

Italian Catholic Federation Official Song

Noi Vogliam Dio, ch'Ei ci protegga
Ch'Egli ci guidi sul buon sentier
Se nella lotta Ei ci sorregga,
Sara' del male vinto il poter.

Refrain:

Sorge da queste squadre-il grido della fe'
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Re
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Re

In questa terra libera e forte
Portiamo il fervido nostro vigor,
Pronti a defender, nobil coorte
Di Cristo il nome che ci sta in cuor.

O we want our God to protect us,
And to guide us in the best way.
If in the struggle He will aid us,
From evil shall we win the fray.

Refrain:

Rise up all you faithful,
Uphold the Faith and sing:
O we want God Who is our Father;
O we want God Who is our King.

In this Land of strength and freedom
We gave our vigor from the start;
Quick to defend, O noble people,
The name of Christ that's in our heart.
Refrain



Italian Catholic Federation

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non-profit fraternal organization for practicing Catholics of all cultures. Founded in 1924, the federation's mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit throughout the community. As Christians, we continue the tradition of love, hospitality, and works of charity as signs of Christ's peace among us.

Members of the ICF enjoy the fellowship of other Catholics and their families. By praying and playing together, we enrich ourselves, strengthen our family and spiritual lives, and share our blessings with one another.

We are proud of our assistance to parishes, pastors and local communities. We often help local pastors with various parish projects and fundraisers. Our members are often active in parish councils, finance committees, and other Catholic organizations. The ICF is an example of the laity's participation in the apostolic mission of the Catholic Church.

Our Heritage Program informs and enlightens each new generation about the many contributions Italian Catholic men and women have made to our society. At local branch meetings and at our local convention, you can learn about our rich Italian American heritage as well as other heritages that make up this great nation of immigrants.

Our national publication, The Bollettino, is filled with local and national ICF news and offers the reader traditional recipes, book reviews and historical and religious articles.

To support the clergy, the ICF offers prayers and monetary donations for the continuation of vocations and contributes to the education of young men training for the priesthood.

We award scholarships to Catholic elementary and high school students and grants to assist the developmentally disabled. Our Mario Cugia Scholarship promotes Italian studies.

We are a major supporter of the Cooley's Anemia research and treatment program at Oakland Children's Hospital, and we sponsor an Organ Donor Awareness program. Our Gifts of Love Program provides grants to individuals with disabilities so that they may develop academic, athletic, vocational and creative arts skills that assist them towards greater independence.

The ICF offers various annual awards. The Pope John XXIII Award is presented to an outstanding lay person who best exemplifies the humanitarian qualities of this exemplary pope. The Mother Teresa award recognizes and honors a priest, nun, deacon or brother for exemplary humanitarian work. We also honor a family of the year as well as a young adult who exhibits the qualities of leadership. We annually bestow the Grand President's Award to a member for exceptional community service in the spirit of the ICF.

We welcome and extend our hearts to you. Enjoy with us Italian cuisine, pedro and bocce tournaments, potlucks, travel excursions, and other events which allow us to worship and socialize together as well as raise funds to support a range of worthwhile programs.

Our branch meets once a month on the 1st/2nd/3rd/4th Day of the month at Time pm in Location.

Add special branch information here—general details about fundraisers, special events, etc. For example: Twice a year we have fundraisers, one in March, St. Joseph's Table, and in December, Christmas Cannoli Sale. We also have a Bocce Tournament in August, etc.