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**VILLANOVA PREP \$9 MILLION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
RECEIVES FIRST MILLION**

***V9 Campaign Kick-Off at Westlake Village Home of Villanova Prep Board Chair
Jim Walker Attracts Over 50 Donors, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Augustinians***

WESTLAKE VILLAGE & OJAI, CALIF (Feb 6, 2008) – Alumni, friends, staff, donors and priests from the Augustinian Order which founded Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai gathered at the hilltop home of Jim and Nancy Walker in Westlake Village on Thursday, January 24 to launch the V9 Campaign for the Villanova Prep Endowment. The campaign will raise \$9 million for the endowment, and income will fund scholarships for deserving students who may not be able to afford the tuition at the private Catholic college preparatory high school.

“We are very pleased that we’ve already achieved our first milestone in this campaign by receiving over a million dollars in donations and planned gifts from generous friends of Villanova Prep,” says David Lamb, chair of the Villanova Prep Board of Director’s Development Committee. Mr. Lamb is a class of 1971 alumni of Villanova Prep, a resident of Pasadena and partner in a downtown Los Angeles law firm.

Jim Walker, chair of the Villanova Prep Board of Directors, a Villanova Prep alumni class of 1954 and President Emeritus of Moorpark College, says, “The opportunity to provide a high quality education to college-bound high school students who would not otherwise have the chance to go to a school like Villanova makes this an exciting campaign for all of us. Villanova creates opportunities. Now it’s up to us as

alumni, donors and volunteers to give deserving students access to those opportunities.”

The Villanova Vision Council, made up of community leaders, alumni and donors will help raise the \$9 million for the endowment fund before Villanova celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2014. Several Vision Council members, who have pledged or donated \$9000 or more dollars for the V9 campaign, attended the event at the Walker home.

“Scholarships are badly needed by Villanova students. Half our kids receive financial assistance now, and we’d like to help more deserving kids get the college prep education we offer. A Villanova education helps these students get into the best colleges so they have the best shot possible at gaining a high quality higher education. As Catholics offering a Augustinian-focused education it’s a core part of our mission to help kids who wouldn’t otherwise have these opportunities,” says Tony Sabatino, Headmaster at Villanova Prep.

For more information or to donate to the V9 Campaign for the Villanova Prep Endowment, call the Villanova Prep Advancement Office at (805) 646-1464 or write advancement@villanovaprep.org

Villanova Preparatory School has been educating students since 1924 in the beautiful Ojai Valley. Villanova Prep is a Catholic, co-educational, day and boarding school welcoming students from a variety of cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. More information on Villanova is available at www.villanovaprep.org

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