



Walnut Grove Cultural Center

Striving for personal excellence in the service of others



"The heroism of work is in finishing each task." ~ 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: **(no class July & August)** Classes resume 9/5, 10/3, 11/7
- 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:** 10/23–25, 11/12–15 @ Holiday Inn, La Mirada To reserve, contact Marta Torres: sagtoma@gmail.com 661-254-0688
- Grandmothers Tea,** 10/10 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm corraleschristina@ymail.com
- 2015 Workshops at Walnut Grove:**
 9/12 Legalizing Assisted Suicide 2:00–4:00 pm
 11/7 Financial Planning Cost: \$25 per seminar. To register, download form www.walnutgrovecenter.org
- Christmas Party at Walnut Grove** on 12/12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Dear Friends,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and had a patriotic 4th of July. With Independence Day coming right in the middle of summer, it might be a good time to consider how we are fostering the virtue of patriotism in our families. Justice is the virtue that properly orders our duties to God, family, and country.

Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love... I believe that the same could be said of every country and every nation in Europe and throughout the world. (Memory and Identity, 65-66)

Family vacations are a great opportunity to help our children learn to appreciate and become familiar with the beautiful geography, history,

and national heroes of the USA. If we are entertaining family from out of town, we can have the children tell them things about the locality and its customs. Being home from school, perhaps the children have extra time to help out with beautification projects around the house and community. And of course the 4th of July provides a wonderful opportunity to develop family traditions that help us recognize what our country has given us, and pay it due honor and service by supporting its values.

In the spirit of patriotism, our next workshop, Sept 12th, will be to explore legislation in California related to the legalization of assisted suicide. As I write this letter SB 128, the bill to legalize assisted suicide in California, has been completely pulled from the Assembly Health Committee for this legislative year. Thank God! But it will return next year, and we want to be ready to fight it (and all other freedom-destroying legislation in our land) in defense of life, liberty, and true happiness!

Warm regards, Lauren Ellis



Bring your own device

In line with Walnut Grove's mission of striving for excellence in the service of others, specifically

the goal to be better moms and grandmoms, more than 20 ladies (including 4 grandmas) eagerly gathered last June 6th, to hear Media Psychology experts Diana Graber and Cynthia Lieberman from cyberwise.org talk about how to keep our children safe on the internet and the proper use of social media.

What are kids doing on the internet? They are texting, on FB, Instagram and Snapchat. They are creating a digital footprint. Cyber Civics teaches them about Digital Citizenship and responsible use of digital tools. As parents, we need to teach them about Media Literacy - how to find information, and how to critically analyze information and media messages. The presenters stressed the point to install filters and set parental controls. Another important point is to set limits for bed time. Next they explained the Apps and private and public sharing.

Essentially, technology is an environment where our children are unavoidably growing up. It is up to us to teach our kids the manners to be used on the internet and that "stranger danger" exists on the web. Always be with your young kids when they are surfing; always communicate with them the need and ways to be safe online. Communicate! " ~Agnes Ma~

Feast day mass of St Josemaría Escrivá was celebrated on June 20th

On June 20, Fr. Luke Mata, Vicar of Opus Dei in California, celebrated a Solemn Mass for the Feast of St Josemaría Escrivá, Founder of Opus Dei, at St John Chrysostom Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Commenting on the Gospel reading (Luke 5:1-11), he related that this story of the calling of the first apostles was one of St Josemaría's favorites and he loved it so much that he memorized this passage.

St. Josemaría taught that holiness and sanctity was not only for the privileged few but for all of us; God asks each one of us, "Come, follow Me." God has a plan for each one of us, a mission to be a witness to love, to love God and to love others. Fr. Mata reflected further that the very first people God called to be witnesses to love were Adam and Eve. Through the vocation of marriage and of family, God called them to holiness. These thoughts echo the sentiments of Pope Francis who states that the family is not only important to evangelization, but to the survival of humanity. Clearly acknowledging the importance of marriage and family, St. Josemaría believed he owed 90% of his vocation to his parents. Fr. Mata also highlighted the significance of marriage and family in the Church and in the world by sharing the story of Pope Pius X on the day he was elected successor of St. Peter.



Amid the many cardinals lined up to greet the new pope was his own mother. After kneeling and kissing his papal ring, she stood up and stretched forth her hand bearing her wedding ring, and asked Pius X, "Now my son, kiss this ring,

A Sneak Preview: 2015 Workshops at Walnut Grove

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Sept 12 ~ Legalizing
Assisted Suicide:
What you need to know

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Nov 7 ~ Financial Planning
for Families

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for without this ring, you would
not be wearing the ring you
have now!" ~Carmen Antonio~

Yard Sale Report

Thank you everyone for all your support and prayers, our Yard and Bake Sale was a success! God is good and thank you Blessed Alvaro! We were able to make \$1100 this year! We want to thank everyone who donated items and baked up a bunch of goodies for the sale. We appreciate your generosity and could not have done this without you! A heartfelt thanks to the ladies who volunteered their time and energy to help us organize, set up, and run the yard sale! Lastly a big thank you to the gentlemen who came and lent us their muscles in moving and setting up. We are planning to run a store on Craigslist, or eBay, and hope that it can become an ongoing fundraiser for Walnut Grove so please contact us throughout the year if there are items (worth over \$50) you would like to donate. A donation receipt will be issued when the item has been sold. Call or email Lupe Martindelcampo to donate: 818-581-7695 or lupe_a@hotmail.com. ~ Lydia Lam ~

Designer shoes, anyone?



Meet the divas behind our annual yard sales!

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