



# THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CHURCH, BRANCH 392

*cordially invites the entire community to attend our annual fundraiser,  
the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Dinner Dance, honoring our 2024 Mother Cabrini Award recipients*

## GIUSEPPE & EMMA LIBERIO

Our chairman, Teresa D'Alessandro Helfand, is proud to announce that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities supporting Mother Cabrini's care for the poor and disabled.

*We look forward to seeing you at our celebration!*

*Your presence is important to us! Together we can accomplish great things! God bless you all!*

Giuseppe and Emma trace their roots to Puglia and Calabria and have been a part of the Italian community in the Chicago area for many years. We are honoring them for their many charitable donations, selfless volunteering and dedication to helping poor and needy children. The Mother Cabrini Award is given to individuals who embody the Italian values of family, faith and community in their everyday lives.

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a family-oriented, nonprofit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit, and bring men, women and children of all ages together. By joining a local branch, ICF members share their culture, heritage and religious beliefs. We believe that together we accomplish more than one can alone. We are active in various cultural events throughout the country, support our local parishes, and provide various charities with financial and other support.

Our 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.

The Italian Catholic Federation has a long and proud tradition. It offers its members a chance to share their heritage and faith in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Always a family organization, many members come from families that

have been active in the Federation for several generations. It is a vital force in many Parishes and Dioceses, offering support to local Pastors and Bishops. Aware that knowledge of the past is essential to understanding the present, members of the ICF celebrate its history and learn from the history of immigration in the United States.

In the early 20th century, after years of immigration and assimilation in the United States, Italian immigrants were beginning to lose their culture and faith. Church attendance and Catholic observances slowly declined among the immigrants, as did their pride in being Italian. Their rich Italian Catholic heritage was at risk of being lost.

In 1924, the concept of a lay apostolate organization, to unite Italian Catholics in their Faith, Community, and Pride in Shared Heritage, was formulated in San Francisco. Called the Italian Catholic Federation, our organization sponsors a variety of religious, cultural and social programs

that encourage Catholic Faith Renewal, Italian Heritage and Family Unity. In addition, the Federation sponsors higher education scholarship programs; raises funds for seminary scholarships that support future priests; donates money for researching the cure for Cooley's Anemia, a deadly blood disease afflicting people of Mediterranean ancestry; and funds its "Gifts of Love Program," which grants funds to disabled children and adults to foster greater inclusion in our communities and help them advance toward greater independence.



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## Sunday, November 10, 2024

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | St. Francis Borgia Church | 8033 W. Addison St., Chicago

Dinner at noon | Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake St., Addison | Tickets: \$90

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*Celebrating the 100th year of the Italian Catholic Federation in 2024!*