A New Look for JFRC Stationery

Rachel Lionberg (JFRC ’01) took the magnificent photo used in the stationery, while in Rome for the 2006 reunion. While touring the Vatican Museum and in desperate need of fresh air, she found a window, a breeze, and this breathtaking scene. Rachel’s eye for composition is featured in the JFRC’s new letterhead. We will begin using it this fall.
John Felice
Introduces New
JFRC Leadership

My dear JFRC Alumni and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to share with you the news that Loyola University Chicago and its president, Michael Garanzini, S.J., have appointed Professor Emilio Iodice as the director of the John Felice Rome Center. Professor Iodice accepted this responsibility with great enthusiasm. A new wave of excitement for the JFRC has already swept through those alumni and friends who have had the opportunity to meet Professor Iodice, myself included.

It has become very clear that Father Garanzini has a deep affection for our JFRC and a new and enthusiastic vision for it. He is committed to its long traditions, its importance to our students as a life-changing influence, its value for our faculty, and its strength within the Roman and Italian communities. Father Garanzini appointed a search committee, which also included JFRC alumni, to look for a unique and talented person with the leadership skills to make real his bold vision. Professor Iodice was chosen from more than 70 dynamic applicants from both the United States and countries around the world. He will guide the JFRC through new growth, possible relocation, and will secure the JFRC’s place as the premier study abroad program in Italy.

The depth and breadth of Professor Iodice’s experience makes him uniquely suited to our beloved JFRC. He has spent over 30 years in foreign ministry and international business, and over 20 years in higher education as a professor and advisor. Professor Iodice was a top executive in the U.S. government, serving in the White House, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. In the U.S. Foreign Service he served as minister for commercial affairs at the American embassies in Rome, Paris, Madrid, Mexico City, and Brasilia. He has received medals from the republics of Italy and Spain, and in 2001, he was knighted by the former king of Italy.

Complementing this impressive track record are personal passions that align with LUC’s mission and values. He was raised and educated in the Jesuit tradition and is fluent in Italian, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. He is an excellent fit to lead the JFRC and further enhance its international reputation.

Foreseeing the needs of the JFRC on both a business and academic level, Professor Iodice appointed Susana Cavallo, PhD, as its first associate director for academic programs. Dr. Cavallo joined Loyola in 1982 as an assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. She became professor of Spanish language and literature in 2000 and has served as department chair since 2005. Dr. Cavallo will now serve as the primary deputy to Professor Iodice at the JFRC and will be responsible for academic affairs, including faculty recruitment, curriculum development, course scheduling, and student academic services.

I am personally very happy with the selection and appointment of Professor Iodice, and have had the great pleasure of meeting and working with him each time he has come to Chicago. I believe you will find him to be a most able director, as well as an open, inviting person who embraces the traditions and history of the JFRC and welcomes new ideas and energy. I am also very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Cavallo and the passion she brings into her work. Together they are tremendous assets to the JFRC, and I look forward to great progress under their leadership.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Iodice and Dr. Cavallo to the place we all at one point called home, and wish them much happiness and success in their endeavors and efforts.

God love you,

John P. Felice
Founder and Director Emeritus
Q&A with Emilio Iodice

Q: What is your connection to the city of Rome?
A: I first discovered Rome in 1966 when I went to Italy to find my Italian roots. Going from the Bronx to the Eternal City was quite a dramatic leap for a 20-year-old who had seen only Michigan and New Jersey in his travels. I fell in love with Rome. I felt as though I had been there before. Today, I have a home in Rome and a villa near where my grandparents and parents grew up.

Q: What do you see as the mission of the JFRC?
A: Our mission is about understanding and opening the mind to new thoughts, dimensions, and challenges. It is about building respect and tolerance for others and for their points of view. It is about giving a life-changing experience that our students will carry with them forever.

