



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



ICF Valentine Opera Fundraiser a HEART-felt Success

Francesca Taylor

Love, humor and great music graced the Valentine Opera held at Holy Family parish in South Pasadena on February 1st, with ICF Branches 67 and 108 collaborating with Opera Italia for a world-class event!

The afternoon began with cheerful red Valentine décor brightening Connolly Hall, and ICF members from up and down Southern California stepping into style. Tickets included a hearty pasta & meat sauce lunch, with an eye-catching spread of chocolate from Venchi, Ghirardelli and Perugia ~ and ~ a special homemade brand of fudge from Branch #108 member Jacqueline Ficht. The chocolate tasting was a fun add-on for dessert!

Il Segreto di Susanna (Susanna's Secret) by Erman Wolf-Ferrari took the audience to Piedmont, a region of Italy's northern climes, where all were treated to the clever story of Countess Susanna, played by Emily Gallagher, and her husband Count Gil, played by Jamie Sanderson, with their newlywed antics. Set in 1909, the social dictates saw few if any women smoking...but Susanna in secret enjoys

this "svago favorito" (favorite 'hobby') without a word to Gil. Gil senses the odor of tobacco, however, and suspects Susanna has brought a paramour into her life who "must be the fumatore (smoker)!" Thus, the misconceptions begin...

The count's villa employs two servants, played by Marina Beeson and Christopher Walters, who silently caper between the actions of the 'nobility,' bringing more smiles to the show. All ends in bliss when the Count finally figures out his wife has always been faithful to him -- just a bit wily! The music, provided by a live ensemble conducted by Oliver Chan, made a splashing finish. Supertitles with enlarged English words and the original Italian beneath helped all to follow this elegant story.

Lovely raffle prizes with romantic themes graced the display tables. We thank everyone for donating these pretty prizes! Opera Italia crew, ICF members and Girl Scout volunteers staffed several information tables and played games with the opera-goers.

The Telephone, a staple of American comic opera and composed by Italian-American Gian Carlo Menotti, transported us several decades ahead to New York of the 1950s, where two sweethearts frolic again, this time around a telephone! Ben (Jamie Sanderson) only wants to ask Lucy (Emily Gallagher) to marry him...

but first he has to extricate her from her little old-fashioned telephone with "miles of cord" and a rotary dial. Sung in English, this witty and endearing comedy shows that life hasn't changed so much after all, despite our new smartphones! Can Ben connect with Lucy long enough to pop the question? We were all on the edge of our seats to hear him!

Very special guest Laurice Levine flew down from Northern California to speak to the audience about Thalassemia and the challenges, as well as the progress being made to address this genetic illness of the blood. Disproportionately affecting peoples of Mediterranean origin, Thalassemia in its severest form necessitates regular blood transfusions for life, in those affected. Laurice, a loyal ICF member and frequent speaker at ICF events and conventions, will be pleased to accept the funds raised from this event for the benefit of patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She was joined by Michelle Lahat, director of CHLA's Red Blood Cell program, and others who support patients with Thalassemia, including a new Children's Thalassemia camp coming this spring. The total funds raised at our Valentine opera came to just over \$2,000.

Opera Italia was so pleased to bring these entertaining operettas to ICF, and is delighted to continue the collaboration.



Grand President's Monthly Message

The Journey Forward

Denise Antonowicz

These walls have witnessed eighty years of our family's life—first steps, family prayers, holiday gatherings, and wonderful Sunday afternoons. Now, as boxes fill familiar corners and empty spaces echo with memories, we find ourselves in a season of profound change.



Just as in Gilbert and Sullivan's 1882 operetta *Iolanthe*, its characters experienced sleepless nights when anxiety kept their minds racing. We too face moments when rest doesn't come—when change makes our thoughts beat like a drum.

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All image and article submissions need to be sent in an electronic format. Those submissions not sent in an electronic format or those articles sent in the mail will not be used.

Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the **250 max word count** requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as:

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the April issue is March 10, 2025

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

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

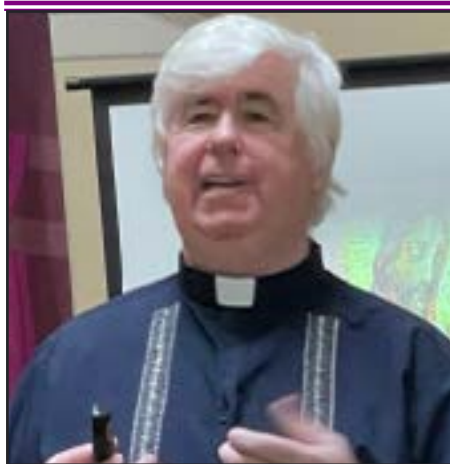
We do not know a lot about Joseph – we know that his Father’s name was Jacob and that he was the husband of Mary. We know that he was a carpenter and that he lived in Nazareth. We know that before he and Mary lived together, after their engagement, he found out that she was pregnant and instead of shaming her or causing scandal, he decided to divorce her quietly. The Gospel tells us that he did this because he was an upright man, a man of principle.

We also know that he was a righteous man who followed the law: He observed religious law. We know he went to Jerusalem for the Jewish festivals. He also followed civil law. He went to Bethlehem for the census. We also know that Joseph had dreams. God spoke to him in his dreams, and he followed his dreams.

What is also interesting to me, is that nowhere in the Gospels do we ever hear anything Joseph says. He never says anything. But he is a man of action: he does what the angel tells him; he takes Mary as his wife; he goes to Bethlehem; he finds a place to stay for the night; he takes his family to Egypt... He is a man of action – not a man of words.

St. Joseph is a wonderful example of faith and action! Here are some ways we can follow his example and become people of action within the Italian Catholic Federation.

1. Create a Visionary Goal: Develop a long-term goal for the next one hundred years that can inspire both the branches and your church community. This could be related to education, community service, or spiritual growth.
2. Intergenerational Programs: Initiate programs that connect different generations within the church and family. Mentoring programs, intergenerational worship services, and family retreats can foster deeper connections.
3. Community Outreach: Strengthen ties with the local community through outreach programs. Organize events like food drives, free workshops, or health clinics to serve and uplift those in need.
4. Technology and Innovation: Embrace technology to enhance communication and engagement. Virtual bible studies, online prayer groups, and social media campaigns can reach a broader audience.
5. Cultural Celebrations: Celebrate the diverse cultures within your community. Host events that highlight various traditions, foods, and customs,



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

fostering inclusivity and appreciation.

6. Spiritual Growth: Focus on deepening spiritual practices. Offer regular meditation sessions, prayer circles, and spiritual workshops to nurture personal and collective growth. Dream big and bold, and your branches will surely be inspired to follow.

May the blessings of St. Joseph also be with you and your loved ones. His example of dedication, humility, and unwavering faith continues to inspire us all.

*Blessings,
Fr. Chris*



Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of February 8, 2025)

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Branch 39 | Mark, Kelly and Madeleine Teglia |
| Deborah Nunes | In Memory of Fernando Teglia |
| In Memory of Frances Bruno | Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuentes |
| Officers/Members of Br. 285 | In Memory of Bob Osorio |
| In Memory of Mary Grubbs | |
| Joan and Jerry Delfino | |
| In Memory of Alicia Rodondi | |



Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us.

Amen

Convention Article: “Gateway to God’s Bounty.”

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

We hope all members are having a great beginning to the New Year!

Registration for the hotel will open in April. Please keep an eye out for information to reserve your hotel room at the Wyndham Visalia.

Thursday, August 28, the baseball game at the Visalia Rawhide Baseball Club will be a fun event! We’ve reserved “The Saloon,” a private area of the ballpark. The price will be \$65.00 per person and include a ticket to the game, and an “all you can eat” buffet of hot dogs, carne asada nacho bar, potato salad, coleslaw and sodas. Reservation information will come in April. Plan to come early to the Convention and attend the ballgame. Alcoholic drinks and extra food may be purchased at the game. Time: 6:30 p.m. Gates open: 5:30 p.m. The Rawhide are playing the San Jose Giants. The baseball park is

9 minutes from the hotel and has free parking!

Reminder to start collecting items for Salt and Light Organization. Salt and Light are requesting household cleaning items (dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) and hygiene products (deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.). You’ve been more than generous the past two years with donations. Please bring your donations to the Convention to give to the group. More information about Salt and Light may be found at their website: <https://www.saltandlight-works.org/>

I’m still looking for branches to volunteer to be a part of the “Idea Hall” or “Lunchtime Learnings.” The concept is — if your branch has a successful idea that you would like to share with other branches, but don’t want to do a full workshop, you will have a table

where you would be available to present your idea to interested delegates as they come by. You’d have handouts, if applicable, answer questions and share ideas with other branches. Initial thoughts are - how to do a fish fry, how to do a bingo luncheon, how to do school outreach or outreach to other organizations. I’m looking for branches who have a successful idea and want to share their knowledge. Please email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net if you would like to participate. The “Idea Hall” will take place on Saturday during lunchtime.

