



# Catholic Association Of Foresters

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*From the Foresters Tree*

*Spring 2026*

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## *Letter from the High Chief Ranger*

Dear Fellow Foresters,

As we get into the warmer half of the year have you noticed that the days are getting noticeably longer? I hope you have had a few views of a classic “winter wonderland” where the whole panorama in front of you appears to have been tarred and feathered? Make that “snow flaked”. It can be quite beautiful and makes one feel sorry for those in warmer climates who don’t get to see such scenes. Now that you know that I am a Winter enthusiast, know that I am also a Summer enthusiast. My Christmas golf balls are ready to go. I think the lesson is: Be happy with what you have and look forward to the next world when your time comes.

This year’s Communion brunch will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope that many of you will manage to make the scene. If so, you will probably increase the enjoyment of the occasion for the other participants, For more information, please see page 3.

For our Days of Recollection, we are continuing our recent years’ activity of having Mass said at some of the religious festivals across Massachusetts. Please see page 4.

If you haven’t already done so, please mark your calendar for our annual convention at the Marriott Hotel on May 30<sup>th</sup>. There should be no interference with your Memorial Day activities as it is a week after the Memorial Day weekend.

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day to all you of bona fide Irish descent and also you “annuals” who like to join in the Irish celebrations. It’s time to practice up on your blarney and apply it to your loved ones.

As you recover from any Saint Patrick’s Day activities, I should like to warn you that there are certain rascals that live among us that are prone to present absurd stories in early April in an effort to see who will accept them as fact. You should consider especially suspect any such stories that emanate from the Washington, D.C. area. The rascals are apt to publicly call you out as an APRIL FOOL and cause you to suffer an unwelcome ignominy!

Until we meet, sincerely,  
Charlie Ryan, HCR

## Catholic Association of Foresters

April 1, 2026

### Convention Call

Saturday, May 30, 2026

To all subordinate courts of the  
Catholic Association of Foresters:

In accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution, the Executive Board does this first day of April 2026 call upon all duly elected delegates of each subordinate court to assemble in the One Hundred and Forty Fourth Annual Convention of The Catholic Association of Foresters to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Marriott Hotel, Quincy, Massachusetts to be opened in due form at 9:00 a.m.

Credentials will be available at check in.

Per order of the Executive Board  
Catholic Association of Foresters

Charles Ryan  
High Chief Ranger

Christine Cunningham  
High Secretary-Treasurer

144<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Official Ballot  
Delegate - At - Large

Nominees	Court	Vote by X
Charlene Foynes	72	
Matt Delaney	347	
Donna Mirabillio	348	
Joseph King	347	
Ann C. McGibbon	352	
James L. Bowdring	347	
Nicole P. Smith	164	
Paula C. Plunkett	57	
Stephanie Plunkett	57	
Geraldine Pondelli	352	
Jerome F. Ryan	72	
Lisa J. Langis	164	
Caroline E. Turner	326	
Patrick J. Turner	326	
Gregory Niermeyer	72	
Matthew Niermeyer	72	
Christopher M. Ryan	347	
Jerome P. Ryan	72	
Jennifer Plunkett	145	
Jessica R. Kelly	354	
Robert M. Burke	145	
Donna Michaud	164	
Timothy B. Stanley	266	
Bridgette Marcella	289	
Laura Plunkett	347	

You may vote for all listed nominees and/or write in name.  
**All ballots must be received by 3/27/2026.**

***We are looking for Volunteers***

In June we will have an opening on our Executive and Investment Boards. You must be a member in good standing and at least 18 years of age to qualify for either position.

Estimated Time Involved. All meeting are via conf. call:  
**Executive Board** – Half hour in advance of monthly meeting to review materials. Attend monthly meeting (approx. one hour).  
**Investment Board** – Attend one-hour quarterly meeting. Respond to periodic emails with approval of investment recommendations.

***Convention Court Delegate ~ At ~ Large***

The Constitution states, in addition to the present & past members of the Executive Board, Investment & Finance Boards, Chief Rangers & duly elected delegates of Subordinate Courts, there shall be at-large-delegates consisting of no more than 4% of the total adult membership in good standing elected by the membership.

If you have an interest in attending our annual convention and you are an adult benefit member in good standing, you may serve as an at-large-delegate.

Please refer to the official At-Large-Delegate Nomination Ballot on Page 2 of this newsletter and follow the instructions for listing your write-in nominations & voting.

**Submit your completed Ballot to Headquarters no later than March 27, 2026**



**Scholarship Applications Are Now Being Accepted**

The Foresters are now accepting scholarship applications for students entering their freshman year of college.

