Italian Catholic Federation

Welcome to ICF Branch #443
St Rose of Lima, Simi Valley CA

We welcome all heritages from St Rose, St Peter Claver and Holy Cross Parishes and all others of Catholic faith.

ICF Mission Statement:
“Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works and celebrates our Italian-American heritage and all the heritages of our communities.”

Dancing to the sounds of a fabulous DJ
More information to follow – mark your calendar for this fun-filled event.

For questions or information on any of these events:
Contact Rita – 805-579-8970
Or Barbara – 805-522-9863

Calendar of Events for 2019-2020

All Friday meetings will be at 7PM -10PM; St. Rose Church Parish Hall

Friday September 20, 2019 - Welcome Back- Pasta Meal
Singing by Sal Faraso & an Italian game (Crossword Puzzle)

Friday October 18, 2019 - Heritage Meeting-Nominations for Board
Members speak about a Saint important to his/her or family.
Appetizers/desserts, activity

Friday November 15, 2019 - Voting for Board - Pot Luck
Remembering our Veterans
- BRING A TOY FOR CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Friday December 06, 2019 – Annual Christmas Party
DJ and dancing
Catered by Viva La Pasta and homemade desserts
Photo Booth for memories
Bring the entire family and friends

Friday January 17, 2020 - Pasta Sauce Cookoff - Bring A Friend
Opera Speaker
SATURDAY February 15, 2020 – Turnaround Casino event
Friday March 20, 2020– Lenten Soups Served
Friday, April 17, 2020 – Pizza and Bingo Bash
Friday May 12, 2020 – Tacos
  Film on Italian Mother’s – U-tube
SUNDAY June 14, 2020 – 3PM -7PM Bocce and Barbecue-
  Lemon Park Pavilion -Off Alamo
  Sausage sandwiches and Hot Dogs served with many side dishes

If you need a ride or have questions call, Ritamarie Downey-President 805-579-8970
  Barbara Tweedy -1st Vice President 805-522-9863

Programs and food suggestions are subject to change. Wine, Coffee and Juice are served.

SPECIAL ICF EVENTS- ALL ARE WELCOME
BISHOPS DAY -HONORING OUR SEMINARIANS - October 6, 2019, at St. John’s Seminary
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL- Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)-December 15, 2019, noonish
MOTHER Cabrini -December 1st, 2019

Upcoming 2020 Events ……
INSTALLATION OF ICF OFFICERS - JANUARY, 2020
CRAB DINNER AT SAN PEDRO ICF – MARCH, 2020
ST JOSEPH TABLE AT ST. PASCHAL’S ICF - MARCH 22, 2020
CHILI COOK OFF- SERVICE FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - - 2020

2019 – 2020 Board Members

President: Ritamarie Downey
1st Vice-President: Barbara Tweedy
2nd Vice-President: Rick Boerem
Recording/Corresponding Secretary: N/A
Financial Secretary: Chris Fabry
Treasurer: Robyn Castillo
Orator: Marianne Boerem
Trustees: Enza Pro
  Rebecca Miller
  Sentinels: Michelle Moore
  Fran Morley

Our Patron Saint of Branch #443 is St Gianna Beretta Molla (1922 – 1962). She is the patron saint for mothers, physicians, and unborn children.

Monthly Meetings: Our group meets once a month and we include a bit of fun, food and entertainment at each meeting.
**Annual Events** – Bowling (Feb), Bocce Picnic (June) and Christmas Party (Dec)

**Where It All Began in a Nutshell........**

Founded June 14, 1924, in San Francisco, CA, the Italian Catholic Federation was an organization to unite Italian Catholics in their faith, community and pride of shared heritage. The organization was co-founded by two men: Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini.

**Luigi Providenza** was born in Genoa. At 26 he immigrated to America, settled in San Francisco and got a job with the Italian paper, L’Unione. He was appalled to find most Italians there had lost their faith. After much prayer, he formulated a plan for a fraternal/apostolate organization. When he proposed it to influential Italians he knew, he was disappointed to receive little encouragement. So Providenza took his idea to local priests and found the enthusiasm and evangelical spirit he sought. Luigi was a visionary and promoter; he was not a business man or planner. He needed someone who could structure the organization he envisioned. That man was Reverend Albert Bandini.

**Reverend Albert Bandini** was from an influential Florentine family. He was a scholar, a poet and an attorney. He came to San Francisco in 1915, to help Italians at a time when American bishops were calling for the services of Italian speaking priests. He too was crushed at the spiritual state of so many Italians.

The two men founded the first Italian Catholic Federation, Branch #1 at Immaculate Conception Church, in San Francisco, on December 7, 1924 with 300 members!!

**Two wonderful women are Co-Patron Saints for the National ICF:**
St Frances Xavier Cabrini (1830 – 1917) &
St Elizabeth Seaton (1774 – 1821)

For more information on the National ICF located in Oakland, CA, please go to [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

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Come by, meet our members, have some fun & great food - join our ministry!!

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