The deadline for nominating people for our awards is April 1. Please complete the nomination form and send it to the office. Also, review the Federation by-laws and submit any proposals for by-law changes.

Lauren Kilcullen
Convention Director

GP Message--Continued

Denise Antonowicz, continued from p. 1

But unlike the sleepless anxiety expressed in their comic opera, we find ourselves armed with something far more powerful: unwavering faith. In these moments of transition, when the familiar gives way to the unknown, we are reminded that God’s plan unfolds in His perfect timing.

The process of leaving a home is much like the journey through Lent—a period of reflection, sacrifice, and trust. We strip away the comfortable and familiar, preparing our hearts for something new. Each empty wall and packed box represents not just an ending, but a beginning waiting to unfold.

Our friends have become God’s hands at work, appearing with boxes, sharing memories, and offering us strength when ours wavers. Their presence reminds us that home isn’t confined to four walls but is found in the connections we’ve built, the love we share, and the faith that guides us forward.

In quiet moments, when doubt tries to creep in, we remember:

*Faith lights the path when we cannot see,
Family anchors us when waters rise,
Friends surround us with grace divine,
As God’s plan gradually comes to light.*

This transition asks much of us—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to embrace uncertainty with hope. Yet just as spring follows winter, and Easter joy follows Lenten sacrifice, we move forward knowing that each ending opens the door to new beginnings, guided by faith, surrounded by love, and blessed by the community that walks beside us.

*May God bless you all,
Denise Antonowicz, Grand President*



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of February 8, 2025:

IN MEMORY OF:

- Emily Corral
- Maureen Benito
- Arthur Parziale
- Jean Inferrera
- Bettie Lusardi
- Maureen Benito
- Dr. Bruce Dunn
- Michael Costabile
- Bruce Dunn
- Alverda Orlando
- Maureen Benito
- Amelia Corral

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- Officers/Members of Br. 191

GET WELL WISHES:

- Dave and Ann Stow
- Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

IN HONOR OF:

- Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
- Denise Antonowicz
- Denise Antonowicz
- Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District
- Officers/Members of East Bay District
- Officers/Members of Central Coast District

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY:

- Rob and Laurie Correia
- Jim and Patty Jarrett

*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.



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

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

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

There is one shared application available for all five categories. The new deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is April 1. Previous year's nomination packets are eligible for resubmission with the updated current year's application attached.

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

The recipient of the ICF's highest award shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee may be of any religious denomination and must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors 2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man 3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities.

A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Saint Teresa of Calcutta in the performance of works to better the human condition. A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award will be presented to an outstanding lay member of the ICF. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's ICF charitable program of choice.

The ICF Family of the Year Award honors an ICF Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A \$500 donation will be made to the family's ICF charitable program of choice.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and possesses the enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision to become a leader who will guide the Federation in the decades ahead. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's ICF charitable program of choice.

The new deadline for submissions is April 1.

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2024 is the following: **Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.**

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2024 is the following: **Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.**

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2025. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries' packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2024. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

Qualifications Summary:

Please summarize the major accomplishments of the nominee. If known, include offices and chairmanships held (within the ICF, parish and community) along with information on any significant contributions. You may attach additional sheets of text.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20____
Award: _____
____ Pope Saint John XXIII
____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
____ Grand President's
____ Family of the Year
____ Young Adult Leadership

Nominee:
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____

Branch #/City: _____
Nominees for the Grand President's, Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership Awards must all be members of the ICF. For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____

Nominations must be postmarked on or before April 1.
Please include with this application:
-A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
-Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the ICF Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and a ticket to the banquet for their award presentation is provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediate families are not eligible for nomination.

Statement of Endorsement:

Applications must be postmarked by: April 1 – Submit to: Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, California 94621
(888) ICF-1924 Website: www.icf.org Email: info@icf.org

Results for Prizes as of February 10, 2025

Top Selling Branches in each of 4 categories receive Five (5) 2025 Calendar Stubs placed in the Raffle Drawings.
Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2025 Calendar Stub in the Raffle Drawings.

Top Selling Individual receives \$50.00.
2nd Place Individual Seller receives \$30.00.
3rd Place Individual Seller receives \$20.00.

Category 1: 1 – 45 Members

1st Place: Branch 25, Salinas Sold 46 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 91, Oakland Sold 41 calendars
3rd Place: Branch 213, South San Francisco Sold 33 calendars

Category 2: 46 – 70 Members

1st Place: Branch 281, Bakersfield Sold 81 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 214, Concord Sold 20 calendars
3rd Place: Branch 198, Santa Rosa Sold 15 calendars

Category 3: 71 – 129 Members

1st Place: Branch 10, Alameda Sold 65 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 342, Auburn Sold 50 calendars
3rd Place: Branch 391, San Jose Sold 45 calendars

Category 4: 130 and Above Members

1st Place: Branch 28, Gilroy Sold 66 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 39, Merced Sold 49 calendars
3rd Place: Branch 14, Crockett Sold 34 calendars

Individuals

1st Place: B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield Sold 81 calendars
2nd Place: Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced Sold 49 calendars
3rd Place: Peggie Dorrance – Br. 10 – Alameda Sold 36 calendars

In Loving Memory

(Report as of February 9, 2025)

Judith M Matranga	Branch 001	Amelia L Corral	Branch 191
Gloria Galeotti	Branch 007	Kathryn L Oliver	Branch 191
John H Prouty	Branch 007	Maureen Benito	Branch 227
Maureen Benito	Branch 021	Bruce L Dunn	Branch 227
Alverda Orlando	Branch 021	Filippo Brascia	Branch 392
Kenneth J Kiser	Branch 028	Bernice P Nickols	Branch 395
Russell E Wolfe	Branch 028	Amelia L Corral	Branch 445
Ottavio Luchini	Branch 045		
Domenica Dusi	Branch 048	*We also remember Anthony	
Esther V Partido	Branch 051	(Tony) Marino, a former member	
Mary Ellen Higgins	Branch 127	of Br. 317	

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$100
1/2	Bob & Stacey Varela		Gustine, CA	\$30
1/3	Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
1/4	Jeremy & Anna Mason		El Sobrante, CA	\$50
1/5	Christine Prudenciado	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
1/6	Suzan Di Ricco		San Ramon, CA	\$50
1/7	Norma Harris	342	Applegate, CA	\$30
1/8	Laura Burch		Rodeo, CA	\$30
1/9	Lori Gallo	39	Merced, CA	\$30
1/10	Carmen Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
1/11	Andrew Klis		Davie, FL	\$30
1/12	Terri Dalton		Lathrop, CA	\$30
1/13	David Hollister		Redwood City, CA	\$30
1/14	Marilyn Ward	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
1/15	John Ghio	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
1/16	Brock Parsons		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
1/17	Kathy Curtin		Livermore, CA	\$30
1/18	Diana Berry	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
1/19	Norene DeLuca	214	Lafayette, CA	\$30
1/20	Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa		Santa Rosa, CA	\$100
1/21	Virginia Ethier	380	Oxnard, CA	\$30
1/22	Matthew Rayta		Maple Grove, MN	\$30
1/23	Robert Delpippo	73	Orangevale, CA	\$30
1/24	Stephen & Alyssa Fanucchi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/25	Robert Britton	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
1/26	Richard & Sharon Muttanen		Monterey, CA	\$30
1/27	Bill Antongiovanni	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/28	Rudy De Zordo	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/29	Amanda Novak-Murano	362	Downey, CA	\$50
1/30	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$30
1/31	Donna Piezzi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30

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FEBUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

