



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.”

Calendar of Events for 2018-2019

January 19, 2018 - First ICF meeting for 2018

St Rose Parish Hall - - 7:00 PM

Bring a Friend! There is a slight admissions charge to cover costs however if a non-member comes with a member, the non-member is free!

Drop by to meet the group and have some fun!!

February 17th Our Annual Bowling at Harley's Bowl West on LA Ave.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and games.

If you don't bowl, come by and root on the bowlers. There is food, drink and fun for everyone!

RSVP Rita (805-579-8970, johnandrita@sbcglobal.net) or

Barbara (805-522-9863, brtweedy@roadrunner.com)

March 16, 2018 Meeting

St Rose Parish Hall - - 7:00 PM

More information to follow

Other ICF News:

San Pedro ICF Branch #115 is hosting their

ANNUAL CRAB DINNER-DANCE

Saturday March 3, 2018

At Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 870 West 8th Street, San Pedro, CA 9073

Cocktails at 6PM – Dinner at 6:30PM Dancing to the music of “DUO DOMINO”

It is a bit of a drive to San Pedro but worth it. The menu is outstanding, the music, wonderful and the people who host it are so warm and fun.

If interested tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased by February 25th.

Contact Rita @ 805-579-8970 or Enza @ 805-206-5778

Every year, **ICF at St Paschal, Thousand Oaks**, host a wonderful **St Joseph's Table** in honor of St Joseph's Day. We support them by reserving a few tables for their delicious dinner.

Last year we reserved 3 tables and really had a great time!

The date is March 18th and dinner is at 4PM.

Reserved Seating is \$20.00 per person. Other seating is \$15 per person and Children 12 & under is \$8.

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2018 Board Members -

President:	Rita Downey
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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.

For more information about St. Rose ICF Branch #443:

call Rita at 805-579-8970, johnandrita@sbcglobal.net

or Chris at 805-583-0806, cndfabry@sbcglobal.net

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

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