

## Paying It Forward

*Your planned gift to Saint Peter's University creates a brighter tomorrow for our students. These students—their promise and their future—will be your legacy.*

**S**ince 1981, Saint Peter's University President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., and his wife, AnnMarie, have witnessed firsthand the impact that a Saint Peter's education has on our students. As a result, they recently pledged a transformational \$250,000 gift to the University—their largest philanthropic commitment to any organization including Saint Peter's.

"I have seen thousands of students who thirst for knowledge and thirst to educate themselves," said Dr. Cornacchia. "Saint Peter's has changed their lives; this is why I give."

The life-changing effect an education has on students and the momentum the University has built from the success of the last capital campaign, *Students at the Center*, fueled the Cornacchias' decision to give. In fact, their blended cash and planned gift has inspired others to give at their highest level as well, allowing the University to do what it does best: graduating students for careers and purposeful lives.

"This whole process takes discernment and faith. Have faith and decide to give now. Don't overthink it," said AnnMarie, expressing confidence. "I have the utmost faith in the future of Saint Peter's."

The couple's everyday and future commitment shows that they lead by example. In addition, they are also following in the footsteps of inspirational Jesuits and others who founded and supported the mission of the University for over 150 years. They believe in paying it forward and hope that others consider the transformational effects their gifts can have on the lives of Saint Peter's University students.



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**—Dr. Cornacchia**

# Redefine Your Legacy

## Do More Than You Imagined for Saint Peter's University

By combining a current gift with a future gift, you can make a transformational impact on our students—both today and tomorrow. Your generosity will help us meet critical needs today and allow us to plan for the future with confidence.



“Thank you for providing us with a promising future.”

—Patrick Farrell '19

Blend a cash and planned gift together for an impact you might not have dreamed possible.

### Make an Immediate Impact:

- **Donate cash.** You can give throughout the year, annually, consider a five-year pledge, or a lump sum to help us provide for operational necessities.
- **Avoid capital gains tax by making a gift of appreciated assets.** Stocks, bonds, real estate and other property that have grown in value since you first purchased them make it possible to give a larger donation for less cost—and provide you with tax benefits.
- **Make a gift through your IRA.** If you are 70½ or older you can satisfy your minimum required distribution and pay no income tax.

### Make a Lasting Impact:

- **Include Saint Peter's University in your will or trust.** This is an easy and flexible way to extend your support. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. Or create a trust that can help protect your assets and provide for both you, your family and the University.
- **Donate retirement plan assets.** By making a simple designation on your plan's beneficiary designation form, you can save your loved ones from a significant tax burden while supporting our students.
- **Donate a life insurance policy.** You can donate a paid-up policy or simply name Saint Peter's University as the beneficiary.



Contact Sharon Morrissey at (201) 761-6126 or [smorrissey@saintpeters.edu](mailto:smorrissey@saintpeters.edu) to discuss ways you can help our students today and tomorrow.

### Visit Us

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