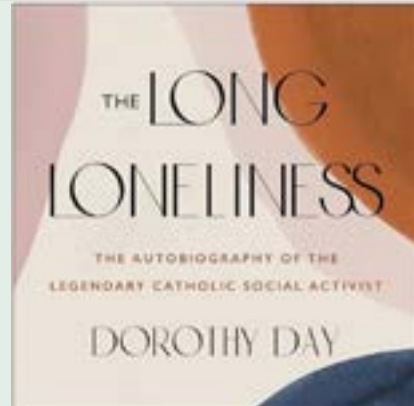
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1	Pat Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
2/2	Gretchen Curry		Corvallis, OR	\$30
2/3	Barbara Crear		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
2/4	Lauri Taylor	5	Santa Clara, CA	\$30
2/5	Al Proietti	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
2/6	Sue Moglia		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
2/7	Laly Savoy		Gardena, CA	\$30
2/8	Vonnie Ramos		Kalispell, MT	\$30
2/9	Peter Pernarelli		Grants Pass, OR	\$50
2/10	Elaine Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
2/11	Christine Ragusa	362	Downey, CA	\$30
2/12	Terri Post	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
2/13	Lisa & Larry Zerwig		Sanger, CA	\$30
2/14	Patrice Marvulli39		Merced, CA	\$50
2/15	Vonda Lesti-Egan	14	El Sobrante, CA	\$30
2/16	Thomas J. Silvaggio	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
2/17	Dorothy Cassani	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$100
2/18	Lisa Kingshill		Belmont, CA	\$30
2/19	Paul H. Behren s	210	Hemet, CA	\$30
2/20	Joe & Judy Crosetti	213	San Bruno, CA	\$30
2/21	Gena Lesti		Brentwood, CA	\$30
2/22	Marie Fregosi	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
2/23	Carlotta Schauer	285	Livermore, CA	\$30
2/24	Mark & Arianna Neuburger		Sacramento, CA	\$30
2/25	Sacred Heart Church		Planada, CA	\$30
2/26	Charlyne Pacini	135	Reno, NV	\$30
2/27	Shannon Rohrbach	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
2/28	Stacey Rosati		Saratoga Springs, UT	\$30

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Book Review-- *The Long Loneliness*

Vince Piro

The Long Loneliness
By Dorothy Day
Harper One Publishers



The Long Loneliness is the autobiography of the Catholic social activist Dorothy Day. Day along with Peter Maurin was the founder of the Catholic Worker movement, which focuses its energies on helping the poor and creating social justice in a world too often given to indifference and excess. This autobiography is a frank and honest account of this Servant of God's journey of faith.

It begins with her early life as a young journalist in Greenwich Village's political and literary world of the 1920s and 30s. Day often wrote about the struggles and plight of the poor working class, often immigrants searching for a better life only to find discrimination and oppression. At a time when power served the wealthy and treated dissent as traitorous, Day was inspired to speak out against injustice. She worked with socialists, communists, and anarchists although she never really identified with any of them fully. She considered herself a journalist who was obligated to speak for the dispossessed and marginalized in society. However, she also felt a certain void - a "long loneliness" - in her life and was consistently drawn toward a more spiritual life.

After the birth of her child, she had a conversion to Catholicism that meant the end of her Bohemian lifestyle and common-law marriage. And then, she met Peter Maurin, a man who gave her life focus. It was friendship that lasted a life time. Together, they formed the Catholic Worker Movement in 1933. Its aim is to "live in accordance with the justice and charity of Jesus Christ." Maurin and Day believed in hospitality towards those on the margins of society, the immigrant, the worker, the homeless, the orphan, the imprisoned. . . Inspired by Christ's love and grace for us, they and with those who joined their movement created communities that empowered others. As Day writes, "Community - that is the social answer to the long loneliness." And for Day, this community was built on the foundation of seeing Christ in each other.

Those who know Day's writing knows that she was never afraid to call out those in power for their hostility or indifference to the poor and marginalized. She even criticized the church for

"the scandal of businesslike priests, of collective wealth, the lack of sense of responsibility for the poor, the worker, the Negro, the Mexican, the Filipino, and even the oppression of these and the consenting oppression of them by our industrial-capitalist order - these made me feel often that priests are more like Cain than Abel." Holding up the mirror to her own church and to society in general did not always make her popular, but over the years, both the church and society came to respect her because she was driven by her love of Christ and others.

At their 2012 annual meeting, the Catholic bishops of the United States unanimously recommended the canonization of Day. By then the Vatican had already given her the title "Servant of God," the first step in formally recognizing Dorothy Day as a saint. On Ash Wednesday, 2013, preaching in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Dorothy Day as a model of conversion. Speaking before the U.S. Congress two years later, Pope Francis singled out Day as one of four Americans he especially admired: "In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints" (reported by Jim Forest).

For Day, the love of Christ and the love of each other - especially the most vulnerable in our society - cannot be separated. As she writes, "We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship."

And this truth is still as relevant today as it was in Day's time.

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

Carmelo Sabatella

On February 9, 2025, Sister Regina and the Cabrini Companions hosted the Open House at the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library. The Cabrini Committee also took the opportunity to hold a meeting on the Cabrini Patio to review the Cabrini Chapel 2025 Calendar of events.

SAVE THE DATE
- April 13, 2025 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House at St Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. hosted by the ICF San Fernando Region.

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

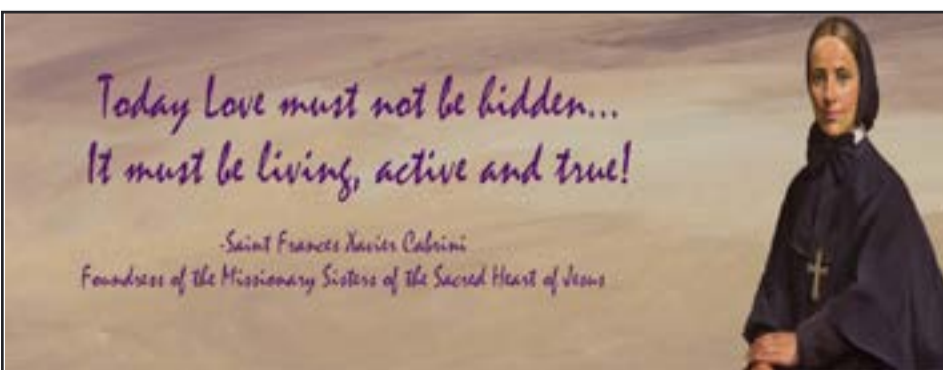
Your support is greatly appreciated.
Carmelo Sabatella,
AIA, President, ICF, LAADC
-Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-372-7812



Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House on February 9, 2025 hosted by Sr Regina and the Cabrini Companions.



Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee President and Missionary Sister Regina Palamara



Apostolate/Charity -- St. Brigid's Cross

Michael Rossi,

Apostolate/Charity Committee

While traveling through a rural area of Ireland, I met a man on the side of the road who was creating a special work of art called Saint Brigid's cross. He made one for my wife, which is pictured with this article. I wanted to know more about this cross so I did a little research.



is often found mounted in homes on February 1st, the feast day of Saint Brigid. Although there is little historical record of her, legend says that she made the cross from rushes she found on the ground while converting a dying pagan. Today, Saint Brigid's cross is a symbol of Irish heritage along with the shamrock and Celtic harp. You can make your own cross from straw by following instructions found on the internet.

The cross is named for Saint Brigid of Kildare, who with Saint Patrick, is one of the patron saints of Ireland. It is traditionally made from rushes or straw and is believed to bring the blessing and protection of the saint. It

Saint Brigid, pray for us.
Michael Rossi



Contra Costa District, Br. 214, Accepting our donations for GROW.

Scholarship Donations

(Received as of February 7, 2025)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Sarah Westfall
Denise Antonowicz
In Memory of Emily Corral
Elaine Osorio
In Memory of Emily Corral
Stephanie Lucich
In Memory of Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Stephanie Lucich
In Memory of Mabel Willmon
Rita and Louie Mondo
In Memory of Mabel Willmon

Dorene Campanile
Get Well Wishes for Patricia Arnaudo
Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Memory of Ray Viotti
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In Memory of Emily Corral

2025 1ST YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program that was sent to high schools in November, has now been made available to the Districts and Branches and has been posted on our **ICF website www.icf.org** via a link on the homepage, under the **Scholarship Tab**, as well as in the documents in the **Officers' Portal**.

The **Deadline for Donations and Applications is April 1, 2025**. This will allow additional time for students to apply and for Branches and Districts to follow up with the high schools in their areas.

Please discuss participating in the program by making a **donation of a full scholarship of \$400**, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. **Partial Donations do help** to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. **Individual Donations are welcomed** as well.

Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$400 Scholarship. They can **download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website** or they can fill out and submit the application, with required documentation attached, online.

These are the **eligibility requirements for students**:

A High School Senior, a total cumulative **GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2** and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2:

1. Are **Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of California, Illinois and Reno, Nevada** (which also includes the other cities within the Diocese of Reno), only where Branches of the Federation are established. or
2. Are **Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation"** - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Again, please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the **ICF office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924**.

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT HOW MUCH WE PUT INTO GIVING.

- MOTHER TERESA

ATTENTION BRANCH PRESIDENTS, FINANCIAL SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS 2025 Will Be an Another Open Enrollment Year For The Hospital Plan

As a special offer for the Italian Catholic Federation, the Central Council voted to continue the changes in the Hospital Plan for Individuals and Branches in 2025.

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

During all of 2025 the Hospital Plan will be open to every member, regardless of their age. The age 70 restriction is temporarily suspended for 2025, only, as an invitation for all members of the ICF to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll in our special plan.

