Recent retired English teacher Jack O’Connell sees his year spent at the John Felice Rome Center as transformative. “It’s the one experience that affected me the most. It changed my life.” O’Connell, who now lives in Connecticut, recently honored that experience with a $25,000 bequest.

As a sophomore at John Carroll University in Cleveland in the late ‘60s, O’Connell saw a poster in the dean’s office advertising the relatively new JFRC. It immediately piqued his interest. “Some friends and I immediately decided that we wanted to go, but we all had to get the approval of Father Britt, the dean, before he’d let us,” O’Connell describes.

Once at the JFRC in September of 1968, O’Connell knew that he was in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. “The world was less global then. There were no phones on campus,” he remembers. “If you wanted to make a long distance call, you had to place it at the Hilton.” O’Connell loved going to the student union, where everyone was singing along with the Beatle’s newly released “Hey Jude.” One of his favorite trips was to Capri where he and his friends sat on the rocks and jumped into the crystal blue waters. “It was just such a sense of ‘Wow, this is great,’” he recalls.

While at the JFRC, O’Connell also toured the Middle East soon after the Six-Day War. His trip included stops in Israel, Cyprus, Lebanon, and Egypt. “While walking around, jets would fly ominously low overhead,” he recalls. Many years later, he felt the same sense of doom hearing turbines above while living in New York after the September 11 attacks.

The richness of these experiences, O’Connell feels, permanently altered his perceptions. “The experience broadened my mind,” he says. “I felt I had a glimpse of the world. “Through the Kent State shootings and the Vietnam War protests, O’Connell feels that living at the JFRC helped him to stay balanced. “It’s a blessing you are given that grants you a second sight into things.”

The other great benefit of his time at the JFRC was a tight circle of friends. “There’s a group of people I still see. I’m godfather to my classmate’s children,” he explains. “I e-mailed a whole bunch of them recently, telling them it was John Felice’s birthday.”
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After returning home from the JFRC on the RMS Queen Elizabeth 2, O’Connell graduated from John Carroll University. He studied Anglo-Irish literature in Dublin for a year, worked at Condé Nast Publications, and then got a master’s degree in English from Columbia University. He taught English at different schools until settling in as a dean and teacher at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut, from where he retired.

Despite the length of years, O’Connell remains philosophical about the opportunity to study abroad at the JFRC. “It’s an eye opener. You see things through a different lens without feeling superior. Living and working abroad makes you realize that humility is not a weakness. It is a strength.”

With a charitable gift annuity, you can support the John Felice Rome Center and receive benefits in return:

- dependable, fixed payments for life
- payments received partially free of tax
- charitable deduction in the year of your gift

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Rates are subject to change. Gift annuities may not be available to residents of some states.

Happy Birthday, John Felice!

John Felice, JFRC founder and director emeritus, celebrated his 84th birthday on September 6, 2007. John enjoyed the Italian food at a local restaurant in Glenview, Illinois. He thanks all of his JFRC alumni and friends for their cards and well-wishes.

John and Father Arimond enjoy a laugh
Three former directors: George Hastert, John Felice, and Jim Arimond, S.J.
Kate and John Felice
RAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and other qualified retirement plans are among the best ways to save for a comfortable retirement. Contributions are sheltered from taxation in the year they are made, and the accumulated funds grow tax-free.

When funds are withdrawn, income tax will be paid by the recipient—by you while receiving distributions or by your beneficiaries after your death. If your total estate exceeds the estate-tax exemption amount, all your assets—including your retirement assets—may be subject to estate tax.

Combined, income and estate taxes could confiscate more than 60 percent of what you intend for beneficiaries. In fact, retirement-plan assets are likely to be the most heavily taxed assets that you can leave to heirs. Considering the potential tax bite, leaving retirement funds to heirs is like locking a favorite sweater in a closet with a couple of hungry moths: not much will be left by the time your kids inherit it.

The tax-free IRA rollover is set to expire

After a decade of near misses, the nation’s charitably minded individuals finally scored a significant win when Congress passed and the president signed the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006) into law. While the act implements important pension-reform measures, it also creates a new and exciting gift-planning opportunity to make gifts from your IRA and exclude the amount of your gifts from gross income. To qualify:

- You must be 70½ years of age or older;
- The transfers must go directly from your IRA to qualified charities;
- Your gifts cannot exceed a total of $100,000 per year; and
- Your gifts must be outright.*

This opportunity is available until the end of 2007, and the gift does not qualify for a charitable tax deduction.

* Transfers to supporting organizations, donor advised funds, and charitable remainder trusts and for charitable gift annuities do not qualify.

Law allows tax-free giving from IRAs through 2007

You may benefit greatly from PPA 2006 if:

- You are required to take minimum withdrawals.
- You have already made the maximum donation for allowable charitable deductions.
- You are subject to the 2 percent rule that requires that itemized deductions be reduced.
- You are subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT) and are taking mandatory withdrawals from your IRA.
- You live in a state where a charitable deduction is not available for state tax purposes.
- You do not itemize.
- Your major assets reside in your IRA.

As you can see, PPA 2006 has made lifetime transfers of IRA assets a more viable option, but what about the rest of your retirement-plan assets? It is likely that these remaining funds make up a large portion of your estate.

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Benefit the John Felice Rome Center and your family—with a gift of retirement funds

If you die with $500,000 in your IRA

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“This provision has so many benefits that it has allowed me to increase my charitable giving by 44 percent.”

—Jim Haberkorn (BSC ’56)
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Choosing the right asset to benefit the John Felice Rome Center

If you are planning to benefit us at death, consider designating the JFRC as beneficiary of some or all of your retirement-plan benefits. You will likely save more taxes when giving these assets compared to gifts of securities, real estate, and other investments. Here’s why:

• Your testamentary gift to us of your retirement-plan benefits avoids income taxes because the JFRC is tax-exempt.

• Your gift also qualifies for an estate-tax deduction, ensuring that your heirs will receive more of your other assets.

• To make this gift, simply contact the administrator of your retirement plan and request a beneficiary-designation form. You designate the JFRC as the beneficiary of part or all of your retirement-plan assets.

That’s it! You don’t have to change your will.

It’s that easy! With a few strokes of a pen, you can be sure that the assets will be paid directly to the John Felice Rome Center and will not be subject to estate tax or income tax. You have the satisfaction of making a significant charitable gift at relatively little cost to your heirs and knowing that your money is helping the JFRC with its mission.

The flow chart on page 3 illustrates how a person with an estate consisting of $2,500,000 that includes an IRA valued at $500,000 can make a gift of the IRA to the JFRC at a cost of only $178,750.

We are here to help

This issue of Generazione del Domani has presented several attractive ways to make a charitable gift of your retirement-plan funds to the JFRC. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information or have questions.

To assist in your planning, we would like you to have a complimentary copy of our latest booklet, Charitable Tax Planning with Retirement Funds. To request your copy, simply return the card or call our office.

Save the date!

John Felice Rome Center Annual all-class reunion in Chicago!

Saturday, April 12-13, 2008, join your fellow alumni for a weekend of friendship, food, and fun—Roman Style!

Watch LUC.edu/romereunion or call 1.800.5LOYOLA (556.9652) for more details.