Q: What are some of your plans for new programs at the JFRC, academic or otherwise?
A: We have many plans for the JFRC: a new location, new academic programs, enhanced marketing and alumni relations efforts, and increasing relations with partner universities. We will always strive to improve and expand experiences for our students.

Q: How can alumni stay involved with the JFRC community?
A: We will be working with the alumni to develop new opportunities and resources, both financial and intellectual, for those who will study with us in Rome. Most of all, we want to make our alumni feel that the JFRC will always be their home.

Q: What is your favorite landmark in Rome?
A: I am inspired by the Roman Pantheon. In addition to being one of the great architectural marvels of all time, it links the world of Caesar to the history of modern Italy and modern Europe. In the Pantheon lives the spirit of the grandeur and greatness of ancient Rome with its common language, currency, laws, and flow of citizens from Portugal to the Rhine and from England to Slovenia. At that time we called it the Roman Empire and today we call it Europe.

What is the best gelateria in Rome?
There are many good ones, but for me it is the one that makes the best pistachio ice cream, which is not far from my home in the Prati district of Rome. On Via Candia, near the Mercato Triumfale, is a gelateria that makes it from scratch with real pistachio nuts. One can spend a lifetime examining and tasting the creations of the many ice cream parlors that are in every Roman neighborhood. It would be a lifetime well spent.
Jill Annitto
(JFRC fall '01/Loyola University Chicago '02) returned to NYC after realizing her dream of becoming a librarian. She is currently working for the Mayor’s Office managing the NYC libraries’ budgets. She married a fellow “book geek” in January and will soon receive a second master’s in public administration. She no longer cuts hair. You can reach her at jill.annitto@gmail.com.

Shooshan Boyrazian
(JFRC spring ’99/ Loyola University Chicago '00) returned to Rome in 2004 to attend graduate school at St. John's University Rome, Italy, campus. He graduated in January 2006 with an MA in government and politics. After graduate school, he moved to Washington, D.C., and is a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, a global strategy and technology consulting firm.

Katie Graham
(JFRC ’88–’89) organized and launched a humanitarian effort called “The Sunshine Initiative,” through the nonprofit Project Zawadi. She raised nearly $50,000 to build teacher residences, increase classroom space, and sponsor 29 new children through school while continuing to sponsor existing students.

Thea Jarvis
(JFRC ’64–’65) has written a new book, Everyday Hospitality, which offers simple steps to cultivating a welcoming heart.

Marita Kuhl
(JFRC ’62–’63/BS Loyola University Chicago ’65) received her MAT in teaching biology from Northwestern in 1966 and an MA in humanities from the University of Chicago in 1970. Since June 2001, Marita has been semi–retired and mentors first–year high school teachers. In 2007 she took three trips to the Amazon.

Jay LaFray
(JFRC ’66–’67), president and publisher of Seaside Publishing Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida, will be demonstrating recipes from her book, Cuba Cocina! (HarperCollins Publishing) at the Oak Valley Music Fest in California. She also has two grandchildren and is writing three more books.

Paul A. Lombardo
(JFRC ’69–’70/Rockhurst ’71) left the University of Virginia after 16 years and just completed his first year as professor of law at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Paul was recently the historical consultant for The Golden Door, an Italian film presented by Martin Scorsese and Miramax Films.

Thomas Mulroy
(JFRC ’66–’67) married Elaine Mazzone (JFRC ’66–’67), graduated from Santa Clara University (BA ’68), and, in March 2007, became a Circuit Court of Cook County judge. Judge Mulroy attended Loyola University School of Law (’72), was an assistant U.S. district attorney, and a partner at Jenner & Block. He hears commercial cases at Chicago’s Daley Center.

James Palka
(JFRC ’70–’71/Loyola University Chicago ’72) has self published a 274–page memoir, The Rome Center, which is available for browsing in the Archives Department and Rome Center Office at Loyola University Chicago Lake Shore Campus. The book contains 301 pictures from his Rome stay. He would be happy to e–mail anyone a text copy and can be reached at jamesfpalka@comcast.net.

