The John F. and Kathleen L. Gibbons Family Endowment in Irish Studies

John F. “Jack” Gibbons (’63) is president of Central Funding, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, and a member of the Advisory Council for the Hesburgh Libraries. He previously served as president of the Notre Dame Club of Columbus. His wife, Kay, graduated from Saint Mary’s College in 1962. They reside in Dublin, Ohio, and have six children: three daughters, graduates of Saint Mary’s College, and three sons, graduates of Notre Dame.

The John F. and Kathleen L. Gibbons Family Endowment in Irish Studies has advanced research in Irish studies at Notre Dame by enabling the Hesburgh Libraries to acquire scholarly works in Irish and Irish-American studies. Collection development made possible by the Gibbons Endowment focuses on materials in Irish history published in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, including biographies and autobiographies, reminiscences, and works on regional history, immigration history, Irish Catholicism, Irish women, and social and economic history.

The Gibbons family also supports three additional library endowments: two at the Named level and one at the Prize level.