the delicious food prepared by some of the great cooks in our branch. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The branch will provide bread, wine, sodas and water. 6:00 p.m.: Meeting with reports from our Convention Delegates. 6:30 p.m.: Dinner. Call Marie Butler for reservations: 707- 431-2750.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Santa Rosa Bishop's Day: Sunday, September 47 at St. Eugene's. 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by lunch. Price: \$25.00. Call Lauren for reservations: 707-595-3111.

Polenta Dinner: Saturday, November 1. More info, next month. Richard Passalacqua will be cooking the polenta.

We wish our delegates a safe and fun trip to the ICF Convention on Labor Day weekend and look forward to hearing their reports in September.

We wish our youngest members a great start to the new school year!

Lauren

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

We bid a fond arrivederci to Barbara Vanni ('89) who recently moved to the Santa Rosa area to be nearer to family. She will always be my favorite Befana! (Photo).

Jim and Ruth Monge ("08) hosted the annual July Garden Party. What a beautiful location. Members and guests enjoyed Italian sausages and meatballs along with scrumptious salads, appetizers, and desserts supplied by attendees. Alfred Eanni ('15) even made Italian Sushi! Yum! (photos). Some of us braved the warm, sunny weather and played "Pasta Hole" (my Italian name for Corn Hole). Thank you Claire Monge ('08) for supplying the game. Bocce champion, Pete Stagnoli ('89) gave Anne Carlisle Eanni ('15) another try at winning at Bocce, to no avail! He still reigns as champion. She has decided to take monthly lessons from Pete!

Ruth and Anne worked on the 2025-2026 calendar and have come up with some fun events for the branch. We continue with the bi-annual Chicken and Polenta dinners (Sept/Mar). The next one will be on Sunday, September 7 at 5 p.m. If you find you are going to be in our area, give Toni Green ('11) a call to reserve your meal. 707-633-5679. Still only \$20. Includes Humboldt Creamery Vanilla Ice Cream, which is sold exclusively to Kirkland/Costco. There will also be baskets raffle, which is quite fun.

Tony Gonsalves ('19), a very talented artist, will once again have a bird woodcarving in the Humboldt County Fair August 16 - 24. (photo)

We begin to look forward to our lovely season of autumn up here Behind the Redwood Curtain. Certainly, a favorite time of year. Not too hot, not too cold. Our little Eden!

Tempi felici! Anne Seymour Carlisle (Eanni) Secretary

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

This year's Jerry Colivas memorial scholarship winners are Victoria Heiser of St. Bernard High School, CassandraAnne Hardin of Eureka High School, and Jarrett Smith of Fortuna High School.

The pizza potluck in their honor at our June meeting was well attended. The students appear to have great things ahead of them. Victoria and CassandraAnne will be attending College of the Redwoods. Smith will attend Butte College.

The next meeting of Branch 145 Eureka will be on Tuesday September 9th at 6 p.m. We will be making plans for the upcoming Colivas Scholarship dinner to be held on Saturday October 11th.

The Eureka Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament will occur on Sunday September 21st at the Redwood Baseball Fields in Cutten from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you would like to form or sponsor a bocce team, contact Joe Bonino at 707-445-5799. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Sausage sandwiches and raffle tickets for many fun prizes will be for sale.

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This article written in July looks forward to our potluck in August and our ice.

cream social in September. Keep attending our meetings and support the good work done by our President Doreen O'Rourke.

Doreen will be attending the convention over the Labor Day weekend and will give us her report at the September meeting September 8th.

The Bishop's Day this year is on September 14th with Mass in the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. and lunch to follow in the Becker Center.

Please keep Gene and Annie Zingarelli in your prayers as well as all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Enjoy the fall harvest and the fall weather.

God bless the ICF Robert Acquistapace

FRESNO District Council

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

We hope everyone is having a safe and happy summer!

Thank you to all of the branch delegates that will be attending the Convention, our branch will be looking forward to hearing their reports. We hope that they bring back some new ideas to help grow our wonderful branch!

Our branch continues to host Coffee and Donuts every 2nd Sunday after the morningmasses at St. Patrick's. Stop by and say, "Hi!", and join us for coffee and conversation.

Our upcoming general meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13th, Pot Luck, and Wednesday, September 10th at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then!



Fresno Br. 250, St. Paul Newman Center (Formerly OLPH, Clovis)

As this issue combines August and September, here are the birthdays for both months: August: Flora DePasquale, Angelo Lavagnino, Betty Massa, and Sharon Rainaldi; September: Geraldine Goodwin, Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez, and Vincent Squeo-Rodriguez. Most happy birthday greetings to all!

A big Welcome to our five new members! Joining us are Donna and Areilia Christiansen, Kitty Culleton and Val and Georgia Rios. I know they bring new energy and ideas with them.

Little known Popes' Department: John II (the 56th Pope)533-535: The elderly deacon Mercurius came to power largely because nobody objected to him strongly and many hoped he would soon die anyway. As his name honored a pagan god, he changed his name to John.

Congratulations to our youngest member, Melissa's son, Vincent, who was recently certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. Perhaps someday, Vincent will be flying 747s? Good going, Vincent!

