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THE JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER has entered a new era. On May 8, 2010, the final evening of *Ritornare a Roma*, Vice President and JFRC Director Emilio Iodice announced to hundreds of JFRC alumni the inception of *Insieme per il futuro*, or "Together for the future." This \$12 million campaign, the first comprehensive campaign for the JFRC, represents the culmination of several years of growth and momentum for the Rome Center, which, with the purchase of the Via Massimi Campus and adjoining olive grove, has now become one of the largest American study-abroad programs in Europe.

With the support of the JFRC community, *Insieme per il futuro* will completely renovate campus facilities, increase student scholarship support, and add student programming, such as travel and internship opportunities. *Insieme's* ambitious goals will usher the Rome Center into the 21st century, ensuring it remains competitive, inspiring, and transformative for years to come.

The launch of *Insieme per il futuro* follows other recent positive developments for the JFRC:

- The acquisition of the neighboring olive grove
- Record enrollment in the Spring 2010 semester
- Creation of new academic programs
- Inaugural Loyola Board of Trustees meeting held in June

GREETINGS FROM THE CO-CHAIRS



DEAR JFRC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to *Insieme per il futuro*, a campaign that will transform the John Felice Rome Center and secure its standing as the finest American program in Rome.

Since its inception nearly 50 years ago, more than 15,000 students—including many of you—have been forever changed because of personal experiences with the Rome Center. We too have had similar experiences through the eyes and ears of JFRC students and faculty.

Now, we can work together to change the Rome Center—physically, academically, and socially.

“Together for the future” is an appropriate theme for the JFRC campaign and its goals over the next several years. As you know, few study-abroad programs foster such a sense of community among its students. No matter when one attended—or how one has been touched by—the JFRC, we share common feelings, experiences, and special moments. By supporting *Insieme*, you are helping ensure that the JFRC will be there for your children, grandchildren, and generations of students to come—all looking for the same opportunities shared by so many of you.

Our campaign is off to a very strong start. In 2007, long before the purchase of the Via Massimi Campus was contemplated, John and Kate Felice anonymously made the very first gift to this campaign. These two people, who had already given so much of themselves to the Rome Center, made this gift as a gesture of faith, gratitude, and love.

The Felices’ devotion is just one of the many reasons to generously support the JFRC and its role in shaping extraordinary lives. Alumni of the John Felice Rome Center become compassionate and open-minded adults and leaders—an invaluable contribution to our world—and a mission worth championing.

Please join us in supporting the John Felice Rome Center...together!

Ruthellyn & Ron Musil

Insieme Leadership Committee Co-chairs; Società di Donatori members, Cerchia del Direttore; Friends of the John Felice Rome Center

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CO-CHAIRS

Ruthellyn & Ron Musil (Friends of the JFRC)

Mary Kate Felice ('63-'64, Retired JFRC staff)

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John ('73-'74) & Constance Kurowski

Philip O'Connor, PhD ('68-'69) & Lynn Carlson

Anthony ('62-'63) & Susan Piazza ('62-'63)

Joseph Silliman, PhD (Spring '62)

Shaping the future

“With this gift, Kate and John have once again provided us with an inspiring example of the Ignatian spirit in action.”



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First gift to *Insieme* made by John and Kate Felice

“The purchase of the Via Massimi Campus fulfilled a long-held dream of John Felice and our alumni,” says Iodice. “This \$12 million campaign will build an even better Rome Center, one that will offer our students the best study-abroad experience in Europe.”

The unveiling of *Insieme per il futuro* was not the only development shared with reunion attendees on the evening of March 8. Iodice also shared the momentous news of a gift from the campaign’s first donors: John and Kate Felice.

Four months before his passing, in September 2007, and long before the JFRC had secured a property, John and his wife, Kate, made arrangements for a \$200,000 donation gifted specifically for the Rome Center’s future and permanent home. This act of faith and foresight is a supreme example of how the Rome Center not only transforms individuals, it is transformed by individuals.

“Fifty years ago, John Felice had the original vision for the Rome Center. In the intervening years, he and Kate devoted their lives to cultivating this dream,” says Loyola President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. “With this gift, Kate and John have once again provided us with an inspiring example of the Ignatian spirit in action and have challenged all of us to do more for this place that started as the dream of just one man but now belongs to all 15,000 members of the global JFRC community. Together, we can build a new future for the John Felice Rome Center.”