- Amount: \$1,000
- Deadline to Submit Applications is **April 15**

Details: High school students who are insured members of the Catholic Association of Foresters, in good standing for the past two years and are entering an accredited school (college or trade) during the upcoming academic year.

Visit our website: [catholicforesters.org](http://catholicforesters.org) for more information.

For an Application

Visit our website [www.catholicforesters.org](http://www.catholicforesters.org)



## 2026 Communion Brunch

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 12:00 Noon Mass

Place: Glastonbury Abbey

16 Hull Street

Hingham, MA 02043

Luncheon to follow:

Time: 1:00 PM

Your Price to Attend: \$15 Per person

Place: Boathouse Bistro

45 Hull Short Drive

Hull, MA 02045

Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by **April 10, 2026**, by submitting the form below with your check for \$15 per person. This covers a portion of the luncheon. The Society subsidizes the remaining portion.

Make checks payable to Catholic Association of Foresters and mail to:

Catholic Association of Foresters

Attn: Communion Brunch

PO Box 850888

Braintree MA, 02185

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Phone #</b>	
<b># of People</b>	

Abbey picture is sourced from Facebook.

## Privacy Notice to Our Members

### MEMBERS' PRIVACY

The Catholic Association of Foresters strongly believes in protecting the confidentiality and privacy of the information we receive from our members. This notice describes our privacy policy and how we treat the information we receive from you and from others about you.

### OUR SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Much of the personal information we receive comes directly from you either orally or in writing. The information you supply when you apply for our insurance products generally provides us with sufficient information for insurance purposes. If we need to verify information or need additional information, we may obtain this information from third parties such as employers, consumer reporting agencies and health care providers. Information we request may relate to your employment, finances, health, avocations, or other personal characteristics.

### MANNER IN WHICH INFORMATION IS USED

We may use the information received for business purposes with respect to our insurance and fraternal relationship with you as a member of our Society. Business purposes include evaluating your request for insurance products, evaluating claims for benefits, administering our business operations and processing transactions for services you may request. We may also use this information to contact you to offer other products and services we furnish to members.

### HOW WE PROTECT MEMBERS' INFORMATION

We treat all information we receive about you in a confidential manner. Our employees are required to protect the confidentiality of this information. Your personal information is available only to our employees who may need to see it to fulfill and service your needs. We maintain safeguards to protect the information and our employees are required to comply with our established policies. Should your relationship with us end your personal information will remain protected in accordance with our privacy practices as outlined in this notice. We do not disclose your personal information to organizations not affiliated with us. We may disclose information about you in order for us to conduct our business, or where disclosure is required by law. For example, information may be disclosed to others to enable them to provide business services for us, such as performing general administrative activities. We may use your personal information for marketing purposes, or to help with your overall insurance program. Information may also be disclosed for audit research purposes, or to law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

A recently enacted federal law established new privacy standards that require us to provide this summary of our privacy policy once each year. For additional information regarding our privacy policy, please write to us at Catholic Association of Foresters, P.O. Box 850888, Braintree, Massachusetts, 02185, or call us at 1-800-282-CAOF.

## HONOR ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

*Requiescat in Pace*

Name	City/State	Court
Andrew Topazio	Waterbury, CT	350
Anna Silva	Richmond, VA	350
William O'Rourke	Dedham, MA	57
Marilyn Scholl	Manchester by the Sea, MA	142
Carol Churchill	Crestview, FL	349
Robert Penta	Lebannon, ME	266

*Memorial Masses will be at St. Joseph's Parish  
North Brookfield, MA*

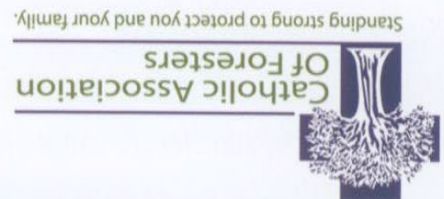
## Days of Recollection

The Catholic Association of Foresters Days of Recollection will coincide with religious festivals throughout Massachusetts. Bring your family and enjoy the Catholic celebration and then attend Mass. **Festivals are listed below with the Mass dates. Please call for Mass times.**

Date/Festival	Church
April 11, 2026 Feast of Divine Mercy	Eden Hill, Stockbridge Natl Shrine of Divine Mercy 416-298-3931
June 27, 2026 St. Peter's Fiesta	2 Commercial St, Gloucester Saint Ann Church 978-281-4820
August 1, 2026 Feast of the Blessed Sacrament	136 Earle St., New Bedford Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church 508-992-9892
August 29, 2026 Feast of St. Anthony	Streets of North End, Boston St. Stephen's Church 617-523-1230



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