We had a great turnout for our July meeting - five new members and delicious chicken, melons, and ice cream! We so appreciate the welcome we've received from the staff at St. Paul Newman Center

Philosopher Angelino says: "Dal Frutto Si Conosce L'Albero" - "You Can Judge the Tree By Its Fruit".

Congrats to the Lavagninos who celebrated their 66th anniversary July 5th. Angelo still insists that LeAnne proposed to him.

The annual convention will start about the time you read this. Let's hope that substantive issues were discussed and resolved.

Thought for the month;

"Angels are unemployed these days. Call on them today and every day; They will not refuse the assistance you need." (Kelly)

Ciao, Mauricio Montefusco

Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Just a quick update for our ICF family.

A big shout out to Betty & Leonard Zasoski for hosting our July meeting in their lovely home. Our president, Joey Zasoski, kept the meeting short and sweet so our members could catch up and enjoy food and fellowship.

A few of our members plan on attending the annual convention in Visalia this September. It's a great time to connect with other branches and bring back fresh ideas to help our branch to grow and evolve.

Finally, Branch 281 will be hosting our annual Bocce Tournament in October this year. A change from previous years when it was held in late Spring and the heat was often intense. We welcome members and friends from other branches to join in on the fun and good-natured competition.

Wishing you and your families God's blessings.

Theresa Amarante

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello,

As 2025 Summertime is coming to an end, we look at all the blessings our ministry has experienced. St. Anthony's Branch 308 celebrated a 50th anniversary Mass with Fr Jose in the school gym, as the church is refurbishing the travertine floors. Prayers were said for members unable to attend and those who have passed. Debbi Jorgensen, Ann Rader, Susan Mencarini, Russel Renna, and Jeff Jorgensen were the early riser attendees for this celebration.

Another successful Italian sausage sale was held. Happy volunteers gladly chopped mounds of onions, bell peppers, plus formed the fresh sausage patties. Always a huge shout out to head chef Bernie. Additional helpers are Russel Renna, John Mulligan, Carolyn Cave, Larry Pricolo, Tim Solipasso, Paul Gilchrist and photographer Jeff Jorgensen.

Debbi Jorgensen

CENTRAL COAST District Council

Thank you, Aptos Br. 227 for hosting our District Meeting at Stewart Floral. Congratulations for approving our 2025 By-Laws to be reviewed by Central Council.

Bishops Day will be held on September 13, 2025, hosted by Br. 36 Monterey. Mass at 10:30 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral, follow by a luncheon at San Carlos Hall.

Reservations: MontereyICF.org

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Valentine



Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Congratulations to all candidates running for Central Council. We are all looking forward to our National Convention in Visalia.

July 31, 2025: Our annual 85 and Over celebration! Recognition of our cherished members, entertainment by Mike Marotta, Erasmo Aiello, David Marzetti, a summer BBQ menu and Cannoli Poke cake. Our favorite event!

August 23, 2025: Summer Buffet Dinner/Meeting — San Carlos Cathedral Hall

September 13, 2025: Central Coast District Bishop's Day begins with 10:30 a.m. mass at San Carlos Cathedral, followed by luncheon hosted by Branch 36 at San Carlos Hall. Menu Rigatoni with tomato sauce. Italian Sausage with peppers and onions, Antipasto salad, Garlic Bread, Sharon LoManto's Bread Pudding. Online reservation only at MontereyICF.org, \$20. Members, \$25 non-members.

October 23, 2025: Halloween Dinner/ Meeting at San Carlos Hall. Costumes are optional.

Please continue to pray for all our members who are ill, homebound and for their special intentions.

We are sad to report that Terry Wecker, Dolores Kaelin, Monica Carrillo and Jean Sanchez recently passed away. Our sincere condolences to their families.

"Love is patient, love is kind" 1 Corinthians 13:4

Con affetto, Elaine Valentine Co-President Branch 36

Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

ICF Branch 51 Castroville is hosting two important fundraising events to support cancer research and the community.

On Thursday, August 14, 2025, Branch 51 will hold a Sausage Lunch Fundraiser. Each meal, priced at \$15, includes an Italian sausage sandwich, chips, a Cutie (mandarin orange), a cookie, and a bottle of water. Proceeds will benefit ICF Branch 51 and Relay for Life Salinas, which supports cancer research and services.

Additionally, Branch 51 will participate in Relay for Life Salinas on Saturday, September 20, 2025. This event honors those affected by cancer while raising funds for cancer research and patient services.

These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to community service and supporting cancer research. Proceeds from both the sausage lunch and Relay for Life will directly support these causes.

For more information, please visit our website at www.castrovilleicf.com

"Dove c'è unità, c'è forza."

(Where there is unity, there is strength.)

Kevin Cortopassi ICF Branch 51 Castroville

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

Thanks to all who helped make the Annual Picnic a success, especially Jane and Rick Kotila, who did the shopping, took reservations and prepared the food. Their son, Nate, assisted at the barbecue pit. Heidi Ambiel, Jim and Nancy Harrold helped set up. Nancy took the money and Jim tended bar. Vicky Howell and Nancy Prevedelli conducted the raffle, which had the best turnout of donated prizes ever. Servers were Jane, Heidi, Rick, Elena Tufo, Joyce Hopkins, Manny and Magdalena Martinez and Deanna Musler. Richard and Valerie Vote, along with many others, helped clean up. We were happy to see the members of Branch 21 who attended.

