



# Walnut Grove Cultural Center

Striving for personal excellence in the service of others



“God Our Lord wants you to be holy, so that you can make others holy. For this to be possible you need to look at yourself with courage and frankness; you need to look at the Lord Our God; then, you need to look at the world.”  
The Forge # 710 ~ St. Josemaría Escrivá



## CALENDAR SUMMARY:

- Cooperator’s Workshop on Oct 6, 2-4:00 PM. **Love and Economics, It takes a family to raise a village by Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse**
- Evenings of Recollection for women – see **two new schedules on page 2**
- Days of Recollection for High School. **Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, & Mar 23 from 2:30 – 5:30 pm**
- HS and College Retreat Nov 2 – 4, Aldersgate Retreat & Cultural Center
- Lecture Series and Theology Seminar meet the 1st Saturday of each month. **Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 at 10:00 am for Lecture Series and 11:15 am for Theology**
- Stepping Up Program for 8th, 9th and 10th graders. **Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8 from 2-4:00 pm, Walnut Grove Cultural Center.**
- Women’s Retreat this Fall: **Oct. 12-14; and Nov. 9-11** Holiday Inn, La Mirada. To reserve, email Naida: [ramzen@aol.com](mailto:ramzen@aol.com)
- Christmas Party **Dec 16, 2012**

Dear Friends,

We have several exciting announcements this quarter.

We are privileged to welcome **Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse** to Walnut Grove on October 6th to speak about her book: *Love & Economics: It takes a family to raise a village*. Dr. Morse has become a national figure in support of traditional marriage and families and will explain to us how strong families are directly related to a strong economy. Also, the 3rd Tuesday Evening Recollection will be *replaced* by two new Recollections: *3rd Tuesday*

*Mornings and 4th Monday Evenings.*

Please see the announcement on page 2 for more information. Lastly, we have set the date for our **Christmas Party** which will be on *Sunday, December 16th at 2pm*. Please mark your calendars. Please pray for all of the events going on at home and abroad that are listed in this newsletter. You are our source of spiritual and material energy. We can not move forward without you!

Thank you for all of your efforts!

*Lauren Ellis  
President*

## 1st Annual Grandparents Day, a Big Hit!

The Walnut Grove Cultural Center hosted its first Annual Grandparents Day this past September 8th.



It was a fun-filled afternoon where grandparents and friends enjoyed a lively performance from the girls who attended summer camp, a reflection with the priest,



surprise raffle prizes and delicious food.



*Thank you grandparents for celebrating with us! Save the date Sept 7, 2013 for our next Grandparents Day! See you again next year.*

## Opus Dei News

### Monkole Medical Center Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Monkole Medical Center was set up in Kinshasa following a trip by Bishop Alvaro del Portillo to Congo in 1989. Monkole currently offers both medical assistance (in the areas of gynecology and obstetrics, surgery, internal medicine and pediatrics) and hospitalization services, as well as providing classes in basic hygiene and health, particularly concerning prevention of diseases such as HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anemia, malaria and tuberculosis. Monkole and its affiliated institutions now have over 50,000 medical consultations each year. ([www.monkole.cd](http://www.monkole.cd))



### Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Rome, Italy

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross is a university-level center for ecclesiastical studies serving the whole Church. This project had been desired by the founder of Opus Dei and was launched by Bishop Alvaro del Portillo. It currently has four faculties (Philosophy, Theology, Canon Law and Institutional Communications) and a Higher Institute of Religious Sciences. Some 6,000 graduates have now benefitted from its programs. Many bishops from all over the world send priests and seminarians from their dioceses to receive academic instruction and spiritual formation at this university. ([www.pusc.it](http://www.pusc.it))

## Stepping UP

### for 8th, 9th and 10th graders

Something new is coming to Walnut Grove Cultural Center this Fall! WGCC offers a variety of intellectual and cultural programs that help women strengthen their character, friendships and be a positive influence in their work. In the Stepping UP Leadership Program, young women will gain the confidence and skills they need to discover a sense of purpose, to aspire to their personal best and to make positive contributions in each area of their lives.

This program will inspire participants to make positive, active choices that will enable them to become leaders as a professional, mother and member of their community.

Stepping UP will offer interactive seminars on character, leadership, academics, discussion forums, hands-on activities and service opportunities. Each participant will have the chance to meet regularly with a mentor to guide her in applying the principles covered in each session through realistic and practical goals.

A course curriculum is available online at [www.walnutgrovecenter.org](http://www.walnutgrovecenter.org). For more information, visit the above website or contact Monica Mehan at 310-208-5797.

## *Westfield Residence 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

JOIN US FOR ONE OF THESE EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012**

2:00 - 5:00 PM

FAMILY GATHERING AT TRAN'S RESIDENCE  
440 GEORGIAN ROAD  
LA CANADA, CA 91011

or

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012**

2:00 - 5:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE  
WESTFIELD RESIDENCE  
500 KELTON AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

RSVP BY OCTOBER 20TH  
[WESTFIELD25TH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WESTFIELD25TH@GMAIL.COM)

## 2 New Recollection Schedules at Walnut Grove Cultural Center beginning this October

- 3rd Tuesdays (Oct 16)  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
includes Holy Mass  
Confessions start at 9:30 am
- 4th Mondays (Oct 22)  
6:15 - 9:00 pm  
Confessions begin at 5:00 pm