



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.”

2017-2018 Calendar of Events

Friday, Dec 8th, 2017

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM ICF Parish Hall -- Christmas Party --\$25.00 Adults and \$10.00 Children RSVP Rita (805-579-8970, johnandrita@sbcglobal.net) or Chris (805-583-0806, cndfabry@sbcglobal.net)

Friday January 19, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ICF Parish Hall

2018 Board Members -

President:	Rita Downey
1 st Vice-President:	Barbara Tweedy
2 nd Vice-President:	Rick Boerem
Recording/Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Fabry
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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:

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