

## **REGISTRATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL – JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the St. Patrick's Branch 291 of the Italian Catholic Federation. Many of you may be aware of our organization as a result of our sponsorship of the Annual Lenten Fish Fry Program at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande.

The Italian Catholic Federation is much more than the Annual Fish Fry Program. In the Italian Catholic Federation we encourage and promote faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works as well as Catholic education. The ICF Branch 291 funds four academic scholarships for graduating local high school seniors entering their first year of college.

I would like to share with you a Student Registration Financial Assistance Program the ICF Branch 291 would like to implement at St. Patrick Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School. For ICF families who have children attending St. Patrick Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School to participate in this program you must be an active participating member of the ICF Branch 291. You do not have to be of Italian heritage to be a member of the ICF (I am Irish). One of the adults in the school family must be Catholic.

The monies dedicated to this Program will be raised from the Annual Spaghetti Dinners we sponsor twice a year. There is no "FINANCIAL MEANS" Test Stipulation to participate in this Registration Assistance Program. The only criteria are your family is an active participating member of the ICF Branch 291 and you have children attending St. Patrick Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School. Those families who meet our criteria, who want to participate in this Registration Assistance Program, will share equally per student in the amount of monies dedicated to this program. For example, 10 students sharing \$1,000, each student would receive \$100 in registration assistance. The more successful our fundraising efforts for the program, the more money will be allocated per student.

If you would like to participate in this program and are not yet a member of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 291, please contact me (Pete Gallagher) at (805) 235-7313, after June 1st. I would be happy to share more information with you about the ICF and the commitment involved. We look forward to your participation in this unique Church family organization.

**Pete Gallagher, President  
ICF Branch 291**