FOR BRANCHES:

For any Branch member who becomes a NEW member of the Hospital Plan and pays their \$25.00 in January, February or March, the Federation will only bill the Branch for \$20.00. Thus, for each member who joins the Plan as a NEW member the Branch will earn \$5.00.

The \$5.00 reduction is only for those joining NEW in January, February or March. So, you must act right away to get this benefit. After March, the Branch will again be billed the entire \$25.00 for any new members to the plan.

HOSPITALIZATION PLAN – FACT SHEET

The following information briefly outlines the benefits, conditions and costs:

BENEFITS

After ninety (90) days of membership in the plan, the fund will pay:

- \$75.00 for the first day, \$50.00 for the second day and \$25.00 for the third day and any additional days thereafter.

NOTE: A member must stay overnight in an acute care facility unless an outpatient surgery is performed. Stays in convalescent hospitals and rehabilitation facilities are not covered by this plan and do not qualify for reimbursement.

- **\$100.00 for the use of the operating room** during a hospital stay or outpatient procedure at a state-licensed surgical center.
- **\$500.00 per calendar year.**
- **\$500.00 lifetime maximum per illness.**

FEATURES

- Payments are made directly to the member.
- No medical examination is required to join.
- All claims are accepted for up to one year after a hospital stay or outpatient procedure.

COST

- **\$25.00 per year** - paid to the Branch Financial Secretary
- If you have any questions, please contact the ICF Office.

Heritage — Ireland

Louise Vento, Committee Member

If you watch the *Hallmark Channel*, you may notice that many of its movies are filmed in Ireland. The country's serene countryside, lush green pastures, historic stone towers, and dramatic seaside cliffs create a picturesque setting. Ireland is also known for its traditional pubs, famous for serving Guinness, and cultural landmarks like the Blarney Stone. Many travelers visit Ireland to reconnect with their heritage and explore their ancestral roots.



and villages across the country.

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in 387 AD in Great Britain. In 432 AD, he traveled to Ireland to spread Christianity, introducing the Roman alphabet to the Irish people. He is also credited with using the shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. According to legend, he also drove all the snakes out of Ireland.

Every year on March 17, millions of people worldwide celebrate Saint Patrick's Day by wearing a shamrock, Ireland's national emblem. Wishing you a happy Saint Patrick's Day!



Ireland has a strong Roman Catholic presence, with grand cathedrals in major cities and churches in towns

ICF is Going Green!

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<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of February 1, 2025)

Branch 39
Al Bronzini
Darlene Pasquini
Officers/Members of Br. 362
In Memory of Carlo Paolucci

ICF General Fund Donations

(Received as of February 1, 2025)

Laurie Voisinnet
In Honor of the Birthday of David Madej

Welcome New Members

(Report as of February 9, 2025)

Branch 007	Linda Leggero	Ginny L Tilton
Branch 010	Fred P Costello Jr	Rev Chacko Muthoottil Mf
	Mandy R Tham	
Branch 014	Ardith R Bertorello	Jerrold M Parsons
Branch 031	Allison Elgorriaga	Haley A Elgorriaga
	John M Elgorriaga	Peter Elgorriaga Sr
	Peter N Elgorriaga Jr	Anthony J Parreira
	Kim A Parreira	Diana R Raineri
Branch 036	Jennifer L Geertsen	Michael Geertsen
	Diane M Lewis	Bridget D Luke
	Jaelyn Taylor	
Branch 047	Blanca D Montoya	Jorge A Montoya
	Paul J Neumeyer	Shirley Vincent
Branch 048	Martha A Anaya	
Branch 054	Alaina M Borrelli	Melanie Borrelli
	Nolan Moncrief	
Branch 067	Joseph Moffa	
Branch 067	Daniel G Bermudez	Frank Mele
Branch 111	Maddalena Bayek	Daniella Boccanfuso
	Elizabeth Boccanfuso	Francesca G Boccanfuso
	Giovanni G Boccanfuso	Lisa Boccanfuso
	Nicholas Boccanfuso	Nunzio Boccanfuso
Branch 127	Elizabeth Marshall	Kenneth G Marshall
Branch 184	Linda Gaudio Binkley	
Branch 198	Donna Mc Culloch	Christina Tonelli
Branch 210	Bernard M Frehner	John H Kacarab
	Geraldine Papenfus	
Branch 214	Effie Carino	Denise M Rugani
Branch 227	Rita De Bernardo	Stephen M Millang
Branch 291	Todd S Johnson	
Branch 332	Dolores K Boone	Colleen P Knopf
	Tom H Knopf	Donna M Label
	Gayle Mc Coy	Joan Mc Guire
	Tom Mc Guire	
Branch 342	Gina Evans	Elizabeth Randel
	Marjorie L Tagliapietra	
Branch 362	Angela M Ragusa	
Branch 374	Brigette B Allard	Marianne Bellacomo
Branch 390	Carolyn D Barth	Marvin J Barth
	Sally Hall	
Branch 391	Martha A Hoffman	
Branch 438	Emma Accacian	Julee Accacian
	Robert Accacian	

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT



Br. 28, Mara Barsi-Perez won a "Ravioli" basket donated by Louie and Pat Cordich.

Br. 28, Janice DeCosta sharing information about our Italian heritage.



Br. 445 Pancake Crew



Br. 445 Celebrating Jan. / Feb. Birthdays



Br. 445 January Breakfast Dinner Buffet



Br. 445 Gathering after Quarterly Mass



Br. 368 Christmas Party



Br. 368 Christmas Party



Br. 368 Christmas Party

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 47 St Joseph Mass Breakfast



Br. 47 St Joseph Mass



Br. 47 St Joseph Mass Jan 2025, our set up crew



Br. 47, Maira Gutierrez, St Joseph school principal receiving \$750 check presented by ICF branch #47 President Natalie Canata and member



Br. 184, Taken at the Installation luncheon on Jan. 4, seen here are Mike Rossi, Denise Antonowicz and Donna Pfaff.



Br. 184, Installation held at St. Martin of Tours Church. Pictured here are: Back row Deanna Meyer, Larry Vollman, Marie Yurosko, and Lucy Amico. Front row Denise Antonowicz, Germaine Antonowicz and Virginia Giac

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 391, Mayme Abbott and Steve Lencioni



Br. 435 Feb Birthday Celebrations



Br. 435, Priests, H. S. volunteer, and President ready to celebrate our Feb Dinner meeting



Branch 191 newly Installed Officers



Br. 28, Jeanette Hudson and Chris Filice selling tickets for great raffle prizes.



Stefan Mercer and Nolan Ugalde (Another Second Music) playing for Branch 28 Shrimp and Ravoli Dinner.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT



Newly installed NBr 67 President Carmelo Sabatella (R) with District President Perry Shurko (Middle) and Branch Presidents from many Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council.



NBr 67 member Francesca Taylor performing "La Befana" with cast mates from "Opera Italia" at District Installation.



Branch 237 kids and Santa



Branch 108 Members Tom Haubrik (L) and Tad Shaw (Middle) with District President Perry Shurko and members of several other Branches who were installed in St Raymond Hall.



Branch 237 Table sponsor , Russ Properties, Irene Russ and family



Br. 179, Feast of St. Dorothy



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 380, Sarah (left) was honored to meet Lena Prima, the youngest daughter of the great Louis Prima (right) at the IAFL Convention.



Br. 374, Emy Mannarelli takes over the role as Orator



Br. 374, Gloria Mc Gaughey, 2nd from right, pledged to uphold her responsibilities as Secretary.



Br. 374, Mark Mannarelli takes another term as Treasurer.



Br. 111 - MWD Phillip J. Pace Boardroom Dedication



Br. 111 - January Birthdays-Kathleen, Rosie & Frank



Br. 111 - MWD Painting Honoring Phillip J. Pace



Br. 111 - 2025 Officer's Installation



ICF Branch 218 at Holy Angels church in Arcadia offered a lovely continental breakfast to support our parish school during Catholic school week. Fresh fruit, muffins, Danish, coffee and juice were served with big smiles!

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 444, Bruno, Hany & Cristina



Br. 444, Front Row Tonia, Dolly, Mary, Carol; Middle Row Cristina, Don & Patty; Back Row Bruno & Hany



San Pedro Br. 115 Christmas Party. Dinner was free to all the members. Games were played, piñata, raffle prizes, Santa Claus came and singing Christmas songs and ending with Noi Vigliam Dio.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Br. 432 January Potluck



Br. 432, Sandy Gamble, Linda Kortuem, Mike Valenti

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT (continued)



Crockett #14 Officers that attended the Installation hosted by East Bay District. Great job to everyone .



Nancy Carlos did a great job initiating Ardith Bertorello and Jerry Parsons to Crockett #14 branch. Congratulations and Welcome to ICF.



Br. 214, Chris Androtti , Terryann Sturiale, Karen Caballero, and Roberta Healy being installed.