Lara Vaive
(JFRC Fall ’94/Loyola University Chicago ’96/ Loyola School of Law ’03) and Vincent Fike (Loyola University Chicago ’96) welcomed son, Henry Douglas, on December 8, 2006. Lara is an attorney with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, and Vince works for Grosvenor Capital Management. They live in Chicago.

If you have news you would like to share in an upcoming Il Bolletino, please send a brief note to JFRCForum@luc.edu. Please include:

• Full name (include maiden/former name)
• Year/semester you attended JFRC
• Year and name of institution where you completed your undergraduate degree year.
• No more than 50 words describing the who, what, why, when and where of your news

We reserve the right to edit, omit, or hold submissions as needed.
Recognizing how profoundly and positively living overseas can change lives, a number of alumni and friends are making the JFRC a priority in their charitable giving plans. Among the top priorities of our benefactors is that students—regardless of their backgrounds or means—all have the opportunity of a transformational term abroad, and that the JFRC remains open, accessible, and diverse. Helping the JFRC through philanthropy, these benefactors are creating a remarkable legacy and are helping to enrich lives, make a brighter future, and create a better world.

A new, significant scholarship will soon be made available to visiting students attending the JFRC through the generous support of alumna Carol Robbins (JFRC ‘64–’65). “More than anything else, we learned tolerance at the Rome Center,” says Robbins “We learned how to get along with people from completely different backgrounds, who, up until that point, had been strangers.”

Tolerance and diversity are important values Carol took away from her time at the JFRC. In this spirit, Robbins recently created and funded the Carol T. Robbins Visiting Student Scholarship, a permanent scholarship endowment with the purpose of enabling visiting students from universities and colleges throughout the United States to attend the JFRC. One scholarship between $5,000 and $7,500 will be awarded to a visiting student each year. Robbins’s vision and generosity in establishing this endowment will directly affect JFRC students in perpetuity, and will help ensure that the student population remains diverse, both geographically and financially. “If I can change one student’s life by giving him or her the opportunity to study at the JFRC, then I’m both obliged and thrilled to do it,” says Robbins.

Alumnus Jack O’Connell (JFRC ’68–’69) 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.”

O’Connell recently honored his experience at the JFRC with foresight and generosity by making the JFRC part of his estate plans. Through his thoughtful planning, $25,000 will be allocated to the JFRC. Planned gifts are an important part of ensuring that the experience offered at the JFRC continues to improve. “It’s the one experience that affected me the most,” says O’Connell of his time at the JFRC. “It changed my life.”

The Vogelheim/Hansen Scholarship, a new resource available to future students, was designed and funded for students who may not think they are able attend the JFRC, and may not even consider applying, because of substantial financial aid gaps or unmet financial needs. These students may currently mitigate the cost of their education at home by commuting to school, holding down a job, or other means that are not possible while studying abroad. Some students may also have other needs or gaps which do not make a term or year abroad a realistic option. Through the generosity of Katie Vogelheim (JFRC ’76 –’77) and husband John Hansen, scholarships averaging between $3,000 and $10,000 will be available to students applying to the JFRC in spring 2008, fall 2008, and full-year ’08–’09. The scholarship encourages students from all financial backgrounds to apply at the JFRC.

“My experience at the JFRC had a profound impact on my life. Roman life, culture, and history seeped into my soul and framed many of my most important and life-changing decisions,” explains Vogelheim. “The international perspective I gained as a young student was invaluable in helping me forge life-long relationships with people from different countries and cultures. This is why my husband and I are committed to doing what we can to make the JFRC accessible to students who couldn’t otherwise afford it.”