Happy belated birthday to Trudy Locatelli who celebrated her 75th birthday in July. Trudy joined Branch 227 in June of 1969 and therefore is the member with the longest standing. Even though she now lives in South Carolina, she has maintained her membership all these years. (And in the interest of transparency, Trudy is my first cousin.)

Please offer your get-well prayers for Carol Lopes, mother of our President Franklyn Lopes.

We are sorry to report that Linda Calciano passed away due to congestive heart failure.

Our branch hosted the Central Coast District meeting on July 19. Thanks to the following members who helped out: Vicky Howell, Nancy Prevedelli, Nancy Harrold, Heidi Ambiel, Monica and Bill Crowley, Mary Lou Weidlich, and Loretta Reaves.

Happy Birthday to our faithful member Elena Tufo, who turns 90 in September.

We wish Franklyn success on running for Central Council at the Convention.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Convention.
Deanna Musler, Secretary

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September 10 for the October issue of the Bollettino.
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Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 Delegates, Annie Subia and Keely Sanchez, are looking forward to attending the ICF National Convention in Visalia. This will be Annie's first time attending an ICF Convention, so she will have lots to take-in and enjoy over the long weekend. Annie and Keely also look forward to visiting with many fellow ICF members, plus bringing back lots of information and ideas to our Branch.

Our Branch recently awarded three College Scholarships to ICF Members who will be attending colleges around the country this fall. Congratulations to Mary Marsalek, who will be attending Boston College and is enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Program; to Vinny Orlando, who will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and majoring in Business Administration; and to Lillie Parish, who will be attending Oregon State and will major in Psychological Science with a minor in Criminology. All three of these students have been Members of Br. 291 since they were just youngsters, so it's very exciting to see them all grown-up and be amazing young adults who are venturing off to college! We wish them all a wonderful and rewarding college experience!

Please continue to pray for all ICF members who are experiencing pain, illness or heartache at this time, including Theresa Aston, Pearl Hennessy and Tricia Rallis.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention!
Ciao!

Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The Santa Clara Valley District July meeting was held at Santa Teresa and hosted by Branch 28 St. Mary of Gilroy.

The annual district BBQ picnic was Sunday, August 10th with an outdoor mass celebrated by Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha at Almaden Lake Regional Park in San Jose.

The ICF Convention is right around the corner. The Santa Clara Valley District will be well represented and will be a festive group. Delegates, please remember to report back to your branches what you saw and learned at Convention.

The district is again planning Oktoberfest at Teske's Germania in San Jose. As of this writing, the details are still tentative but should be similar to previous years' events. The tentative date is September 27th.

A reminder that San Jose Diocese Bishop's Day will be Sunday, October 5th, 11:30 a.m. mass at St. Martin of Tours in San Jose, celebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantu, followed by lunch at Three Flames for \$55 with a menu of steak, chicken or pasta. All district members please attend mass even if you can't make the lunch

All district members please save the date October 18th for the testimonial dinner of our own Grand President Denise Antonowicz. The dinner will be held at Palermo Restaurant in San Jose. More details to come.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes the ICF a great Labor Day and a prosperous Convention in Visalia.

Michael Rossi

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Dear Members,

As summer winds down, there are exciting happenings going on for our branch:

Dinner/meeting at the famous Old City Restaurant on August 18th. Come early to mingle with friends. Have a great dinner without set-up or breakdown. Then hear everything that is going on in our club. Don't forget to wear your ICF pin and bring your membership card to win prizes.

Join us at our annual picnic on September 28th. Diana Berry does a wonderful job hosting our picnic at her place! Listening to music while munching on appetizers, barbeque hamburgers and hotdogs, with all the scrumptious sides, were just some of the items that brought together the best picnic last year. Don't miss it.

Blessings, Jeanette Hudson

Mountain View Br. 47, San Giorgio

Addio Estate, Benvenuto Autunno! Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!

We are super happy that we have been able to coordinate and carpool to more ICF events this year. 14 members attended Santa Catarina D'Allessandria Branch #435, Steak BBQ at Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill. We all had a blast!

We will be having a group join the District Mass and BBQ in August. We have 7 members going to the ICF Convention in Visalia.

We are looking forward to our September ICF Mass and our Pasta Grab N Go. In November, we have a group ready to make the Pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini in Burbank

It has been a very productive year for us. *Blessings! Ciao, Julie Wester*

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

Please save the date of Oct. 25 for our annual Polenta Dinner. It is our main fundraiser. Hopefully we can enlist some "youthful" hands to assist the "old guard"! Any help is appreciated.

The Annual ICF Convention is quickly approaching, Aug. 29, in Visalia. Germaine and Michelle Antonowicz are our two delegates, with Donna Pfaff as an alternate. Our Chaplain, Fr. Greg Kimm, will also attend and present a seminar on Genealogy. This year the Convention Charity is to collect personal care items and small household items. This will be given to the Unhoused Community in Visalia. Your donations can be brought to our Aug. 12 meeting at the St. Mary's Conference Room. The need there is great. Our Branch voted to donate money to supplement what is collected.