“Loyola University Chicago is extremely pleased to provide its

financial support to what we believe is the premier study-abroad program in Europe. Your gift will essentially be doubled when matched by the University.”

—MICHAEL J. GARANZINI, S.J., PRESIDENT, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Double your gift

In the spirit of *insieme*, and to demonstrate its commitment to the John Felice Rome Center and the confidence it has in JFRC alumni support, Loyola University Chicago will generously match outright gifts on a one-to-one basis for a combined total of \$8 million. This is a singular opportunity to maximize your gift’s impact.

Insieme goal: \$12 million



Planned giving to the JFRC

With a little planning and expert advice, you can maximize your gift to the JFRC while fulfilling your obligations to your family and your financial well-being. Planned gifts can provide inheritances for your heirs at a reduced tax cost and can reduce your income tax and/or allow you to avoid capital gains tax. In addition, planned gifts may allow you to diversify your investment portfolio, receive income from your home or farm, or plan for the transfer of your business.

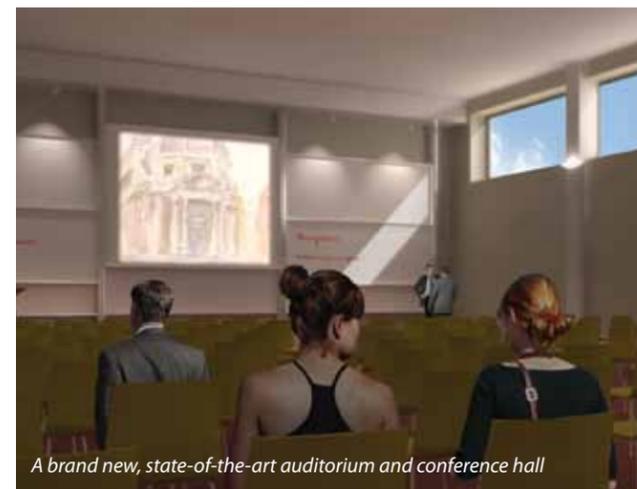
All planned gifts help the JFRC build a solid financial foundation. Thoughtful gift planning allows you to maximize the benefits of generosity for you, your loved ones, and, of course, the thousands of students at the John Felice Rome Center.

For more information on making a planned gift to the JFRC, contact Elaine Kreuz at 312.915.7652 or ekreuz@luc.edu.

► Make a gift at LUC.edu/insieme.



The new spaces at the JFRC emphasize community building.



A brand new, state-of-the-art auditorium and conference hall



Updated student quarters, each with their own private bath

Fulfilling the dream

Lessons learned at the Rome Center haven't changed, but since the early days of CIVIS, the study-abroad experience certainly has. The JFRC must compete with other programs in Rome, Italy, and the wider world. The cost of living in Europe has risen dramatically, and the JFRC has increased its efforts to attract students from more diverse backgrounds. **Make a gift at LUC.edu/insieme.** *Insieme per il futuro* is an attempt to tackle these challenges and to build an even better Rome Center. Your support of the campaign will advance the work of the JFRC in three critical areas.

Expanding scholarships

The need for student aid is pressing. Higher education and living in Europe are more expensive than ever, so we must provide more scholarships and housing assistance to give talented students access to the experiences and opportunities enjoyed by previous generations.

Renovating, building, and renewing

The JFRC renovation will be completed in six to eight years and will beautify and better organize the campus and make it more environmentally sound. Some of the highlights include:

- An ultra-modern information commons with technology that will set the JFRC apart from every other American university in Europe
- A new auditorium and conference hall that will allow the JFRC to host high-profile conferences and symposiums
- Enhanced community and recreation spaces, including a new outdoor terrace
- Energy-saving enhancements, such as solar panels, that will save the JFRC an estimated 20 percent on energy costs per year
- Private bathrooms for each dormitory room
- New classrooms, fine arts studios, athletic facility, and chapel that will be named in honor of John and Kate Felice in recognition of their gift.