Br. 352, kitchen crew for crab feed



Br. 352, Art Panella won the big salami!!



Br. 444, ICF Movie Night Mary & Carol



Br. 352, Dan Sartori, Patti Fontana, Russ Belleci



Br. 352, Randy Mercovich, Kyle Vallone, Ray Mattias, Fred Sanchez

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Jane Gasperson- Dr Vincent Malfitano



Central Coast officers 2025



Jane & Gary Gasperson & David Benech Branch 36



Karl Nicholas, Turie Cavaliere & Andy Cardinalli Branch 36



Branch 25- Hollister



Linda Casey & Susanne Menendez-Herbst Branch 36



Roselyn Malfitano & Debbie Otmar, Branch 36



Elaine Valentine, President Central Coast District



Father Roberto Vera, District Chaplain



Branch 51 ICF meeting



Br. 354, CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas Pepo, son of Michael and Rosanna Pepo who graduated from Recruit Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois,

Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

Our next event is the St. Joseph's Table which is always our largest fundraiser. Set up will be on Friday, March 14 and finishing on Saturday, the 15th. The Table will be blessed after the 5:00 Mass (approximately 6:00) at which time all items on the Table will be available to purchase and sandwiches will be served until 8:00. Sunday the doors open at 7:00 and again sandwiches will be served. We count on our members every year to donate baked goods, entrees (no meat, please), flowers, plants and to help wherever they can. All of this is not only a bit of work, but very fulfilling as the results are quite amazing. The next meeting is March 9 and there will be more details on the event.

The branch decided on where to help the fire victims and ended up donating \$1,500 to the Madre de la Rosa, the Catholic Retreat in Altadena that sustained major damage.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting.

Watch for Jeane's newsletters for details.

Lolly M

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Welcome to March. Springtime is right upon us. Last month we held our most successful Bingo Lunch ever and I want to thank everyone who came out and supported us.

With only a couple weeks to go, it's crunch time for our annual St Joseph Table celebration. Spread the word and come join us for a pasta lunch, or some great baked goods. Saturday March 15 after the 5 pm mass and after all of the masses on Sunday the 16th.

Future events include a bus trip to the casino on May 3rd and our next Bingo luncheon is on June 8th.

Birthday wishes to all of our March birthday babies!!

Till next month, happy Spring!

Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 is celebrating our 40th year!! Our St. Joseph Day Celebration took place on March 23 at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks. We had a pasta dinner, Italian bake sale and homemade cannoli. There were raffle prizes and gift baskets. We had a wonderful celebration with our members and our parish community.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday April 5th at 5 p.m.

Sarah Mirabilio Farello (Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon) was selected by the Italian American Future Leaders

(IAFL) Executive Officers to attend the annual convention at the Amerant Bank Arena in January. Italian American Future Leaders (IAFL) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between younger and older Italian American generations by cultivating a nationwide network of dynamic individuals. See photo in LA District.

As a proud IAFL alumni and ICF member, Sarah is offering mentorship to guide and support fellow Italian Americans, aged 21 to 35, in promoting their Italian heritage, deepening their Catholic faith, and foster connections with fellow young Italian Americans to collaborate and shape the continued evolution of their cultural identity. Sarah can be reached at (805) 279-7174 or smfarello@gmail.com.

Ciao!!

Jean Fontana Bridges

La Canada Flintridge

Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

Excitement is building as our branch prepares to hold its annual Feast of St. Joseph Mass, Procession, Table and Silent Auction event. This year our biggest fundraiser's venue will be the brand-new Parish Hall with its state-of-the-art kitchen and amenities. Since we anticipate a larger than average crowd, your participation baking and cooking prepared casseroles and sauce is critical. Bring your item/s to the hall on Sat. March 22nd, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Your presence setting up the Table or helping with sales is also greatly appreciated. In addition to our regular ICF charities and scholarships, we will be giving substantial profits to the St. Bede Eaton Fire Fund. Sadly, so many of our Altadena parishioner families have lost their home or have suffered great damage. We pray for all the L.A. residents who have been impacted by the recent fires.

A big thank you to Phyllis Harb for the purchase of the beautiful new brass magnetic name badges. Since these were quite costly, we ask that you take special care not to lose them because, unfortunately, you will have to incur a replacement charge.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, March 16th-Donuts/ Membership Drive- after all morning Masses

Saturday, March 22nd- St. Joseph/ Auction Set-Up

Sunday, March 23rd- St. Joseph Table/ Auction- after all morning Masses, Procession before 11:00 Mass.

Deadline March 10 for April Issue of the Bollettino. Send your articles & photos: editor@icf.org

Rancho Palos Verdes

Br. 444, St. John Fisher

The new film about Mother Frances Cabrini was shown at our last General Meeting. Everyone enjoyed the film about Mother Cabrini, her early life & her accomplishments in the United States building Hospitals & Schools across the Nation in the face of ugly racism & prejudice against Italian immigrants. She is not only a Heroine, but the first Canonized Saint in the United States.

The film was 2 hours long, so the meeting began earlier. A free will donation, including a small price for snacks allowed us to donate to ICF Charities & our Campaign 21 to build a Parish Center, in honor of our past Pastor, Msgr. Eugene Gilb.

Our next General Meeting will be on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Everyone will bring a dish to share, drinks & coffee will be provided. For the evening entertainment we will play two trivia games with prizes.

Let us continue to pray for Marianne C. Guido F, Joe Trani & our pastor, Msgr. D. Sork. Prayers continue for the Fire Victims & their families in Pacific Palisades, Altadena, the plane crashes in Washington DC & Alaska. Mother Cabrini & Sr. Ann Seton pray for us.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

EAST BAY District

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We found ourselves in a good financial state at the end of 2024. At our December meeting we voted to donate funds to our parish for assistance in the centennial celebration; to Smile Train, in memory of member Sharon Brunetti; to the John Rosa Scholarship Fund, which is named for a deceased member who taught in a low-income, primarily Hispanic, public elementary school in Oakland; to the eighth-grade class of Saint Philip Neri School, which helps in the set-up of Monsignor O'Brien Hall for our dinners; to the Missionaries of Faith, the order consisting mostly of priests from the subcontinent of India who have guided our parish since 2008; and to the Midway Shelter of Alameda, which provides safety for domestic violence victims and their children

Over 100 members and friends attended our Polenta Dinner on January 11. The East Bay District's Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed, hosted in our parish hall on February 8 attracted 117 fans of chef and member Ben Ratto.

Our ongoing Fish Fry Dinners will

be held every Friday evening in Lent through April 11. Reservations are not necessary.

At the due date for this article, we were preparing for our annual Irish Social scheduled for Saturday, March 8. The slightly early Saint Patrick's function is followed by our Saint Joseph's Day Table on March 19. We anticipate setting a due date for reservations of March 12—or so. For information and reservations, please telephone the undersigned at 510-326-3474 or send an email to john@zugnoni.net.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Ciao Amici,

At our last social meeting, we enjoyed an interesting presentation by Barry and Michele Buckett recounting their recent trip to South Africa. We learned about South African wines and the amazing wildlife there. We also heard from Kathy Elm about a young Catholic woman of Italian descent who was fundraising for her work with the college FOCUS ministry. A collection was taken for this worthy cause.

In early February, we hosted Mardi Gras Bingo with St. Michael's Golden Friends. We were pleased that our District Council President Jo-Ann Donovan attended our fun event.

We will be savoring a special Italian dinner prepared by Chris Carrano and his crew at our February social meeting. The upcoming March meeting will be just in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. To celebrate, we will be enjoying Irish songs with Sharon Murphy as well as preparing our St. Joseph's Table with your donations of non-perishable foods. We will also be testing our knowledge of Italian trivia.

Please pray for our recently deceased member Mary Grubbs, for her family, and for all members who need our prayers. Also, please pray for those who have suffered losses in the tragic Los Angeles wildfires.

Mark your calendars for our Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner Fundraiser at St. Augustine's on April 12th. Proceeds from this much anticipated event will benefit our scholarships and charities. Watch your email for details. You can contact Toni at (925) 557-6552 for tickets.

Ciao, Paula Flessatti



SANTA ROSA DISTRICT



Bob Acquastapace tells history of ICF Br. 198 at 59th Anniversary Dinner St. Eugene



Branch 209, December 2024 Christmas Party



Branch #209's dinners would not be successful without these two: Roy and Leona Spadoni



Branch 209, A general meeting of Branch #209



Branch 209's Chef Donovan Dorr stirring up a delicious pot of polenta!

