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JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER Fall Orientation Schedule 2011

General Background Information:

Each year, and each semester, we begin a new and exciting series of events and trips with a new group of students coming from all over the US. Much of those first days together involves providing you with necessary information, settling into your accommodations, introducing you to one another, the staff, the city and to Italy. From arrival day August 31st to September 11th, there are activities and group meetings scheduled, most of which are required or highly suggested. Don't worry: there will be plenty of time to explore the city and travel in Italy and Europe. Your first two weeks, however, will be occupied with official orientation.

We will be ready to welcome you on Wednesday, August 31st starting at 10:00AM. If you plan on arriving in Rome before August 31, you will want to consider some of the lower cost hotels listed in the accommodation section of the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) webpage. Let us know you've arrived so we can anticipate your coming to JFRC when doors are ready to open.

You will probably want to have about €200 cash in hand for a variety of activities. It may be easiest to exchange dollars with your bank in the US or at the Airport when you arrive. Because of all the Orientation week activities, you may find you are strapped for cash, and bank machines for Euro currency are not always nearby.

During these first days, there will be two optional Orientation meals which are partially subsidized by the JFRC, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The first of these are group dinners is hosted at local restaurants in our neighborhood. (Students pay €20 for that dinner). The second meal follows the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a special event that marks the closing of Fall Orientation and the beginning of the semester. Following the Mass, students will have a meal in the historic district of Rome (which will also cost participants €20). While these meals are optional, students are strongly encouraged to join the JFRC community for a taste of Italian life and for building community relationships. During Orientation, students will be given an opportunity to register for one or both of these meals. Space is limited.

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM Registration and Official Move In

Students may register in **Sala Chandler**. The **Sala Chandler** is where you may pick up your keys and information packets, register for Orientation events, begin to prepare information regarding your Permit to Stay, and have general questions answered.

Registration on Wednesday is mandatory.

Staff and Student Life Assistants (SLAs) and staff will be present to answer questions and provide instructions related to move-in procedures.

12:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch in the Mensa (Cafeteria)

1:30 – 4:00 PM Registration continues

3:30 & 4:00 PM Walking Tours of Monte Mario Neighborhood (Optional)

Each tour will originate from the JFRC Portineria (Reception Desk). The brief tour will help direct you to the *Bancomat* (ATM), the bus stop, the local grocery, and various other neighborhood conveniences.

5:00 – 6:00 PM Introductory Meeting (Mandatory)

All students need to attend this mandatory informational floor meeting at which critical information will be communicated regarding life at the Rome Center and in the local community.

Locations: **Rinaldo's Café bar:** All men
Mensa (Cafeteria): All women
Information Commons: All Rome Start students

Topics to be covered:
Community Standards, Rome Center Institutional Policies
Campus facilities (laundry, cafeteria, chapel, etc), Administrative Matters, Medical Support,
Safety, Student Mail, Computers, Phones
Fire Exits

6:00 – 7:30PM Mensa (Cafeteria) open for dinner.
Evening Free to unpack and get settled.

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Late Morning: **Orientation Introduction and Mandatory Permit to Stay (*Permesso di Soggiorno*) Paperwork Session***

Location: **Sala Chandler**

Students must attend the session at the times listed below. In Italy, you are required to have a legal Permit to Stay (*Permesso di Soggiorno*). This session requires your **passport, proof of health insurance, Italian Consulate letter, and a black pen.**

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM Students whose last names begin with the letter **A through J**
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM Students whose last names begin with the letter **K through R**
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM Students whose last names begin with the letter **S through Z**

**EU Passport holders do not need to attend this session. However, they must provide a copy of their passport picture page during Orientation and confirm their presence with Cindy Bomben, Associate Dean of Students.*

12:00 – 2:00 PM Mensa

2:00 – 3:30 PM Survival Italian Language Session #1

4:30 – 5:30 PM **Study Trip Informational Meeting (Mandatory)** Location: **Mensa**
Details will be explained pertaining to all JFRC Study Trips. Trip itineraries, costs, and travel tips will be provided.

6:00 PM **Welcome Reception and Buffet Dinner** – Location: **Courtyard**
Dr. Susana Cavallo, Dean of Faculty of the John Felice Rome Center will welcome students along with professors and staff.

Friday September 2, 2011

10:00 – 11:30 AM Survival Italian Language Session #2

11:30 – 12:30 PM “When in Rome” Cultural Workshop – Location: **Mensa**

12:30 – 2:00 PM Mensa

2:00 – 3:00 PM **Introduction to Academic and Student Life at the Rome Center (Mandatory)**
Location: **Mensa**
All JFRC students are required to attend this session

Marilyn Vitale, Associate Director
Cynthia Bomben, Associate Dean of Students
Michael Beazley, Director of Residence Life and Student Services

Student Life Assistants:
Cristina Cavalieri, Gina Crovetti, Kelly Garofalo, Brian Godfrey, Samantha Sleva,
Jack Spittle

Al Anuszewski, OSST
Campus Ministry

John Chandler, SJ
Director of Rome Start

Dr. John Nicholson
Professor of Fine Arts
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Paola Melotti
Domenica Magnante
Business Office

Andrea Scarpa, MD
Physician

Carolina Meucci
Psychologist and Counselor

Nicole Bubalo
English Language Program

3:30- 4:30 PM

Safety in Rome – US Citizen Services (Mandatory) Location: *Sala Chandler*

A representative from the US Embassy Consular Section will give a brief talk with tips on being safe in the Eternal City.