Providing real-world experiences

Keep sponsored study-trips moving Sponsored study-trips are a great JFRC tradition—they take students throughout Italy and to places such as Tunisia, Poland, and Greece, introducing them to a wide variety of cultures. Additional resources are needed to help maintain this distinguishing program and increase our financial assistance to deserving students.

Expand internship and service opportunities The service and internship programs at the JFRC add depth to the study-abroad experience. Many students at the center serve the homeless and other less-fortunate members of Italian society. The internship program, launched in 2004, provides a rare chance for students to experience the European workplace first-hand. These programs transform the student from a spectator of Italian culture to a participant and require support to grow and flourish.

“With plans for cutting-edge renovations, 48 years of experience, and 15,000 devoted alumni, the JFRC is positioned to be the best and most comprehensive study-abroad program in Italy. Those 48 years are a testament to our values and traditions, and we will be ever-mindful of this heritage as we move to provide an even better global experience for our students.”

—EMILIO IODICE

DONOR PROFILES

Insieme's first supporters

In mere months, several alumni and friends of the JFRC have already stepped up to support *Insieme per il futuro* with gifts ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

NAME	Jack O'Connell , '68-'69	John Kurowski , '73-'74	Phil O'Connor, PhD, '68-'69	Ron and Ruthellyn Musil
HOMETOWN	Bronxville, New York	St. Louis	Northern California	St. Paul, Minnesota; Park Forest, Illinois
RESIDING NOW	Sharon, Connecticut	Belleville, Illinois	Chicago	Chicago; Neenah, Wisconsin; and Tuscany, Italy
FAVORITE MEMORY	My favorite memory is of the Halloween party—everyone got dressed up, and I remember one couple coming as Ari and Jackie O.	I got the chance to meet my relatives in Poland for the first time. It was a very moving experience, and I continue that relationship to this day.	While hitchhiking, I got a ride from an Italian WWII vet. He showed us the American cemetery south of Florence and then thanked us even though we hadn't been born when WWII was fought.	Each year we create and host a Tuscan Experience weekend for JFRC students. It centers around simply "living the life" of our unique region of Italy.
WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE JFRC?	I think we owe it to John Felice. It's a testament to his memory and his vision.	I think the JFRC is one of Loyola's crown jewels, and it's important that alums continue to support it as much as they can.	The work of so many should be continued by those of us who gained so much. We have to make sure that coming generations can do likewise.	We were introduced through Ruthellyn's association with Loyola's board, and because we live in Italy. The unique qualities of the program motivated us to get more involved.
FAVORITE PLACE IN ROME	Piazza di San Ignazio	There was this café in Piazza del Popolo that I liked to people-watch at.	The streets. I spent a lot of time walking around Rome—and I still do.	Osteria Marcello Ristorante Vladimiro, on Via Aurora, Emilio's favorite restaurant.
HOW DO YOU HOPE YOUR GIFT WILL HELP THE JFRC?	To whom much is given much is expected. It really is our responsibility to give back, whatever you can, to the one place that everyone really loves.	I hope that it will help to expand and upgrade the JFRC's physical plant in order to make it a center for international learning.	My wife, Lynn, and I hope that our gift will go toward equipping the experimental and educational kitchen. As the years go by, it's the food I remember most of all.	Scholarships for students who do not have the resources to travel across Europe and to the Middle East, and related curriculum expansion.
WHERE DO YOU HOPE TO SEE THE ROME CENTER IN 10 YEARS?	Following Emilio's lead, the program can be broadened to embrace the American community in Rome, but I'd like to see the JFRC remain, at its core, a place of undergraduate study in a beautiful building.	I want it to be a place where international scholarly events are held. I want it to be recognized as the best study-abroad program in Europe.	I would like to see the JFRC remain competitive while retaining its particular character. That is, that it remain a large program where students live on campus.	We would like to see the capital campaign and the restoration exceed expectations. Beyond that, we would like to see programs expanded and more opportunities for students to have work experiences in Rome and Italy.

A student's perspective



"It was such an excellent experience," says Loyola Senior John Adorno, who recently returned from a semester at the John Felice Rome Center. "I loved living in a neighborhood like Monte Mario. It gave me a chance to polish my Italian." The international management major preferred spending time in Rome and Italy to traveling the length and breadth of Europe. Despite having the time of his life, Adorno thinks the goals of *Insieme* are imperative. "The facility really needs an update. We didn't have hot water for two weeks. The walls are falling apart," he says. "The JFRC is a great thing that we can make even better: more scholarships, internships, a facilities update—they're all necessary."