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 144 Enrique Esparza (new member) is initiated by Bob Acquistapace at the Installation



#144 Ruth (in-coming Pres), Chris Casaro caterer, and Bob Acquistapace



Br. 144 Installation buffet luncheon



Br. 144 members-Rosemary, Barbara, Joan, Tony, Jim and Pete survey the PB&J collected so far



Br. 198 St. Eugene 59th Anniversary Dinner Santa Rosa. L-R Doreen O'Rourke, Father Moses Brown, St. Eugene, Bob Aquistapace,

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH
 Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
 courage, and defend us from
 every evil. Amen.

**Castro Valley
 Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace**

On January 19th our Branch #343 hosted the very first Officers Installation combining both the East Bay and Contra Costa Districts. The installation was held at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Christopher Bennett, Fr. Mario Rizzo, and Fr. Larry Young, and the pastor of Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parishes, Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz. The installation was followed by a wonderful catered Italian meal enjoyed by over 120 guests!

At our upcoming February branch meeting we will be enjoying a tasty Chinese dinner in honor of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

We are looking forward to once-again hosting our popular Bites and Bingo event later this year.

And, with the hope of growing our branch, we will continue to reach out to our community to explain the many benefits of joining the ICF, not the least of which are our social activities and the great food!

We will continue to keep the victims of the LA fires in our prayers.

*All the best to you and the ICF!
 Edoardo McGuirk*

**CONTRA COSTA
 District Council**

Our District was pleased to join the East Bay District for the first joint Installation of Officers on January 19. Mass was celebrated at Transfiguration church in Castro Valley. Followed by the Installation, Dinner and a raffle. We thank the East Bay District for hosting and Paster of Transfiguration church for his warm welcome. Both District chaplains celebrated the Mass as well.

The following have accepted chairperson positions this year. Apostolic: Juliette Cote, Heritage: Marianne Bordogna and Membership: Donna Hoffman. Thank you, ladies. I will give an update next month of our newly installed mentors.

Please join us for our Night of Recollection, Wednesday, March 12. An Italian dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by an Inspirational talk given by Deacon John Kortuem at Christ the King Hall at 199 Brandon Road Pleasant Hill. Dinner is \$15.00. Branches please mail checks to Diana Mackinson by March 7 to 568 Sherrie Drive Martinez, CA. We extend get well wishes to our Treasurer, Walter Costa.

Our next meeting will take place April 10 at 7 p.m. At Christ the King meeting rooms A and B.

*Happy Saint Joseph's Day and Saint Patrick's Day to all.
 Fraternally, Patty Jarrett,
 Past President*

**Crockett
 Br. 14, San Carlo**

Ciao Amici!

Each year, the Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated in Italy, and especially in the region of Sicily where St. Joseph has been long-regarded as their Patron Saint.

Interesting St. Joseph's Table Traditions:

- Pasta is not sprinkled with grated cheese. Instead, a mixture of dry bread crumbs, fennel, and sardines is used. The bread crumbs are said to represent saw dust in commemoration of St. Joseph's work as a carpenter.

- Blessed fava beans are often given out. Once considered cattle feed, fava beans were the one food which survived the Sicilian drought and saved them from starvation.

- St. Joseph's Day is also the day that the "swallows return to Capistrano".

Please join us on March 11th as our branch celebrates with our own St. Joseph's Table. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. (No Mass). Please bring a meatless dish to share. The branch will provide yummy pesto pasta.

A big thank you to Al DiPrima and crew for the wonderful Chicken Marsala dinner at our February meeting. Delicious as always!

Many healing prayers are being said for Cookie Maricich and Tony Scardina who are both under the weather.

We send our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Sante Cerri and John Barassi. We will think of them often and remember them fondly.

Pull out your green socks (or shirts, pants, hats...) and join us on March 22nd for our famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Enjoy a fabulous Irish feast with all your friends. (\$30/Adults and \$10/Children 12 and under). And don't forget about all the great raffle prizes! Please contact Donna (510) 367-5669 or Helen (510) 990-2139 for tickets.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all!
 Blessings,
 ~Helen*

**Concord
 Br. 214, Todos Santos**

Buon Giorno Tutti:

Well, the much-needed rain is here. I hope you are all well and keeping warm and safe.

We had our branch meeting on January 15th. We had donations to GROW (Grass Roots Outreach Warriors), who help the unhoused people in Concord with food, hydration, and hygiene care among mental health assistance. We received many warm coats, jackets, and sweaters. Thank you, members for your generous donations. It is truly appreciated.

We had a potluck dinner that night. The delicious ham was prepared by Diane Hasty. We are so lucky to have great cooks in our branch to provide the side dishes and great desserts.

Mary Cook, mentor for Branch 214 installed three new members. Vince and Pam Piscitelli and Effie Carrino. Welcome to our Branch. Our President, Roberta Healy installed Maria Marshall, trustee, who was absent at the installation.

We discussed giving scholarships for Seniors who wish to apply.

On January 19th our board members were installed at the Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley. President, Roberta Healy, Vice President, Chris Androtti, Treasurer, Terryann Sturiale, Secretary, Ed McGuirk, Correspondence Secretary, Norene DeLuca, Trustees, Allison McGuirk, Sue Giorgetti, and Sentinel, Karen Caballero. It was a wonderful mass followed by the installation of officers, and then we had a delicious buffet dinner and many great raffle prizes.

We have many volunteers to speak at St. Agnes masses on the weekend of February 15th and 16th to discuss our branch functions, etc. We hope to get many new members to join.

We will be celebration St. Valentines Day at our meeting in February with Chinese food catered by Panda Express to honor the Year of the Snake for Chinese New Year.

We will have a guest speaker from a member of the board of directors from the Contra Costa Water District.

Flyers were mailed out for our Pasta/Bingo on March 8th. This is a big fundraiser for our branch with fun games, good food and great raffle prizes.

Coming in March we are asking for donations for socks, underwear, sleeping bags, and blankets. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a pot luck dinner.

*Take care and stay healthy and warm.
 Con Affetto,
 Norene DeLuca*

**Danville
 Br. 352, San Isidore**

Happy New Year to all from Branch 352!

We had a wonderful Christmas celebration at Branch 352. Christmas time we always do a potluck and everything was delicious. We invited the choir from San Ramon high school and they did not disappoint. They sang a cappella Christmas songs capturing the Christmas spirit.

Before Christmas, we were part of the Christmas market at our church. The report was that everybody had a fun time trying to hit the big salami. By the end of the evening all our prize salami were gone and a good time was had by all.

We had our annual crab feed on January 13. Antipasto salad, pasta and delicious marinated crab. The food was delicious.

Russ and his crew did a great job as usual. Dan serenaded us with Italian songs on his accordion, Russ and Patti joined in with their singing encouraging all of us to sing along. Those old Italian songs are the best. We had such a good time. Thank you to everyone that works so hard!

On February 15, we had pizza and bingo night. We haven't had bingo in a while so we were looking to a new venture.

On February 24 we held our heritage dinner meeting. Judy Lloyd talked about Lipari in the Aeolian Islands off Sicily. We will had Pasta Alla Norma, Arancini and Limoncello Taartufo for dessert.

Many blessing, Ciao, Sally Panella

**Brentwood
 Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Greetings to all,

We came together in this New Year on January 25 with our traditional potluck to look back on the old year and make plans. We added 30 new members last year and Mike Valenti would like to see our numbers back up to 100 this year. He and our wonderful Membership Committee plan on making that happen.

Sandy Gamble shared her heritage with us. She has French and Canadian ancestors and told us some fascinating stories dating back to the 1600s! Sandy did her research and found she had an ancestor, Murdock Mackenzie, who emigrated from Scotland to Quebec. He became a wine merchant and Tom and Sandy visited his establishment when they were in Canada.

We talked about raising the amount of scholarship money and giving to fewer students. Discussion ensued and we will revisit the topic next month.

Our February meeting will of course be a Valentine theme with Tom and Sandy providing the meal. Our themed dinners are attracting new members, and we appreciate Carol, our parish bulletin editor, including the announcements in a timely manner.

This year's fundraisers include:

June 21, 50's Sock Hop with a DJ, bar and dancing. The cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple.

July 19, Wine Tasting event to include a DJ, music and catered hors d'oeuvres.

Sept. 26, our Annual Car Show and Pasta Feed.

We reviewed Branch Officers for the New Year.

Pat Rebollar reminded everyone she needs help setting up before our monthly meetings.

See Mike and Shelia Nilo if you need a Name Badge.

See you all at our Knights of Columbus Crab Feed on Valentin's Day. Love is in the air!

Next meeting on Monday, Feb. 24.

Ciao for now, Mary M.

