



## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President:	Barbara Tweedy
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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).

For more information about St. Rose ICF Branch #443:  
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or Chris at 805-583-0806, [cndfabry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cndfabry@sbcglobal.net)

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

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