JFRC alumni from the class of 1966-67 enjoy drinks at the Terrazza Caffarelli during the closing reception.

A launch among friends



A scene from the world-famous Calendimaggio Festival, which JFRC alumni attended during their day-trip to Assisi



Members of the Di Matteo family at the Sistine Chapel during the Vatican Museums tour

On May 4, 2010, the John Felice Rome Center welcomed over 220 alumni for its second JFRC All-Class Reunion in Rome, Ritornare a Roma. Alumni from all over the world came together in the Eternal City to rekindle memories and celebrate years of long-standing friendships and traditions.

On the last evening of the reunion, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered at the Terrazza Caffarelli on Piazza del Campidoglio for the closing party. The spectacular venue, with its dramatic views of Rome's roofs and domes, delectable food and drinks, and marvelous company made it a perfect night for the launch of *Insieme per il futuro*. Reunion attendees were the first to learn about *Insieme* and the great plans for the future of the John Felice Rome Center.

Stay tuned for more recap of the reunion in the fall issue of *Il Bollettino*!

► Make a gift at LUC.edu/insieme.

Did you know that



In Italian, *insieme* means "together." It was selected as the theme for our campaign because it represents what this campaign is all about: a partnership between JFRC alumni and Loyola University Chicago to ensure that the JFRC remains the premier study-abroad program in Italy.



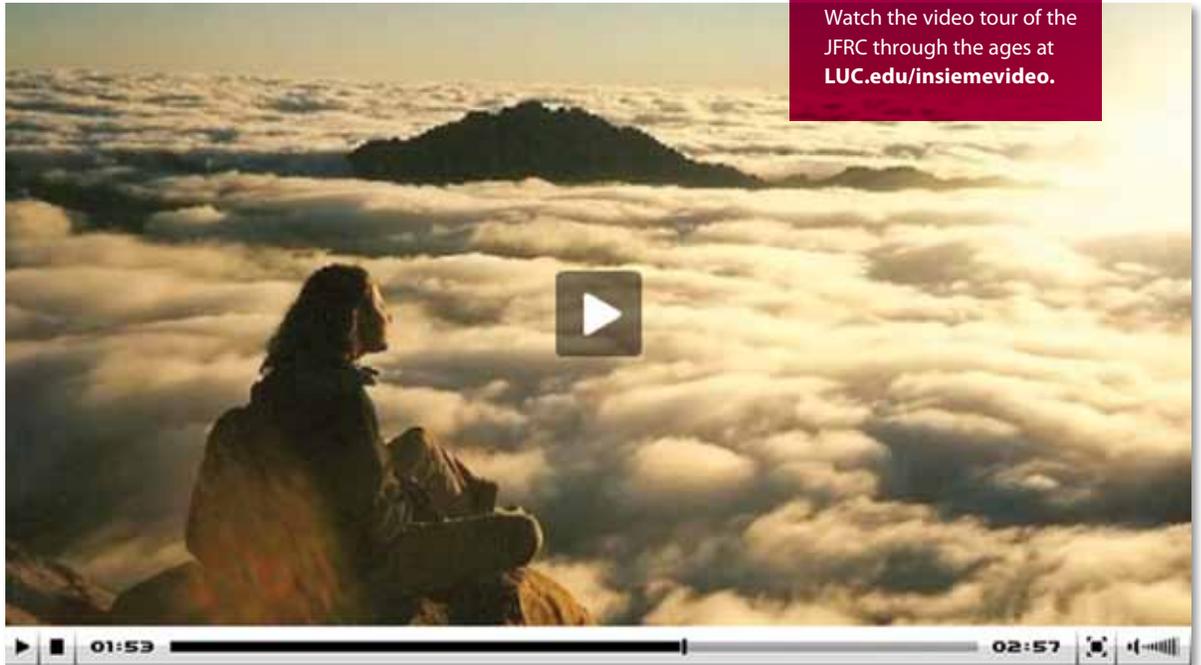
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Some stayed a semester. Some stayed a year. All were transformed.
Now they will transform the Rome Center.

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