The road to Mundelein College was a long one for Jeanne LaPlace (BA ’74), but one that has led to over 20 years of dedication and service to Mundelein and the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership. Mrs. LaPlace and her husband, Desmond, have further demonstrated their commitment to the Mundelein legacy by making a $250,000 bequest to the Gannon Center.

Mrs. LaPlace is pleased with the development of the Gannon Center. “It encourages women to be leaders,” she says. “It began very small and has picked up more and more students and research scholars. I want to see the center become even larger.”

Mrs. LaPlace’s own leadership journey began in Boston, when she was working in the library system at Harvard University. She met her husband there, while he was still a student at Harvard College. “I decided to take her out instead of the books,” Mr. LaPlace explains. After graduating, he earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School, after which he entered the office products industry. The couple was married and moved to New York, where Mrs. LaPlace worked as a technical secretary at an engineering association.

In 1968, Mr. LaPlace accepted a new job in Chicago and the couple relocated to the Midwest. Mrs. LaPlace decided that the time was ripe to finally get her degree. “When we came to Chicago, I was trying to find a school that I could attend part-time during the day. Most didn’t accept students like that,” she relates. Northwestern University referred her to Mundelein College, which was near her home in Chicago. “I found a wonderful school.”

Mrs. LaPlace majored in English. As a lifelong lover of books, she thought it was a dream come true to read wonderful books while earning a degree. Being an older student made it harder to connect with classmates, but made her more focused and driven to excel in her classes. Although Mundelein’s all-female student body wasn’t a deciding factor in her decision to enroll there, Mrs. LaPlace thought that women had greater opportunities to become leaders in a women’s college.

After graduating from Mundelein in 1974, she enrolled in the Division of Humanities at the University of Chicago and earned a master of arts degree in English.

Then, in 1986, Mrs. LaPlace was invited to join the board of trustees of Mundelein College. After the
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1991 merger with Loyola University Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. LaPlace became members of the President’s Advisory Council for the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership. The couple is now on the advancement committee for the Gannon Center, which was very active in raising money for the restoration of Piper Hall. “I personally have very fond memories of student life at Mundelein College, and I feel indebted to the BVMs,” explains Mrs. LaPlace of the couple’s service and gift.

“I think it is very deserving and worthwhile in the development of women leadership,” says Mr. LaPlace of the Gannon Center. “We rank it very high among the organizations we support.”

With a charitable gift annuity, you can support the Gannon 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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Madonna della Strada Reborn

After three years of renovation, Madonna della Strada Chapel has reopened and has never looked better. The new marble floor, altar, baptismal font, and artistic details fulfill the intentions of the chapel’s original architects and designers. The next time you are in the neighborhood, stop by. The chapel’s beauty is best appreciated in person.
Benefit the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership and your family—with a gift of retirement funds

IRAs, 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.

If you die with $500,000 in your IRA

If your $2,500,000 estate is partly made up of an IRA ($500,000), you may benefit from a tax-free rollover of funds to a qualified charity. See the chart below to see how your estate would be taxed if you die with $500,000 in your IRA:

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Jim Haberkorn (BSC ’56) said, “This provision has so many benefits that it has allowed me to increase my charitable giving by 44 percent.”
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Choosing the right asset to benefit the Gannon Center

If you are planning to benefit us at death, consider designating the Gannon Center 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 Gannon Center 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 Gannon Center 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 Gannon 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 Gannon Center 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 Mundelein at a cost of only $178,750.

We are here to help

This issue of The Mundelein Legacy has presented several attractive ways to make a charitable gift of your retirement-plan funds to Mundelein. 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!

Information Commons Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony
Friday, December 7, 2007, 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Lake Shore Campus between Cudahy Library and Madonna della Strada
• Stop by and check out the University’s new cutting-edge library facility and the future academic center of campus. This environmentally friendly structure is expected to earn silver-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Christmas at the Mansion
Saturday, December 8, 2007
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. in Piper Hall and McCormick Lounge; Vespers at 5:15 p.m.

Ready to help you

When you have questions about making a gift to the Gannon Center, the planned giving team is ready to answer them. Please call or write us at:

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