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT



San Bernardino District Installation, District Officers



Br. 446, 210 & 217 SB District Installation, All members present



San Bernardino District Installation, Chef Bernard Frehner, Br. 210



San Bernardino, Branch 210, Fontana, St Joseph's Ralph Segarra, Alba Segarra, Marlene Clark, Joyce Coccia, Branch Mentor John Guerin, Leslie Segarra, Mauro Romagnoli, RoseAnn Rovere and Annie McCarthy



Br. 446 Fr. Ochetti Installation



Br. 446 Carrey Rossie installation

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT



Branch 229



BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT



Guests enjoying Branch 342 Polenta Dinner



Br. 342, Linda and Julia prepare raffle baskets for Branch 342 Polenta Dinner



EAST BAY DISTRICT



Installation of EBD and CCD Officers at Church of the Transfiguratio



Fr. Chris Bennett installs Chaplains: Fr Raphael Zwolenkiewicz (foreground)- Br 343 and Deacon John Kortuem -Br 432



Br. 215 at Installation



East Bay District Trustee & ICF Br. 215 President Fran LaTorre with Br. 215 Officers



Fr. Chris Bennett addresses dinner guests at EBD CCD installation



Branch #215 at the ICF East Bay District Installation of Officers and Mass in Castro Valley on 1/19/2025



EAST BAY DISTRICT (continued)



Br. 343, Priest and Officer Installation



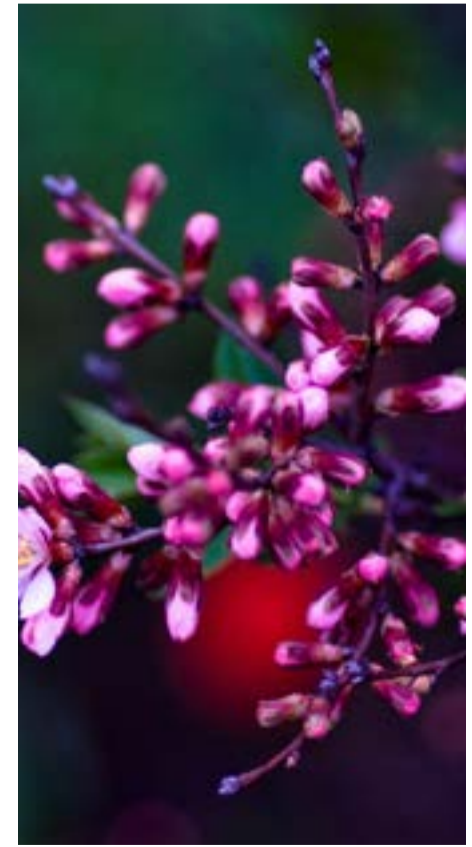
Br. 343, Officer Installation: EBD-CCD Joint installation Dinner. L-R John Donovan ,Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, Diana Mackinson, Fr. Larry Young, Denise Antonowicz



Br. 343



Br. 343, Priests and Denise Officer Installation:: EBD-CCD Joint installation Dinner. L-R John Donovan ,Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, Diana Mackinson, Fr. Larry Young, Denise Antonowicz



STOCKTON DISTRICT



Br. 390, Mangia, Mangia



Br. 390, The Tusio Family ready to enjoy polenta and chicken cacciatore



Br. 390, Group prayer before dinner



Br. 390, The Arnaudo girls always bring so much joy with their beautiful smiles



Br. 395, Member Bob Langone shares his family's journey to America



FRESNO DISTRICT



Br. 54, ICF meeting January 15, 2025 with the new officers and new members.



ICF Branch 250, Clovis, CA--Verona De Luca, a charter member of Branch 250, Clovis, passed away January 9, 2025 just three days after her 91st birthday. May she rest in peace



**Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King**

"If we had not winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. – Anne Bradstreet

Winter greetings from Branch 442 at Christ the King parish, Pleasant Hill where we are reverently honoring the losses of winter. We pray for the passing of our bishop emeritus, John Cummins and for those who have been impacted by the SoCal fires.

We also look forward to celebrating the pleasant times of Spring. With a new slate of ICF officers, our calendar is filling up. The ICF members sponsored a parish-wide Pancake Breakfast on February 16th. After cooking LOTS of pancakes the branch followed up with our February meeting. In March we will provide support for the annual Winter Nights program, a parish effort to house, feed and encourage selected families who are currently without a home.

*May our Spring bring prosperity and joy!
Saluti a tutti e Dio vi benedica!
Diane Delucchi
Christ the King Branch 442, Pleasant Hill*

**BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

**Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph**

We hope you can join us for "Bubbles, Bingo, and BBQ" on April 12th at the Canyon View Community Center from 11:30 to 3:00. In addition to a fun afternoon of bingo, we will be serving a delicious lunch of tri-tip, salads, bread and dessert. Prosecco, beer and sparkling water will also be available. The board is busy preparing fun raffle baskets and our fabulous bingo caller Tina will be returning to call games. Tickets are \$35.00 each and can be purchased from Adriana at 530-823-8523 or Bridget at 530-906-0634. We only have 100 tickets for sale. Don't miss out!

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

**Roseville
Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi**

The year has begun with much excitement! February began with a potluck for our monthly dinner. There were many delicious looking dishes that it was difficult to decide which one to select. Everybody had such a good time sharing their stories with one another. Of course, everyone always looks up to see

the slide show of the previous month's photos that were taken. It's great to see the faces of all the people who attended last month's meeting having fun!

Our Chicken & Polenta Dinner was a big success! Since this was open to the public, we had a lot of people there both members, non-members, guests, and future members. There were also some who were eating polenta for the first time and enjoying every bite! With a variety of raffle baskets, and the 50/50 raffle, it was exciting to see the reactions of the winners! Congratulations to all of you!

We had the Installation of Officers at our church. It was very moving when all the different officers were sworn in by the Central Council Officers. After the installation, a luncheon was provided. All the new officers, former officers, their families and friends were invited. It was very delightful getting to know and meet the officers, both former and new, from the different branches in our district. May all the new officers bring their time and talent to their positions so our district may be prosperous, successful and thrive!

*Ciao for now...
Irene Perez*

**SANTA ROSA
District**

**Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales**

Our February Polenta Dinner was a great success! Thank you to Richard Passalacqua and the crew for a delicious dinner!

Upcoming Events:

ICF Mass: Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Fish Fry: Friday, April 11. Save the date for our Fish Fry. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is always a fun event. We will start selling tickets on the weekend of March 15/16 after Mass or call Carmen and Lauren: 707-595-3111.

If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, please send them to Susan Matheny.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Lauren*

**Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent**

I hope you all had a very happy Valentine's Day. Also, St. Patrick's Day. And let's not forget April Fool's Day. Easter! Oh my gosh. We can't forget the Lord's return! So much going on.

I do have some sad news to tell you. We lost Mary Ellen Higgins Also Bruno Fomasi. We pray for their happy repose.

Rest in peace both of you.

Marylyn Sylvestri is feeling better and came to meeting.

Upcoming is Day of Recollection on May 4th here at St James. More on next *Bollettino*.

I will be sending out the Bakeless Bake-sale notices. As it is our only fundraiser I hope you will be as generous as you have in the past thanks to all.

Ciao for now, Margaret Cordrey

**Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary**

Our branch hosted the Installation of Officers, in conjunction with Eureka Branch #145, on Sunday January 26.

Bob and Kathy Acquistapace were in attendance and Bob did the installation for us. The luncheon was catered by Casaro Catering. It was a great time of fellowship along with enjoying a delicious meal. (photos).

We have been collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Super Bowl PB&J Competition in the Catholic parishes of our county.

This event was started over 10 years ago and was initially for the Eureka Catholic parishes. It is spearheaded by Branch #145. Our branch, St. Mary's Church, got involved in 2022. The supplies go to Betty Kuan Chinn's pantry to help through the winter. (photo)

I am writing this prior to February 14 when we are having a Valentine's Day dinner for our members. Alfred Eanni is cooking prime rib and shrimp, a "Surf n Turf" meal. Attendees are bringing appetizers, sides, or dessert. Will post photos in next *Bollettino*

We are starting the plans for our bi-annual Chicken & Polenta Fundraiser. This brings in the bulk of our fundraising for the year.

It will continue to be a "hybrid" dinner with sit-down or take-out dinners being available. We are increasing to 225 tickets to be sold.

If you find you will be up in our neck of the woods, be sure to call Tony Green @ 707-633-5679 to reserve your scrumptious dinner for \$20.

Joan Dalporto ('06) will be moving to Spring, TX to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Her husband Mike ('06) passed away in 2023.

They both were very active members of our ICF branch. We wish her our best.

New member, Enrique Esparza, was also installed (photo).

*Sempre avanti!
Anne Carlisle Eanni*



**Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose**

Results of the Bette Chinn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition honoring Rev. Eric Freed were not available at press time. Results will be in the next edition.

Arcata Branch hosted a combined installation luncheon in Leavey Hall at St Mary's Church on January 26th. The food was delicious. Thank you, Casaro Catering of Arcata and Branch 144 Vice President Alfred Eanni for the delicious appetizers.