Welcome new members Laura Kramer and Antoinetta Jette. It was so nice of Debbie Piro, who attended our May meeting, to offer to help us in any way. Thank you, Virginia Giacomini for her Heritage Report. Her Great Grandfather, Pietro Torre, immigrated from the Genoa region of Italy during the California Gold Rush Period. They travelled West by wagon train and he opened a General Store in Jackson, Calif.!

It is with deep sorrow to report that Rose Arnaudo passed away on June 17. She was a longtime member, Officer and willing helper for our Branch. She will be sorely missed. Our sympathy to her family.

Remember, our next meeting will be Aug. 12, 3:30, in the Conference Room.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

The Members of ICF Branch 191 have been very active with the 60th Anniversary of our branch. A dinner to celebrate the anniversary was held at Palermo's Restaurant in June and a Reception in front of the Church on July 13, 2025. Photos, minutes books and other memorabilia were out on tables for the Parish to see. A number of ICF members were on hand to answer questions and talk to interested parties.

We really had a delicious lunch at the Bocci Court on Saturday, July 26, 2025, where a Baby Shower was held for the Baby Layette Program. Many ICF members donated baby items and clothing for this worthwhile project. The members of ICF 191 were very generous with their gifts. A "Save the Date" flyer for the upcoming 70th Anniversary Tea to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at St. Frances Cabrini Essex Hall.

St. Frances Cabrini will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary with a Mass on November 16th, at 12:00 p.m., reception to follow.

As our members get ready to go to the Annual Convention, we wish everyone safe travels and a marvelous time together.

Blessings to all, Sharon Logan

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Please pray for Loraine Nunziata, Bill Rice, Maureen Curulla, and John Gillio. Tom Myers says thank you for prayers and cards. Tom said it was very positive knowing people were thinking of him while he was convalescing. Robin Hayr would like to retire from Dining for Dollars chairperson. Please let Robin Hayr know if you are interested in the position. Father George's goodbye party was fantastic with a small group of 500 coming for mass and dinner. Our new pastor Father Edger arrived and has settled into his new responsibilities. Fr. Edger is gone for vacation. I believe we can operate without Father until he returns. Bocce Ball picnic and dinner was lots of fun and social mixing at Almaden Lake.

We need volunteers to help with Bishop's Day on Sunday, October 5th and the Rib Dinner, "Ra luau," Saturday September 13th. Call the chair persons, Ann Cordoni or Mary Ridi to help. Rib Dinner should sell out so get your tickets soon after mass. Mark your calendars for The Chili Cook Off Sunday February 1st and Polenta Dinner Saturday March 21st. Now is a good time to volunteer for both of these events. ICF Convention: will be from August 29-31, 2025 in Visalia, California. Our two delegates are Maureen Susino and Kathy Schroeder. Alternates are Tina Sousa-Dutra and Janet Glaubke. Santa Clara Valley District Picnic is Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Almaden Lake.

Have a wonderful summer. Fall is on the way.

May God Bless you and your families, and try to work at staying healthy and safe.

Tom Myers



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 191, presentation from Bob Basuino and Julie Midwin



Branch 47 at Steak BBQ sponsored by Branch 435 Theresa Giampaoli, Ren Del Carlo, Jo Del Carlo, Natalie Canata, Norm Moh



Branch 191 with Fr. James



Br. 191, Father James with the Chausable



Br. 184, Grand President of ICF and Co-President of Br. 184 Denise Antonowicz presided at the July 8 meeting. Pictured are Donna Pfaff, Denise, and Janice LaMotte. We meet in the Conference Room on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:30. The next meeting is August 12.





Br. 368, Bocce Ball at the park



Br. 368 Bocce ball waiting to play

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)





Br. 28, Past president Joe Fortino's and Grand President's Award winner Vince Br. 28, Thank you Cooking crew, delicious



Branch 391's Cathleen, TJ, and Steve Lencioni



Br. 445, July Birthdays -Sylvia Ortiz & Lorraine Sellarole



Br. 28, Matt Anderson received scholarship from ICF after graduating from Christopher High School. He is going to study Criminal Justice and play baseball in college.



Br. 191, BBQ lunch and Baby Shower- July 26, 2025



Br. 445, June Birthdays- Jennifer Nisich, Joan Lang, Geri Tuso, Barbara Bahl



Br. 445 Grace Brown Sharing Heritage Report



Br. 445 Members with Photos Celebrating Fathers

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Please note the date of our Family Feud Game Show Fundraiser has been changed to Sunday November 2nd. Doors to parish's Tabor Hall will open at 12:30p.m. with show starting at 1:00 p.m. For more information and tickets contact Br.445 Pres. Jim Falcone at jim@jfalcone.com

We are truly excited to learn that Bill Perry, Br.445 Member and Orator, will be the 2025 recipient of the Pope John XXIII Award at the ICF National Convention in Visalia!

This special recognition is truly well deserved for all his work through the years in support of marginalized people living in our Community, Diocese, County and Beyond.

