General Background Information:

Each year, and each semester, the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) begins a new and exciting series of events and trips with a new group of students coming from all over the US. Our first days together are geared toward providing you with necessary information; settling into your accommodations; and introducing you to one another, the staff, the city, and to Italy. Between January 9-23, 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 starting on Wednesday, January 9 at 10:00AM. If you plan to arrive in Rome before this date, you will need to find accommodations. Consider some of the lower cost hotels listed in the Guest Accommodation section of the JFRC webpage. Let us know that you have arrived so we can anticipate your coming to JFRC when doors are ready to open.

You will 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 short on cash, and bank machines for Euro currency are not always nearby.

During these first days, there will be two optional Orientation meals that are partially subsidized by the JFRC, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The first of these is a group dinner hosted at a local restaurant in our neighborhood (Students pay €25 for the dinner). The second meal follows the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a special event that marks the beginning of the semester and the closing of Fall Orientation. Following the Mass, students will have a meal in the historic district of Rome (which will cost participants €20). Although these meals are optional, students are strongly encouraged to join the JFRC community for a taste of Italian life and to build relationships. During Orientation, students will be given an opportunity to register for one or both of these meals. Space is limited.

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM          Registration and Official Move In

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

Staff and Student Life Assistants (SLAs) and staff will be present to answer questions and provide instructions related to move-in procedures.
12:45 – 3:00 PM       Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa (Cafeteria)

1:00 – 3:00 PM        IT session (Information Commons)
                      Want to log on to the JFRC network? Drop-in with your laptop, phone, and tablet!

3:00 & 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.

5:30 – 6:30 PM        Introductory Meeting

                      All students need to attend this mandatory informational meeting at which critical information will be shared regarding life at the JFRC and in the local community.
                      **All Women:** Rinaldo’s Café Bar
                      **All Men:** Information Commons

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

6:30 – 8:00 PM        Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

                      Evening Free to unpack and get settled.

**Thursday, January 10, 2013**

10:30 AM – 12:45PM: Orientation Meetings Cycle
                      Permesso Workshop, Floor Meeting, & Rome FAQs Sessions

                      Zone Residents, Rooms 318-334, 401-414   Sala Chandler
                      Rooms 301-317, 218-234   Rinaldo’s Bar
                      Rooms 235-251, 201-217   Information Commons

12:00 – 2:00 PM       Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa

2:00 – 3:30 PM        Survival Italian Language Session #1
                      Consult class lists posted on board in reception area/porter’s desk.

4:45 – 5:30 PM        Introduction to Academic and Student Life at the JFRC
                      Location: Rinaldo’s
                      **Marilyn Vitale**, Associate Director
                      **Cynthia Bomben**, Associate Dean of Students
                      **Michael Beazley**, Director of Residence Life and Student Services
                      **Student Life Assistants:**
                      Matthew Zundel, Emily Reber, Gina Crovetti, Brian Godfrey, Jack Spittle, & Russell Gonzalez

All sessions are MANDATORY unless otherwise noted.
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5:30 PM **Welcome Convocation & Dinner Reception** (Rinaldo’s Bar)

**Dr. Emilio Iodice**, Vice President, Loyola University Chicago and Director of the John Felice Rome Center

**Dr. Susana Cavallo**, Dean of Faculty

Convocation represents a rite of passage for John Felice Rome Center students to begin their new lives in Europe. Vice President Iodice and Dean Cavallo will welcome the Spring Semester Class of 2013 together with the entire JFRC community. A dinner reception will follow in Mensa.

**Evening:** **Centro Storico SCAVENGER HUNT**

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**Friday, January 11, 2013**

| 10:00 – 11:30 AM | **Survival Italian Language Session #2** | Consult class lists posted on board in reception area/porter's desk. |
| 11:30 – 12:30 PM | **“When in Rome” Cultural Workshop** (Rinaldo’s Bar) |  |
| 12:30 – 2:00 PM | **Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa** |  |
| 2:00 – 3:00 PM | **Study Trip Informational Meeting** (Rinaldo’s Bar) | Details will be explained pertaining to all JFRC Study Trips. Trip itineraries, costs, and travel tips will be provided. |
| 3:30 – 5:00 PM | **Safety in Rome – US Citizen Services** (Sala Chandler) | A representative from the US Embassy Consular Section will give tips on being safe in the Eternal City. **Students are required to attend one of the following sessions:** |
| 3:30 PM | Group 1 (Students with last name beginning with A – L) |  |
| 4:15 PM | Group 2 (Students with last name beginning with M – Z) |  |
| 5:00 PM | **Staying Happy & Healthy during your JFRC Experience** (Rinaldo’s) |  |

All sessions are MANDATORY unless otherwise noted.
7:00 – 10:00 PM Cena (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 JFRC independent of the larger group; however, it is highly recommended that you return to the JFRC with at least one other person. **This meal will cost €25.** Mensa service will be available for those who do not leave campus for dinner.

*Cena (Dinner) in Mensa will be available between 6:00 – 7:30 pm.*

**Saturday January 12, 2013**

Il Foro Romano & Il Colosseo

Roman Forum/Colosseum lecture with Prof. Sander Evers (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 all students; Mensa will be closed for lunch service due to this excursion.

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 Art Historian, Dr. John Nicholson, 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 Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

**Sunday January 13, 2013**

Day trip – Viterbo – Villa Lante (Bagnaia)

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

9:00 AM: Departure from JFRC

10:45- 12:45 PM: Visit Villa Lante- Bagnaia

1:00 – 3:00 PM: Community Pranzo (Lunch)

3:00 PM: Visit Viterbo – free time to explore city

5:00 PM: Return to JFRC

7:00- 8:30 PM Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

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

All sessions are MANDATORY unless otherwise noted.
Monday January 14, 2013         Classes Begin

8:00 – 12:00  **MANDATORY Permit to Stay Processing (Rinaldo’s Bar)**
PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORTS.
Please consult times and location on the bulletin board/information screen near Porter’s desk.
*Italian Cell phones will also be distributed in Rinaldo’s Bar at this time and into the early afternoon.*

12:00 – 2:00 PM   Pranzo (Lunch) in Mensa

5:45 – 7:30 PM   Cena (Dinner) in Mensa

**Friday–Sunday January 18-20, 2013 - Orientation Weekend Trip - Campania**

Herculaneum – Sorrento – Paestum – Caserta (*Reggia di Caserta*) - Montecassino

*This is a mandatory field trip for all JFRC students.*
*Students should not schedule weekend plans on these dates.*
A detailed itinerary will be available during Orientation.

**Wednesday January 23, 2013         Mass of the Holy Spirit**

7:00 PM:  **Fr. Al Anuszewski, OSST,** and **Fr. Ted Bohr, SJ** will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit at Chiesa Sant’Ignazio in the historic district of Rome.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit is an annual JFRC community event that initiates the academic semester and draws Orientation to a close. This celebration is optional open to all members of the JFRC community, regardless of their religious affiliation. A community dinner in the historic district immediately follows the Mass.

*Students will be asked to pay €20, a partial cost of their meal.*

**Revised:** Nov. 21, 2012
*This schedule is subject to change.*