



Walnut Grove Cultural Center

Striving for personal excellence in the service of others



“A married couple should build their life together on the foundation of a sincere and pure affection for each other, and on the joy that comes from having brought into the world the children God has enabled them to have.” ~ St. Josemaría Escrivá



CALENDAR SUMMARY:

• Seminar: Faith & Reason

–Ten Commandments

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

–Theology Seminar:

The Apostles Creed

12:30 – 1:30 pm.

Meets every 1st Saturday

of the month: 3/7, 4/4,

5/2, 6/6 (no class July & August)

• Evenings & Days of

Recollection for women

at Walnut Grove every 4th

Mondays at 6:15 pm –

9:00 pm and 4th Tuesdays

at 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

• Women’s Retreats:

4/10–12, 10/23–25,

11/12–15 @ Holiday Inn,

La Mirada. 5/29–31 @

TAC. To reserve, contact

Marta Torres:

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661-254-0688

• Annual Yard Sale, 5/2

from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

kapolydia@hotmail.com

• 2015 Workshops at

Walnut Grove:

6/6 Tech Savvy Moms

2:00–4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per seminar.

To register, download

form

www.walnutgrovecenter.org

• Stepping UP Mentoring

Program for High School

Girls 8th to 12th graders.

Meets every 3rd Sat from

1–3:30 at Walnut Grove.

steppingupatwg@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

We are springing forward here at Walnut Grove with a lot of good news and updates to share. First off, we are happy to announce that Walnut Grove has been completely restored! With your generous help, the oratory, dining room and library all look as good as new. In fact, even better! A big thank you to all who donated time, effort and money to help this process move along. We couldn't have done it without you!

Now that we're up and running again, we are pleased to share our **calendar** for the year which you'll find on the left side panel of this newsletter, and also online at WalnutGroveCenter.org. Our next event will be our annual **Yard Sale** the first weekend of May. Please start gathering your items to donate to the sale, and mark the date as we'll also need volunteers!

We're also very excited to announce our next workshop for women which will take place the first weekend in June. After many requests, we are holding our first workshop on technology and social media: **Tech Savvy Moms: June 6th, 2:00PM.**

At this workshop you'll hear from experienced moms and tech experts. They'll explain what's important for keeping your family safe from tech dangers, and best practices for helping your children get the most out of the wide variety of options available to them. In the meantime, please visit www.cyberwise.org for digital parenting advice, and to get a taste of our upcoming workshop for Moms!

We look forward to seeing you around Walnut Grove soon!

Happy Spring!

Warm regards, Lauren Ellis



Here Comes the Pope!

In September 2015, the *World Meeting of Families (WMOF)* Conference will convene in Philadelphia under the theme, "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive". The WMOF is an international ecumenical event convened by the Pontifical Council for the Family to unite participants in strengthening the sacred bond of the family and to reaffirm its importance in all our lives. For the first time ever, this global event will be held in the United States and Pope Francis himself will attend the conference, marking his first visit to the United States since his papal election. Philadelphia event organizers anticipate worldwide delegates from over 150

nations, 10,000-15,000 conference attendees, and 1.5 million in attendance for the Papal Mass.

Following the opening ceremony on Tuesday, September 22, the WMOF will feature daily Mass, keynote addresses, exhibit booths, and workshops at the Philadelphia Convention Center through the morning of Friday, September 25. Then, continuing into the weekend, pilgrims may participate in the many cultural events of the Festival of Families around the city. The experience will then culminate in the celebration of Mass by the Pope in Ben Franklin Parkway on Sunday, September 27.

As one organizer for the WMOF reflected, "In spite of the very difficult circumstances that it is facing, we know that the family will always be the most important resource for society. Especially in times of crisis, we see that without the family--father, mother, children, grandparents and grandchildren--society just couldn't survive." Visit

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>.

~Caroline Manalo



Seminar III - January 31, 2015
The Welcoming Home: Entertaining

Walnut Grove continues to hit it out of the park within the cultural arena as showcased by its latest workshop about the ins and outs of entertaining elegantly in the home. Women gathered for a hands-on and in-depth workshop to learn new skills while awakening their creative sides to the joy and art of domestic affairs. The fantastic line-up of speakers showcased new recipes, demonstrated how to lay a formal dining table balanced with a Southern Californian approach, and instructed how to pair wines to bring the flavor out in food.

Ultimately the day was about sharing love with others. Pope Francis talks about the “culture of encounter” and this workshop was not only a venue for friends to encounter and share with one another, but also a vehicle to bring “encounter” into their homes and the broader community. We look forward to seeing you at our next cultural event series. ~Estey Theriault



A Sneak Preview:
2015 Workshops
at Walnut Grove
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June 6 ~ Tech Savvy Moms
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Sept 12 ~ Legalizing
Assisted Suicide:
What you need to know
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Nov 7 ~ Financial Planning
for Families

Yard Sale & Bake Sale
A Fundraiser!
Saturday, May 2nd
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Join us for this fun event held annually to benefit the maintenance needs of Walnut Grove Cultural Center. Start gathering your donations and watch out for the drop off times and locations to be announced. We need volunteers to help sell and sort as well. kapolydia@hotmail.com

2015 Annual Feast Day Mass of St Josemaría Escrivá, Saturday, June 20th ~ 11:00 am
St Chrysostom Church, 530 E. Florence Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301



Girls' Clubs **Inter-Club Day** at Aster Study Center

Aster was ready to welcome its young guests. On February 28th, Aster Study Center graciously hosted the 1st annual Inter-Club Day for all the Girls' Clubs in Southern California. There were about 60 girls, ages 5-13 who came from the cities of Pasadena, Fontana, Glendora, and the counties of Ventura and Orange.

The young girls gathered in the kitchen to learn how to make scrumptious appetizers while the moms got together for a short talk by Monica Mehan, Director of Stepping-UP and Westfield Residence. She shared the various activities and workshops that are offered in Aster, Westfield and Walnut Grove and how each program helps girls continue to grow in their personal development to become the best versions of themselves.

Fr Luke Mata also gave a short meditation on the meaning of Lent, which is LOVE. In essence, he shared that we show our love for Jesus through our acts of sacrifice and love for others, especially in caring for one another within the family.

It was nice to see moms and daughters enjoying themselves in friendship, and how the girls reunited with friends from summer camp or other girls club activities. We look forward to our next Inter-Club activity at Aster next year. ~Melissa Bloomer