Thank you and God Bless you, Bill.

It has been a busy summer starting with our June 18th general meeting celebrating the 9th Anniversary of Br.445 and also our fathers. Heritage report was on the "History of Father's Day in the USA." Members brought in photos to share. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ and a special dessert for June birthdays!

July: Br. 445 hosted a well attended BBQ for parishioners on 7/5; Quarterly Mass 7/13 followed by members' breakfast at a local restaurant and on 7/16 another BBQ for our general meeting. Member Grace De Luca Brown presented a report on her Italian Family's Heritage and their journey from Calabria to California. On 7/26 Br. 445 members manned the ICF Information Booth at the IAHF Festa at History Park in San Jose

August: Br. 445 members assisted and participated in Transfiguration's first Feast Day/Fun Day on Sunday 8/3 in celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration 8/6.

Happy August Birthday wishes to: Joe Adragna, Karen Fierravanti and Phil

Happy September Birthday wishes to: Marie Adragna, Janie Falcone, Suzanne Lo Bue, Robin Ledbetter and Reyne Rafoth!!!!!

Until next month stay safe and well, Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In July, Steve and Cathleen Lencioni hosted their annual summer celebration which included sausages and hotdogs, chili, fruit and plentiful desserts. TJ Lencioni joined Steve and Cathleen in cooking and serving this wonderful barbecue.

Member Alba Salciccia sang a beautiful rendition of the Italian National Anthem during the opening ceremony at the annual Italian Family Festa.

Also in July, Cathleen and Steve were

in Mexico with a group of 57, who built three houses in a week! What a wonderful contribution to the community.

In August, members were treated to a delicious Chicken Parmesan and Pasta dinner served with salad, bread, dessert. A big thank you to cooks and servers!

Thank you to delegates Steve and Marina Tilbury, who represented our branch at this year's ICF Convention.

Branch 391 Dinner Meetings—Tuesday, September 2 and October 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner; Bishops Day--October 5, 1925. 11:30 Mass, St. Martin's, lunch at Three Flames Restaurant; #391 Quarterly Communions--September 14, and December 7, 2025, 11:30 am masses at St. Martin's.

Janis Patellaro

STOCKTON

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Although summer officially runs through mid-Sept., it seems once school starts, summer freedom ends. But for ICF, summer continues.

Our parish's St. Anne's Festa was enjoyed by many. Thanks to ICF volunteers who scooped to the bottom of many ice cream tubs...all were devoured.

Our Aug. 17th Stockton District Picnic at Hogan Park in Escalon was very relaxing and enjoyable. The steaks, barbecued to perfection, and all the fixins were quite the feast. It's always fun to gather, chat, and laugh with members from other branches.

Our Aug 26th branch meeting is an ice cream social. Bring a friend, and come prepared to test your pasta recognition skills. Also, bring some mini or full-sized cleaning and personal care products or a good will donation toward these items for Chris and Lori to take to Convention. Collected items will be given to the Salt and Light organization that provides programs and housing for those in need in Čentral CA.

Please pray that Chris and Lori have a safe journey to Visalia over Labor Day weekend for the Convention. We look forward to hearing all the ideas that were shared during the "Gateway to God's Bounty" 2025 Convention.

Mark your calendar: Sept. branch meeting is Tues, the 23rd.

I'll be moving soon to Alabama. My search to find members to assume programs I coordinated/chaired has been successful. Liz is our new Heritage Chair. Jess will chair the Blood Drive and Hope Harbor Easter Decorations. Grace will coordinate Bible Study Group, and Lori will host in her home. Signore, molte grazie! Still in need of Corresponding Secretary.

Alla prossima volta amici Patty Litts, Corresponding Secretary

Manteca

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

Branch #139 took the month of June off from meeting. We met again on July 22nd in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. The usual business was conducted including reading and approval of the Minutes from the May meeting and balances provided in our Checking Accounts as of July 1. As always, Members are encouraged to read the Bollettino.

President Birdie Nieri announced that plans are under way for a Spaghetti Feed to be held on August 14th. This will be a drive-through as well as sit down affair. Menu will consist of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, butter and a cookie. Price is \$15 per person. President Neiri also reminded everyone about the District Picnic to be held on August 17th in Escalon. Steaks will be on the menu as well as "all the fixins" to be provided by the various Branches. Cost is \$25 per person. The Annual Convention will be held over Labor Day Weekend in Visalia this year. Ron Agostini will be attending representing our Branch.

We were informed recently that our \$400 First Year Scholarship was awarded to Ava Dos Reis. Ava graduated from Manteca High School and will be attending CSU Fullerton in the Fall. Ava is a Theater Major and we were told is a very energetic young lady who has been an actor since the age of 5! She participated in high school plays all 4 years. We wish Ava the best in her future endeavors

Our next meeting will be on August26th. The menu will be appetizers and dessert.

Bye for now, Michela

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Bishop's Burse luncheon was held at our branch this year and our district branches presented Bishop Cotta donations for the Seminarians' education. Thank you to all our branch members who brought appetizers and desserts, which were delicious. It takes a village!

