

Italian Catholic Federation #215

Corpus Christi Ministry Fact sheet

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Name of Your Ministry: Italian Catholic Federation , Branch 215 **Patron Saint:** St. Francis of Assisi

What is the main goal of your ministry?

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is an organization founded on the principles of charity, apostolate works, and a commitment to preserving the Italian heritage. Today the ICF reaches out to all Catholics, Italian or not, sharing our faith and heritage with them. We are a family oriented, non-profit, fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build family spirit and an atmosphere for sharing our culture, heritage and religious beliefs. We offer our assistance to parishes and pastors and local communities. We offer prayers & monetary donations for vacations, and contribute to the education of young men training for the priesthood. We award scholarships to assist young people with their college educations and grants to assist the developmentally disabled. We are a major supporter of Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia) research and treatment program at Oakland Children's Hospital.

Who does your ministry serve?

We serve the parishes to which are members belong. We serve the Seminary, Scholarship, and Gifts of Love for the developmentally disabled programs sponsored and overseen by the ICF Central Council and the works of Cooley's anemia. We also support the works of our fellow branches in the Bay Area.

What are your works and how often and when do you provide them?

We make monetary donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society located in our members' parishes which are Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Spirit and St. James the Apostle at Christmas time as well as the Tri-City Coalition. We make monetary donations to Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches. We collect canned foods at our Christmas Social and donate to St. Vincent de Paul as several of our members are active in SVdPS. We make monetary donations to ICF Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia, and the Seminary Burse.

What events, church and/or social, does your ministry hold each year?

We try to hold at least one Buffet Dinner/Dance, and one Salad Luncheon each year to raise funds for our donations.

What day(s) and time does your ministry meet as a group? Where do you meet?

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July and December) at 7:00 pm at Corpus Christi Church Hall.

What attributes/talent/gifts/interests are needed in your ministry?

No special attributes, talent, gifts or interests are needed to be a member of our ministry. We welcome all Catholics to join our organization and help us continue our good works.

Why do you serve in your ministry? I enjoy socializing and working with the members of our branch as well as the members of other branches in our East Bay District. I enjoy the events which allow me to worship and socialize together with these members as well as raise funds to support a range of many worthwhile causes and programs.