All students are required to attend one of the following sessions:

3:30 PM

Group 1 (Students with last name beginning with **A – L**)

4:00 PM

Group 2 (Students with last name beginning with **M – Z**)

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Dinner in the Neighborhood (optional and limited to first-come-first served basis)

For those wishing to have a dinner in the neighborhood, the first 120 who register will gather for a traditional Italian meal at several local neighborhood restaurants. Students attending will depart at 7:00 pm from the Reception Desk in the JFRC Lobby. Following dinner you are welcome to return to the Rome Center independent of the larger group; however, it is highly recommended that you return to the Rome Center with at least one other person. **This meal will cost 20 Euro.** Mensa service will be available for those who do not leave campus for dinner. *Mensa will be open from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.*

Saturday September 3, 2011

Roman Forum/Colosseum lecture and site visit - Location: **Sala Chandler**

10:00 AM

Roman Forum lecture – group 1 (Students with last name beginning with **A – L**)

11:15 AM

Roman Forum lecture – group 2 (Students with last name beginning with **M – Z**)

Sack lunches will be provided to students.

12:00 PM

Departures for Colosseum and Roman Forum by bus
Meet at the *Portineria* (Reception desk)

In ancient times, the Roman Forum and Colosseum represented the heart of the Mediterranean world. Today, the monuments serve as one of the world's most visited historical sites. Students will first hear from JFRC Historian, Dr. Alexander Evers, about the significance and magnitude of the ancient forum. The afternoon will allow students to explore the Colosseum and Forum. All are encouraged to return to campus via public transportation as an opportunity to learn how to navigate the Eternal City.

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Mensa

Sunday September 4, 2011

This day trip is part of the Orientation activities and required for all students.

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Departure for beach – location to be finalized

1:30- 3:00 PM

Lunch at beach resort

5:00 PM

Return to JFRC

6:00 - 7:30 PM **Mensa**

9:00 PM **Mass in JFRC Chapel**
Sunday Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the JFRC Chapel. All are welcome to join.

Monday September 5, 2011: **Classes Begin**

MANDATORY Permit to Stay paperwork processing will be taking place throughout the day. Please consult times and location on the bulletin board/flat screen near Porter's desk.

12:00– 2:00 PM **Mensa**

5:45 – 7:30 PM **Mensa**

Tuesday September 6, 2011

6:00 PM: **Welcome Convocation – Location: Courtyard**
Dr. Emilio Iodice,
Vice President, Loyola University Chicago and Director of the John Felice Rome Center
Introduction of JFRC Staff and Administration

Convocation represents a rite of passage for John Felice Rome Center students to begin their new lives in Europe. Vice President Iodice will welcome the Fall Semester Class of 2011 together with Dean Cavallo and the entire JFRC community. A welcome meal in the courtyard will immediately follow.

Wednesday September 7, 2011

7:30 PM: **Mass of the Holy Spirit**
Al Anuszewski, OSST, John Chandler, SJ and Ted Bohr, SJ will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit at Sant'Ignazio Church in the historic district of Rome.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit is an annual JFRC community event that initiates the academic semester. This celebration is open to all members of the JFRC community, regardless of their religious affiliation. A community dinner will immediately follow Mass.
Students will be asked to partially pay for their meal.

Friday –Sunday September 9-11, 2011 Orientation weekend trip- Umbria region (Todi/Spoleto/Gubbio/Foligno/Perugia).

This is a mandatory field trip for all Rome Center students. Students should not schedule weekend plans on these dates.

Friday September 9, 2011

7:00 AM: Departure for **Todi**
10:00 AM: Guided tour of city
1:00 PM: Lunch at local restaurant with typical Umbrian specialties

3:00 PM: Departure for **Spoleto**
4:30 PM: Arrive at hotel

6:00-8:00 PM: Community welcome and dinner at hotel

Saturday September 10, 2011

10:30 AM: Departure for **Gubbio**
12:30 AM: Lunch at local restaurant with typical Umbrian specialties
2:30 PM: Guided tour of **Gubbio**

4:30 PM: Departure for olive oil making factory near **Foligno**
5:00 PM: Guided visit of olive oil factory followed by olive oil tasting session
6:30 PM: Departure for **Foligno**
Visit of historical center and free time

8:00 PM: Return to Spoleto
Evening free

Sunday September 11, 2011

10:00 AM: Departure for **Perugia**

11:30 AM: Guided tour of city

1:00 PM: Departure for lunch

1:30 PM: Lunch and mini-wine tasting course

3:00 PM: Return to Perugia – brief free-time to explore city

5:00 PM: Departure for **Rome**

7:30- 9:00 PM: **Mensa open for dinner**

9:00 PM: Special prayer and reflection ceremony for victims of 9/11 followed by **Mass in JFRC Chapel**

*Revised: July 22, 2011
This schedule is subject to change.*