Our four ICF Convention delegates this year will be our President Denis Della Nina and his wife Liz, our Treasurer Serena Martocchio and Correspondence Secretary Betty Hollars. It sounds like such a fun-filled event, we have six additional participants attending: Annette Elissagaray, Lucy Orsi, Joe Bacchetti, Steve and Anita Ridolfi, Nicole Mifsud.

Thank you to all those members and guests at our last meeting who donated so many items for this year's convention philanthropic cause, "Salt & Light." We are taking carloads of donations to Visalia thanks to our many wonderful participants.

Our condolences and prayers go out to

the family of Charlie Selna, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

Please keep our ICF families and friends in your prayers. Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope for our many members who are in need of your prayers.

You can share family memories in our Heritage section. We would love to hear where all your ancestors came from.

www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy & safe. **Betty**

Stockton

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

Happy convention a tutti!

Our Branch took July off, but prior to that many of our members attended the Bishop's Burse hosted by the Tracy Branch. They put on a beautiful event. Our Branch was also very happy to present Bishop Cotta with an additional monetary gift to support our local seminarians Our Branch has the honor of hosting next year, so not too soon to start planning.

Our August meeting was dedicated to our first-year scholarship recipient, Gabrielle Robledo. We enjoyed dinner followed by a presentation from Gabrielle and her future aspirations. Buona fortuna to Gabrielle! We also received an update on our past recipients and what they are currently up to. Great to hear how they are all doing.

Our Stockton District picnic was also held in August and as always, a good time was had by all. Always great to have all our branches and their families and friends together.

Speaking of bringing people together, enjoy the 94th Convention and grazie mille to the Fresno District for making it happen for us all to enjoy!

Alla prossima, Mary Ann



SAN BERNARDINO District Council

Our quarterly District meeting was attended by representatives from all three branches. Our President reminded us of the dates that all pertinent info needs to be received by CC, and then we got to the subject of most interest to us all—our yearly Bishop's Lunch. We have a date, a location and a great menu. We agreed on the amount of our District's Burse and reminded our three Branches of our own Burse and the need of a basket for our opportunity drawing.

We discussed the District Installation that will take place early 2026. Branch 446 will host. We always look forward to our Branch reports, and it's such a pleasure to hear what we are all doing for our Branch and hosting parishes.

Our president reminded us about the upcoming convention and made sure we all have a representative from each Branch going. Our Chaplain, Father Jerry Ochetti will be unable to attend this year. We will miss him, he has always come to Convention, but this year, other responsibilities make it unfeasible for him to attend. We will, as always, keep him in our prayers. We celebrated his upcoming birthday on July 8.

That's all for now, Happy 4th! Annie McCarthy Financial Secretary San Bernardino District

Redlands Br. 217, Sacred Heart

Hi all, hope you are enjoying your summer and having a great time with your family. Branch 217 is on our annual summer break, but that doesn't stop us from getting together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate special events at our Church, The Holy Name of Jesus. Over Father's Day weekend, several of us got together to wish one of our Parochial Vicars, Father Arinze Ezeoke, a warm goodbye as he goes to his next assignment. Father Arinze will be going to Puebla, Mexico to start an intensive Spanish immersion course to better prepare him to serve the people of God. When he returns, he will be serving the community of Christ the Redeemer Church as well as assisting with the communal life at St. Junipero Serra House of Formation in Grand Terrace. He will be such a great asset to the Seminarians in residence there. We all wish him the best.

Looking forward to our next District Meeting and of course to our Bishop's Lunch, scheduled for September 10 at Napoli Italian Restaurant. Hope some of you can join us!

Ciao for now! Annie McCarthy, VP Branch 217

Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our summer months brought our branch many events to celebrate. We gathered together in June for Mass celebrated by our chaplain Fr. Jerry Ochetti. After Mass, we all came together for hospitality and friendship.

Our parish sponsors an annual International Dinner to celebrate the feast day of St. Anthony, the patron saint of our parish. ICF participated by cooking and serving Italian food to all the parishioners that attended the free event. We celebrated the marriage of two of our dear members: Rosanna Hartman to Frank Smiderle. ICF members Gina and Dominico Ricci served as their matron-of honor and best man.

During a recent meeting, Rosanna and Frank spoke about their eight-year courtship and path to marriage.

Other special June events included graduations for 3 of our young members. Zachary Centurioni successfully completed Kindergarten at St. Dorothy's Catholic School. His proud parents, Danny and Amy, are long-time members of our branch, along with their daughters Zoe and Anna. Two

of our teens have been ICF members since 2017. Logan Zappia, graduated from 8th grade at Foothill Knolls STEM Academy. His brother Dante graduated from Damien High School earning a GPA of 4.4. He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Every summer we hold an Ice Cream Social meeting at a local park. We socialize, play bocce, cards and celebrate our scholarship winners. District President John Guiren and Branch President Carrey Rossie presented awards to Dante Zappia and Dominic Nava. Dominic graduated from Upland High School and will study Neurobiology at U.C. Irvine.

In July, we viewed the exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls on display at the Reagan Library. We carpooled and enjoyed studying the exhibits and learning about the historical importance of the scrolls.

