

Frank (Santos) Marin

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

Your Story:

Sr. 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 Sr. Barbara, SC that we form a library council to run the school library, whereby I and other students would volunteer to take turns running the library during our free time. I was then working 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 back 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 get 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. Sr. Barbara, 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.

Honor: Sister Barbara Conroy, SC