For additional information on the JFRC campaign, planned or major gifts, or to find out how you can make a transformational gift to the John Felice Rome Center, please contact Elaine Kreuz, JFRC director of development, at 312.915.7652 or ekreuz@luc.edu.
West Coast Reunion Brings Five Decades of JFRC Alumni Together

By: Leonard Slotkowski (JFRC ’65–’66), JFRC alumni board president

The last weekend of April in San Francisco could not have been more beautiful—75 degrees and perfect skies—not even much of the famous San Francisco fog to speak of. In addition to the unusually perfect climate, the weekend was made even more special by the JFRC All-Class West Coast Reunion. More than 100 JFRC alumni from all five decades of the JFRC and several states and cities joined together again at Il Palio restaurant in San Francisco’s Financial District for a Saturday night of great food, wine, and company. Father Michael Garanzini, president of Loyola University Chicago, joined us as well for the reunion dinner and opened the feast up with meaningful words about the JFRC, its future, alumni, and dear founder, John Felice. He spoke with excitement about the JFRC’s future and its new leadership, and with gratitude for all the support and loyalty from the JFRC alumni. Together that night we celebrated the JFRC, its future, its past, our memories, and one another.

I was personally very happy to see so many alumni come together in San Francisco. The weekend offered a great opportunity for groups from individual classes to meet and catch-up as well. Members of my own JFRC class, ’65–’66, made an occasion on the Friday night before the reunion to celebrate together, and I know several other classes did as well. I hope all of you will make an effort to join us at the next JFRC All-Class Reunion, scheduled to be in Chicago the weekend of April 12, 2008. Save that date and look for details in your next Il Bollettino!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful autumn season.

Leonard Slotkowski
Greetings from the Development Office!

The campaign for the John Felice Rome Center has gained even more momentum this year. Donations to general operating, scholarship endowments, and travel funds have been invaluable in making the JFRC a fixture in Rome.

In fiscal year 2007, 667 alumni and friends contributed $220,733 to various JFRC endeavors. Gifts made to the John P. and Mary K. Felice Endowed Scholarship totaled $37,735. The Forza Roma fund earned $40,292, and $1,255 was given to the Steve Wolf Memorial Travel Fund. The class scholarships were successful as well, earning a total of $87,450 in fiscal year 2007. We had a great year and are incredibly grateful for all the JFRC alumni and friends who participated.

Società di Donatori 2007 Honor Roll

We extend our deepest appreciation for all those alumni and friends who are members of the Società di Donatori, a giving club that recognizes the generosity of alumni and friends who make gifts of $250 or more. We have listed this year’s members in recognition of their outstanding support and generosity and for helping to lead the campaign in perpetuity.

Benefattori $1000+
Jacqueline and Hugh Arnold (JFRC’62–’63, BA’65)
Joseph Silliman, PhD (JFRC’62–’63, BS’63)
Leonard Slotkowski (JFRC’65–66, BA’69, MED’72)
Yolanda and Robert Speyer (JFRC’65–66, BA’72, MA’74)
Andrew Sweny, Jr (JFRC’70–71)
Patricia O’Shea and Frank Tannura (JFRC’70–71, BA’79)
Leland Tingle (JFRC’70–71, BA’79)
Laura and David Van Etten (JFRC’70–71, BA’79)
Katherine Vogelheim (JFRC’77–’78)
John Hansen (JFRC’77–’78)
Richard Walsh, Jr (JFRC’63–’64)
Stephen Wilsey (JFRC’65–’66)

Corporations and Foundations
$1000+
Constellation Energy Group
Delphi Financial Group, Inc.
HSBC
Laddens & Allen, Chartered
Samuel T. & Mary K. Naito Foundation
The Turano Family Foundation
The Weinig Foundation, Inc.