Now our energies are focused on planning our major fundraiser for the year: Festa Italiana. Our dinner-dance on October 18 will feature a live band, Italian food, beer, wine and fabulous raffle baskets designed by Nan Judge.

Our branch is dedicated to creating opportunities that promote family, faith and special times with dear friends.



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Br. 446, International dinner

Br. 446, Dead Sea Scrolls



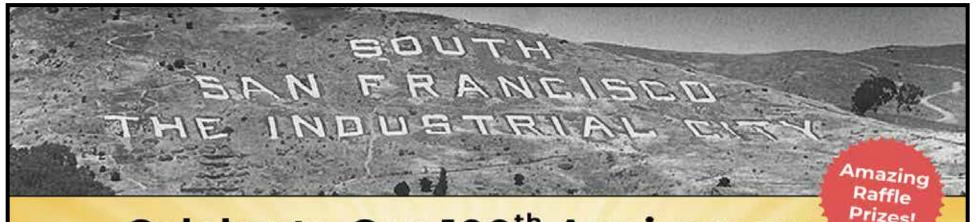
Br. 446 Mass with Fr. Ochetti



Br. 446, Scholarship winners



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DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Jim & Alissa Daschback	h	Lummi Island, WA	\$30
7/2	John Guerin	210	Redlands, CA	\$30
7/3	Fr. David Lopez	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/4	Faith Hill	213	Oakdale, CA	\$100
7/5	Pauline Iacono	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
7/6	Anne Silva Barsi		San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/7	St. Patrick Parish		Merced, CA	\$30
7/8	Tim Santich		Alamo, CA	\$30
7/9	Steve & Peggy Simoni		Dayton, NV	\$30
7/10	Donna M. Pfaff	184	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/11	Joe & Freddy Rossi	391	Railroad Flat, CA	\$30
7/12	Donna Smith	7	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/13	Gloria Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/14	Marquis McClure		Wilmington, CA	\$30
7/15	Joan Reiland	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$50
7/16	Martin Baccaglio		Cupertino, CA	\$30
7/17	Paul Larson	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
7/18	Bob Poirier	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
7/19	Branch 343		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/20	June Spadoni	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
7/21	Alice Flocchini		Bayside, ČA	\$30
7/22	Maria Di Paolo	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$30
7/23	Charlyne Pacini	135	Reno, NV	\$30
7/24	Greg & Juli Peterson		San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/25	Katie Curry		Corvallis, OR	\$30
7/26	Sam Trevizo		Clearlake, CA	\$30
7/27	Daniel Wyatt		Gardena, CA	\$30
7/28	Abby Thomas		Vacaville, CA	\$30
7/29	Ann Herr		Lock Haven, PA	\$30
7/30	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$30
7/31	Michael Hurlbut		Napa, CA	\$30

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AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Jim Rossi & Cynthia		San Mateo, CA	\$30
8/2	Kathleen Ritter		Tracy, CA	\$30
8/3	Dorothy Cassani	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/4	Roy J. Shackel	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
8/5	Most Rev. Joseph V. Bren	nan	Fresno, CA	\$30
8/6	Jan Rosa	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/7	Jenny Vanvilay		Vallejo, ČA	\$30
8/8	Kathleen Ostorero	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
8/9	Laura Burch		Rodeo, CA	\$30
8/10	Kim Paulus		Oakdale, CA	\$30
8/11	Lauren Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
8/12	Brian & Judy Bushnell	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
8/13	Betty Hollars	390	Half Moon Bay, CA	\$30
8/14	Roseann Costabile	21	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/15	Kevin & Laura Kobliska	a	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
8/16	Lauren Wheat	7	Fair Oaks, CA	\$30
8/17	Laly Savoy		Gardena, CA	\$30
8/18	Peter & Megan Dupuis		Bend, OR	\$30
8/19	Anthony Bilich		San Ramon, CA	\$30
8/20	Jean Kulbeth		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/21	Barbara Freuler		Auburn, CA	\$30
8/22	Most Rev. Salvatore J. Con	rdileone	Sam Francisco, CA	\$30
8/23	George Obertello	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/24	Most Rev. Daniel Muegge	enborg	Reno, NV	\$30
8/25	Lucy Cronin	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/26	Branch 214		Concord, CA	\$30
8/27	Mary Ann Post	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
8/28	Lorraine D'Elia	213	Daly City, CA	\$50
8/29	Jeanette Hudson	28	Gilroy, CA	\$50
8/30	Betty Gularte		Salinas, CA	\$30
8/31	Fr. Sam Ward	362	Downey, CA	\$30

