



## C.I.A.O.

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***Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!***

***Next meeting - Wednesday, November 2, 7 pm***

***Father Nacca Hall***

Refreshments will be served following the meeting

### ***Christopher Columbus Day Recognition Dinner***

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, CIAO and a full house event gave recognition to Father Frank Lioi and Father Louis Vasile, who serves as our chaplain. These two fine priests earned a lot of respect in our community and in other parishes they served. The evening was full of a lot of gaiety as the people attending were also very appreciative for the wonderful tribute given to the honorees, by CIAO. The well attended event included the presence of Most Reverend, *Sua Eccellenza*, Salvatore Matano, who surprised everyone with his sense of humor in relation to the occasion. As in the past, the honoree is offered a \$500 check from CIAO, to donate to whomever they wish. Father Lou wished to have his \$250 given to Paolo's hometown church project. Father Lioi wished to have his share given to St. Francis Church. The honorees received warm applause and a standing ovation. Also, as in the past, emcee Dan Cummings did an excellent job keeping the evening very spirited, offering a toast with each guest of CIAO provided limoncello, and cannolis brought by CIAO member Mario Fortunato, who also included two cookie trays for the honorees. Mario, with his brothers, operates Fortunato Brothers in Brooklyn. *Grazie a te*, Mario for all the specialties you bring to our events!

We received the following thank you from Bishop Matano, dated October 11, 2022:

*Dear Mr. Saltarello, Thank you for your organization of the CIAO celebration in honor of Father Lioi and Father Vasile. It was an outstanding and most enjoyable evening. Please extend my gratitude to the CIAO Board and all who assisted you in preparation of this event. I am also grateful for your own Italian specialties, always to be shared! Asking the Lord's blessings upon you, your dear wife and family, and the CIAO membership, I remain, Gratefully yours in Christ, Bishop Matano. Tanti auguri e mille grazie!*

### ***Columbus Day events***

Several Board members gathered together to raise the Italian flag alongside the Stars and Stripes at the Christopher Columbus monument, across from St. Francis Church. The day after our celebration, Paolo, Anna and Mario Fortunato traveled to Syracuse to attend the annual wreath laying ceremony in Syracuse at the Columbus monument, where it still stands, as it was paid for and erected by the Italian community of Syracuse. After the ceremony a luncheon was held at the Oncenter to honor the shoe repairman, Raffaele Rotella, who has, for the past 12 years, collected and given away thousands of pairs of shoes to the Rescue Mission, who distributes them to those in need. Ralph was honored by CIAO on May 1st, St. Joseph the Worker Day.

### ***Matthew House and CIAO***

The Matthew House fundraiser by our Pizza Fritte specialists was a great success, a total sell out! CIAO was very much appreciated for their dedication to help, as a total of \$1,145 was generated for Matthew House selling our traditional pizza fritte. *Grazie* to those who helped: Gucciardis, Casamassas, "Mike Pompiere," Mucedolas, Anna Saltarello, John Elice, Joanne Charles, Gina Mironti.

### ***CIAO remembered in Lourdes***

Thank you for the thoughtfulness of member Antonia "Toni" Colella. As she was volunteering with Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality in Lourdes, France, she requested the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of CIAO, at the Sanctuary in Lourdes, France on October 15, 2022.

**Benvenuti, welcome to CIAO** Welcome to new member Richard White, sponsored by Lynda DeOrio. You may recognize Richard as the Pastoral Minister for the cluster of Holy Family, St. Alphonsus, Sacred Heart and St. Ann's Parishes.

**Thank you - grazie!** CIAO's appreciation to former New York State Senator and member of CIAO since the founding, Mike Nozzolio, and Chuck Bouley, for their generation donations to CIAO.

**Buona Festa del Ringraziamento** - Happy Thanksgiving Day! Wishing everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving." May your day be blessed with family and friends to share in God's blessings as we all share in a meal together and thank God that we are fortunate to be with the ones we love.



### **Buon Natale celebration planned**

A time to celebrate the Christmas season is once again upon us, an opportunity to enjoy *buona compagnia*, good companionship together! We invite you to attend the 2022 Buon Natale celebration set for Saturday, December 3, 2022 at St. Francis Church's Father Nacca Hall in Auburn. The annual celebration for the Christmas season is again being planned by mother and son chairpersons Carolynn and John Elice, Jr., who are planning an enjoyable evening for all, as they have for the past several years! The event will begin at 5 pm, on Saturday December 3 with *antipasti* and *vino*, and more to share together. Villano's Food Truck will cater a very special menu, detailed on the included flyer. Let's plan to share a fun evening, with food, music and a sing-along! Calling all wine makers to bring a bottle of your *prezioso* wine to share. Tickets not necessary. RSVP to Carolynn Elice at 315-252-8825 or John, Jr. at 315-237-1072 by November 30, 2022, or email [lynda@cayugacountyccio.org](mailto:lynda@cayugacountyccio.org). Cost per person is \$40.

### **CIAO Cucina Crew at Tyburn Academy**

CIAO Cucina Crew was once again in the kitchen to prepare and serve a full five course dinner for the Tyburn Academy's Sports Banquet on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The menu served was *Cannellini-Escarole* soup, *Insalata alla Orange*, *Pasta alla Bolognese*, *Costate di Maiale alla Pizzaiola*, *Biscotti*, and *limoncello* made by Maria Lentini. As in the past, it was well worth it to help this local religious educational institution founded by Rev. Albert Shamon, which continues to bloom in the education system. We have proudly supported Tyburn Academy for many years, and we estimate that we have generated close to \$180,000 in support of Tyburn Academy. Thank you to those that helped with the evening: Casamassas, Mike Vasco, Gina Mironti, Gucciardis, Mucedolas, Susan Gatto, Maria Lentini, Saltarellos, Joanne Charles, Cindy Pierce, and Dr. John Ryan. *Sta bene*, very well done! Also a huge thank you to Maria Lentini and Donatina Casamassa for making over 600 cookies/biscotti for the event.

### **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

November 13<sup>th</sup> of the Roman Catholic Church calendar marks the day to honor the Patroness of the Italian immigrants, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. An immigrant herself, she dedicated her entire life to assisting with great devotion Italian people in the many communities where they lived across America. She was a pioneer who worked for the welfare of dispersed Italian nations, and was responsible for the establishment of nearly 70 orphanages, schools and hospitals scattered over eight countries in Europe and in North, South and Central America. Frances was born in Lombardi, about twenty miles from Milan, Italy, in 1850. She was one of thirteen children. She helped her parents until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brothers and sisters. One day a priest in her town asked her to teach in a girl's school. While teaching, she applied for admission to the Convent of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was not accepted due to poor health. She was asked to run an orphanage that was being badly run and had met many challenges. Frances assumed the nun's habit, and in three years took her vows. By this time her superiors were impressed by her performance and made her Mother Superior of the Institution. On March 13, 1889, Mother Cabrini arrived in New York City and later became a US citizen. She started parochial schools in and around New York City and an orphanage in Dobbs Ferry. She passed away on December 22, 1917 from a heart attack at age 67. She was canonized July 7, 1946. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American to be canonized, lies buried under the altar of the Chapel of the Mother Cabrini High School in New York City.

#### **Time for a Chuckle...**

**People in big cities are not essentially rude.  
They are just afraid of being mistaken  
for visitors.**

#### **DICEVANO I NOSTRI NONNI**

**Our grandparents used to say:  
Il padrone di casa sono io, ma chi comanda è  
mia moglie!  
"I am the master of the household,  
but it is my wife that commands it!"**

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