

Frank (Santos) Marin, Former Student

School Attended: Taught by the Sisters of Charity at St. Joseph High School, Paterson, NJ

Graduation Year: 1972

Your Story:

Sister Barbara Conroy, SC, was the principal. She was always very warm, helpful, kind & receptive to me. When the sister, who was the school librarian, was assigned elsewhere, I proposed to Sister Barbara, SC, that we form a library council to run the school library, whereby other students and I would volunteer to take turns running the library during our free time.

I then worked part-time at the Paterson Public Library and had interest & experience. Sister thought it was a great idea; she implemented it, and it worked out very well. Years later, referring to that, I wrote to her and asked for a letter of recommendation for a promotion at a public library where I was employed. She sent a wonderfully positive letter that I treasure to this day. I believe it helped me get the promotion.

I went on to earn a master's degree in library science and worked as a librarian and library manager in public libraries for thirty-eight years until I retired. Sister Barbara Conroy, SC was an inspiration. I was very saddened to learn of her passing recently through the Sisters' Facebook page, which I'm grateful to follow. God rest her soul.

I want to honor Sister Barbara Conroy, SC.