After leaving Poland in 1938, John Hrycko’s parents, Peter and Sophie, lived in France for 11 years. In 1949, after John’s birth, the Hrycko family came to America, entering the country through Ellis Island.

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While the study of foreign languages and literatures has been steadily expanding at Notre Dame, the Hesburgh Libraries’ budgets designated for its support have increased but minimally. As the dollar has steadily lost ground in foreign markets over the past several years, these budgets have been able to purchase less and less.

The John Hrycko Family Endowed Collection in French Studies has brought much-needed relief to this area of collection development. With its support, the libraries have been able to more fully acquire currently published materials in French language and literature, fill in much-needed retrospective material, and expand their existing collections in French culture and history.

The Hrycko family supports two additional Named endowments.