$999–$500
The Forker Company
The Greater St. Louis Community Neuropsychology Diagnostic Center

$499–$250
Chicago Community Trust
Slaggie Family Foundation

Sostenitori $999–$500
Laura (JFRC’76–’77) and Thomas Bacon
Janice Butler Bart (JFRC’65–’66)
Robert Bart (JFRC’65–’66)
Joan Batchen (JFRC’81–’82, BA’83, MBA’88)
Janice (JFRC’67–’68)
Susan (JFRC’67–’68) and Thomas Berthold
Susan (JFRC’67–’68) and William Carter
Susan Lamb and Dennis Cook (JFRC’72–’73, JD’79, JFRC’79–’80)

Carole Costas (JFRC’74–’75)
Claudette (JFRC’74–’75)
Robert Dachowski
John Decina
Patricia DeKilder (JFRC’74–’75, BA’75)
Donna (MUND’69) and
Gary Dein (JFRC’74–’75, BA’75)
Diana (MUND’69)
John Faulhaber (JFRC’67–’68)
Marie Fitzpatrick (JFRC’67–’68, BA’69)
Megene (JFRC’71–’72) and
Peter Foraker (JFRC’71–’72)
Paul Gearen (JFRC’71–’72)
Shena (JFRC’84, BA’84, MBA’84) and
Benjamin Keith (BA’00)
Rachel Lionberg (JFRC’84, BA’03, MBA’04)
Marsue (JFRC’69–’70) and Peter MacNicol
Suzanne (JFRC’67–’68)
Robert McCarthy (JFRC’67–’68)
William McGrath (JFRC’94–’95)
Marilyn Dunn (JFRC’69–’70) and William
McGuire (JFRC’68–’69)
Nancy and Michael Miller (JFRC’68–’69)
Mary Molten (JFRC’82–’83, BA’84)
Patrice (JFRC’68–’69)
William Morrison (JFRC’68–’69)
Elaine (JFRC’66–’67, MUND’66, MED’76) and
Thomas Mulroy (JFRC’66–’67, JD’72)
Susan Welch Murphy (JFRC’64–’65) and
John Murphy (JFRC’64–’65)
Kristen (JFRC’63–’64) and Michael Natter
Claudette and John Nicolai (JFRC’69–’70)
John O’Connell, Jr (JFRC’68–’69)
Cheryl (JFRC’68–’69, BA’68)
Ann O’Shaughnessy (BA’00)

$1000–$999
Avery & Willard Freeman Foundation
Chicago Community Trust
The Greater St. Louis Community Neuropsychology Diagnostic Center

$999–$500
The Forker Company
The Greater St. Louis Community Neuropsychology Diagnostic Center

$499–$250
Chicago Community Trust
Slaggie Family Foundation

Sostenitori $999–$500
Laura (JFRC’76–’77) and Thomas Bacon
Janice Butler Bart (JFRC’65–’66) and
Richard Bart
Joan Batchen (JFRC’81–’82, BA’83, MBA’88)
Janice (JFRC’67–’68) and Thomas Berthold
Susan (JFRC’67–’68) and William Carter
Susan Lamb and Dennis Cook (JFRC’72–’73, JD’79, JFRC’79–’80)
WAYS TO SUPPORT THE JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER

Your gifts are crucial to the future of the John Felice Rome Center and can be made in a variety of ways:

**Outright gifts** – You can give by check, credit card, gifts of stock, online, or electronic funds transfer.

**Matching gifts** – Many employers will match your charitable contributions. Check with your employer for more information.

**Planned gifts** – You may also choose to remember the John Felice Rome Center in your will or estate plan.

However you decide to contribute, know that your generosity is appreciated and will go a long way toward securing the future of the JFRC.

John Felice Rome Center
Loyola University Chicago—Gift Processing
Department 4336
Carol Stream, IL 60122

LUC.edu/romecenter / annualgiving@luc.edu
800.424.1513. / Online donations: LUC.edu/giving

This list is current through XXXXX. Every effort has been made to list members correctly. We apologize for any oversight or error and ask that you report it to Robin Miller, annual giving officer, at rmiller1@luc.edu or 312.915.6363.