Past Grand President Bob and Kathy Acquistapace drove up from Santa Rosa and officiated the installation. They are wonderful.

High school seniors can now complete their applications for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial College Scholarships on line at the ICF.org website.

Deadline for applications is April 1st.

Please contact Jerry Colivas at jerry.colivas@yahoo.com or Joe Bonino at 707-445-5799 (landline) for paper copies of the application.

St. Joseph Day table will once again be presented by the Eureka ICF in the courtyard between the church and the parish hall. Members, please bring baked goods for the table before the start of the 10:30 a.m. mass on Sunday March 23rd.

Finally, and sadly is the news of long-time member Joel Canzoneri's passing away on February 2nd. Funeral arrangements are pending. Our hearts go out to Lora at this difficult time. Joel was 75 years old.

**Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene**

Dear Brothers & Sisters

We are off to a really good start to 2025. Our anniversary dinner was a great success and the cookie exchange was delightful. Everyone made their favorite cookie and did we eat!

March 3 is our corned beef dinner and also the due date for anyone who wishes to donate a scholarship to get their check to Bob Acquistapace.

With the start of Lent on March 5 it gives everyone a chance to reflect on the Birth, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Part of the title ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION calls on us as members to not only enjoy the fellowship of the Federation but to deepen the religious faith of our members. Let's make this a special season of Lent.

When you read this article say a special Hail Mary for all the deceased members of branch 198.

*Pace a tutti
Robert Acquistapace*

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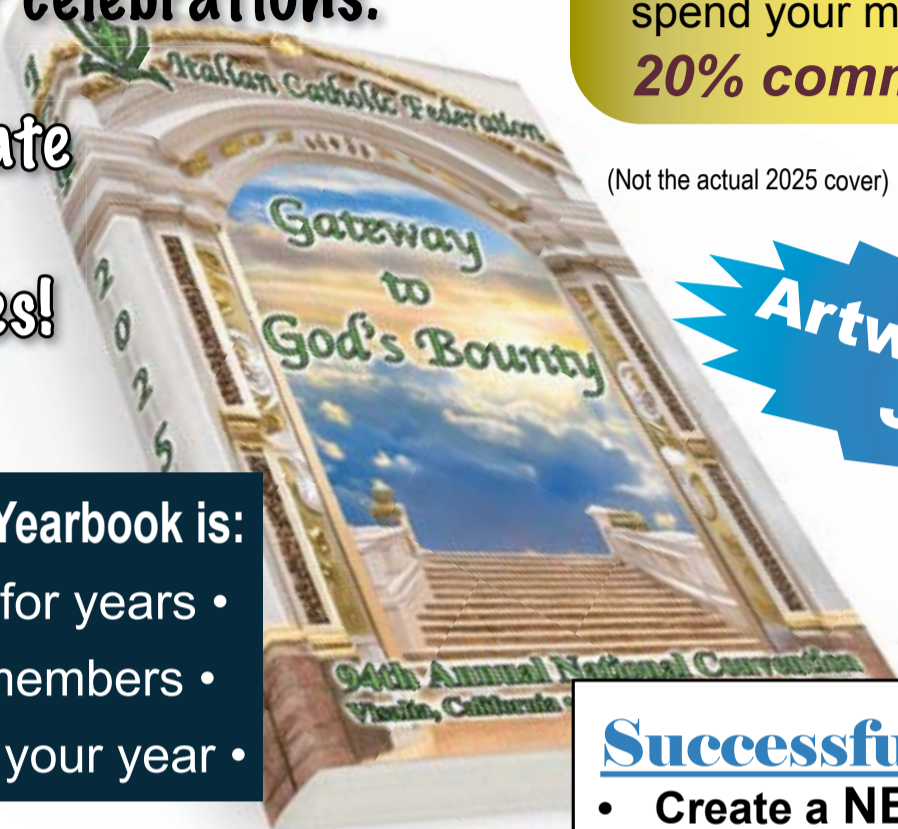
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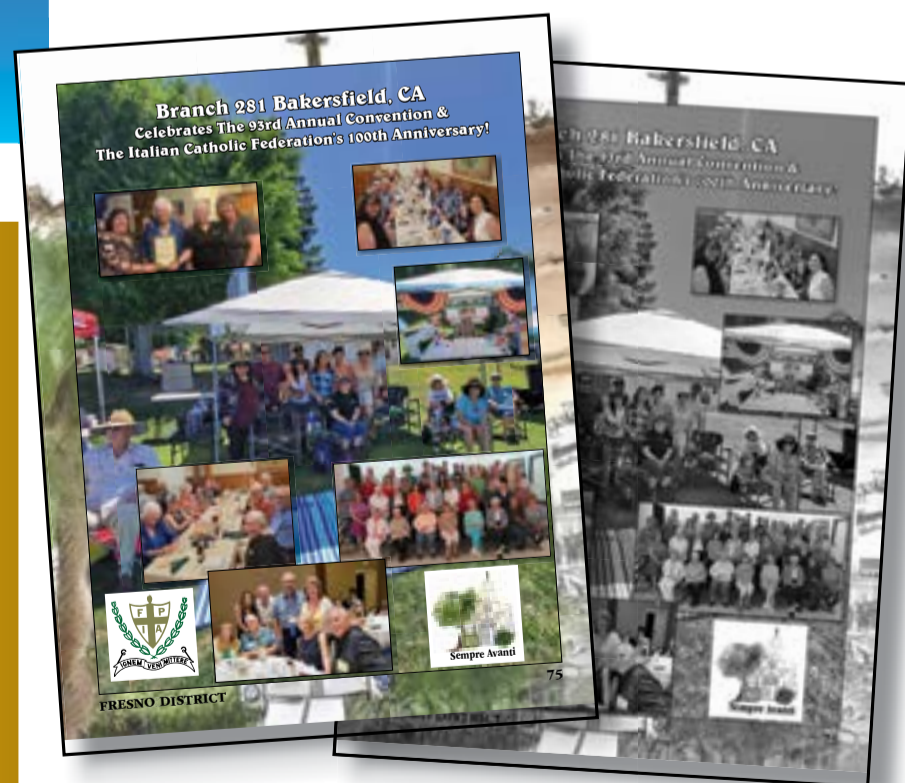
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The full-page entry for Branch 281 looks great in the 2024 book! (See page 75.) So much more impactful than black and white would have been. **Please consider color for impact.**



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I.C.F. Membership

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Host a membership drive after masses.	Connect with silent members. Invite them to the next activity. Offer transportation.	Offer member pricing at your events to extend membership value.	Place an entry in the church bulletin announcing upcoming activities.	Enter your own method: _____ _____
Collaborate with other service organizations to participate in ICF activities.	Invite members to take part in our member benefit, the Hospitalization Plan.	Include a one year ICF membership as a raffle prize.	Follow-up with members who are past due on their membership.	Keep members informed by submitting a monthly entry in the Bollettino.
Hold a family night and invite the school and religious ed families.	With permission, place ICF brochures in the vestibules of local parishes.		Announce meetings and events in the diocesan newspaper. Some have a free section.	Have a membership table at the parish ministry fair.
Contact former members, invite them to your next meeting. Invite them back to the branch.	Invite college students from the local Newman Center to a branch meeting/event.	Participate as a branch in religious, heritage, and community events.	Host an activity for your parish RCIA program. Share ICF with attendees.	Have branch representatives attend a Zoom Membership Workshop.
Include a branch calendar with dues slips to let members know what to look forward to.	Create a social media account to connect with existing and prospective members.	If your parish invites groups to be part of their website, provide the link to the ICF website and membership video.	Have Officers attend the Zoom Officers' Training Workshops.	Assign a liaison to each new member/family to orient them to ICF and keep updated on activities.

Review the above membership tips. Mark the ones which the branch will commit to trying throughout 2025. Form at least one "bingo" line and the branch will earn a convention raffle ticket. Mail, email, or fax your branch's bingo card to the office by March 31, 2025.

Branch # _____ City: _____

SAN MATEO DISTRICT



Branch 130, President Leo Capovilla, foreground, at St. Pius Church, Redwood City, for the San Mateo ICF District Installation of Officers.



Br. 130 Erma DeMartini, Olga Capovilla, from left, & standing left center, Gina Malanca Morales ICF Br. 130 Trustees at the San Mateo ICF District Installation of Officers at St. Pius Church, Redwood City.



Branch 130, left, ICF Mentor Kathy Trevizo & Branch 130 and 1st VP Roberto Mancía at the San Mateo ICF District Installation of Officers at St. Pius Church, Redwood City.



Branch 130 - AED Training. Branch 130 donated AED machine, now located with an anti-choking device in Homer Crouse Hall & the St. Pius Senior Center. Training session given by retired Captain Mike Sweeney (St. Pius class of 1976).

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