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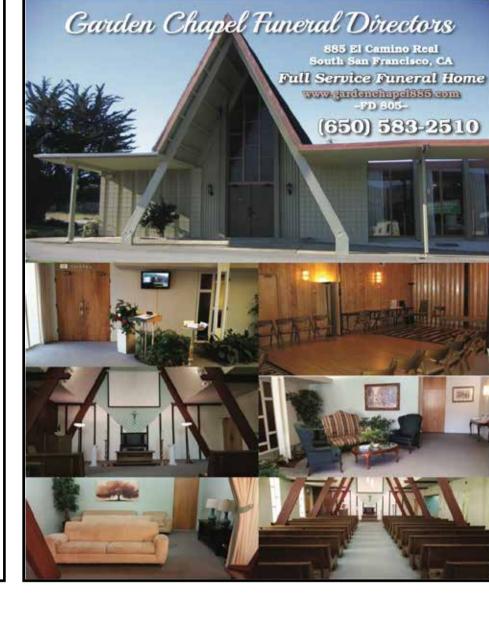
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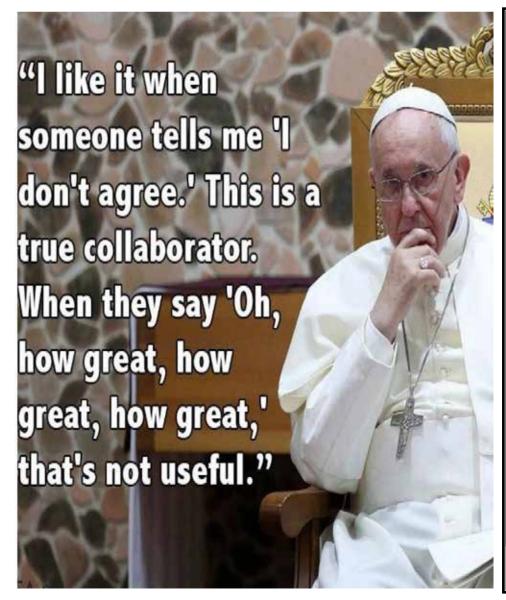
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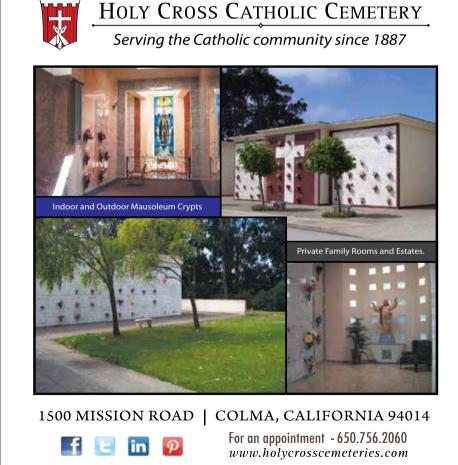
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		Senior x \$22 =	\$	
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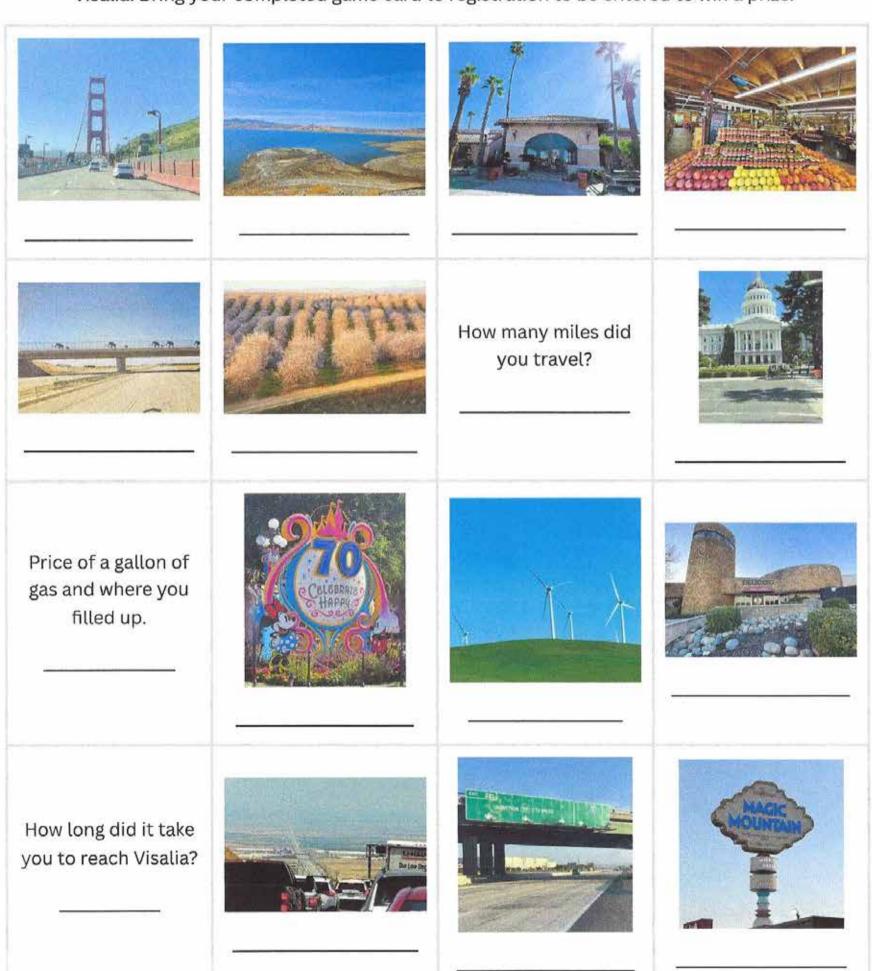
_May 3 (Dalmatian-American Club, San Pedro) 2pm matinee (Doors open 2pm)

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