What kind of person was Joyce?
She was a beautiful woman and an excellent friend who was well known in her field. I met her in college, and she lived with her mother and two aunts. All of those ladies were very professional in their work. Joyce loved music and the opera. She used to go to New York City with her mother and aunts for a whole weekend to see two or three operas.

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What was Joyce’s involvement with the Gannon Center?
She kept close ties with Sister Ann Ida Gannon. They had a long-time friendship, and every time Joyce came to campus she made a point to see her. Sister Ann Ida always felt very close to the class of 1955, because it was during our time that she became president of the college. The significant support from Joyce’s estate set into motion the Celebrate Mundelein campaign, which seeks to secure the financial future of the Gannon Center. Joyce’s legacy will provide scholarship assistance in perpetuity to young women working to make a difference in society.

DONOR PROFILE
MILLION-DOLLAR GIFT HONORS MUNDELEIN LEGACY

JOYCE BARRY (MUND ’55)

Joyce Barry (pictured below) retired from Marriott International after serving as a dietitian and quality control worker. She was a leader in her field and excelled at a time that was challenging for women in the workforce. In her estate plans, she left over a million dollars to Loyola in support of the Gannon Center. The following information was shared by a close friend and classmate, Marie Therese Gauer (MUND ’55).

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A charitable gift annuity, as the name suggests, is part gift—a contribution of money or property to Loyola—and part annuity—an arrangement where the University agrees to pay your designated annuitant(s) fixed payments for life.

This annuity concept is familiar to many who remember what it was like before the advent of IRAs and 401(k)s. In those days, most people could count on a comfortable old age only if they “did it themselves.” Commercial annuities were sold as a way to accomplish individual retirement programs; people deposited money with a company in exchange for the assurance that they would never run out of income.

In this respect, a gift annuity is not so different from those commercial annuities. In exchange for a sum of money transferred to Loyola by a donor, Loyola agrees to pay the designated annuitant(s)—usually the donor or the donor and a spouse—a set annuity for life. These payments are backed by the full assets of the University. As with a commercial annuity, a portion of the annual payment—sometimes a substantial portion—is tax-free over the annuitant’s life expectancy as a return of investment.

But here the similarity with a commercial annuity ends. As the name implies, a gift annuity is also part gift. When the last beneficiary has passed on, Loyola receives the funds remaining in the annuity account.

This gift component is very important, because it generates two significant tax benefits. First, since a portion of the gift is treated as a charitable contribution, the donor gets an immediate income-tax deduction. Second, if long-term capital-gain property is used to fund the charitable contribution, the donor gets an immediate income-tax deduction and gains a basis in the property equal to its fair market value.

YOUR ANNUITY PAYMENTS

The payments are a fixed amount and generally depend on the number (up to two) and age(s) of the beneficiaries. For instance, income would be higher for an annuity payable for life to one person, age 70, than to a couple, both 70, because of the longer combined life expectancies of the couple.

$25,000 GIFT ANNUITY

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EXAMPLE: John and Mary, both 75, make a gift of $25,000 in return for an annuity of $1,250 per year as long as either of them lives. The gift generates a current income-tax deduction of $9,237. A portion of the annual income is tax-free. For the remainder of their life expectancies, $961 of the $1,250 annual payments John and Mary receive will be tax-free.

A gift annuity also offers the opportunity to reduce capital-gain tax on long-term appreciated property used to fund it. And the reduced amount of tax that is payable can be spread over the donor’s life expectancy.

How is the charitable tax deduction for my gift determined?

The charitable deduction is equal to the difference between the amount of the contribution and the value of payments to the annuitant(s). Deductions are lower for younger people, because they are likely to live longer. Similarly, deductions are lower when there are two annuitants rather than one.

Because of its simplicity, a gift annuity typically does not require a great deal of time or expense to complete, making it suitable for gifts of any size and providing several benefits to the donor. Sometimes a gift annuity can be the best choice for the largest gifts.

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