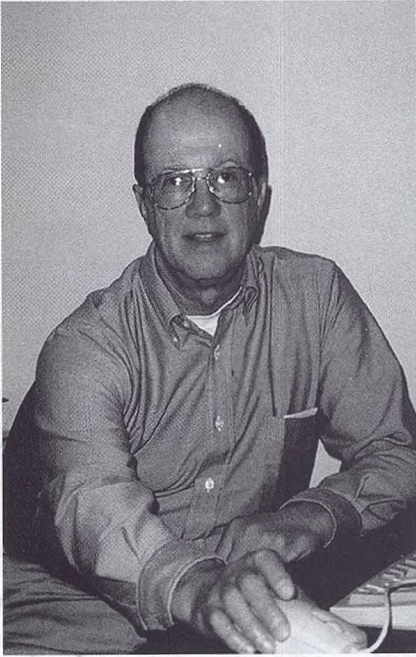


Joseph Marvel



***The measure of a man
is not the number of his
servants, but the number
of people he serves!***

MR. JOSEPH MARVEL HAS RETIRED during the Spring semester of 2002 after approximately 30 years of service as a registrar. He has been a registrar at SFC since 1993. During these nine years, Joe, as all of us like to call him, has not stopped to amaze us with his energy, attention to detail, and most of all, with his tremendous desire to help and guide us, his students. As yearbook editor-in-chief, I always counted on his help to obtain information on the graduating class, not an easy thing to do considering the hundreds of students who graduate from St. Francis every year.

As a sign of gratitude and appreciation, the Student Government Association awarded him this year with one of the most precious awards, a once-in-a-lifetime achievement, the Franciscan Spirit Award. On Charter Day, Joe was awarded the Honorary Degree, for his service, scholarship and individual character.

Talking to Joe on numerous occasions, I learned so many beautiful things about him, his life outside the college, his family and his passions. Before mentioning his achievements, I would like to write about what impressed me most: he told me once that "instead of just conducting business with the students, I try to give a life-changing experience." He tried to help his students understand the dimensions of their actions, making a profession out of his job as a registrar.

Joe Marvel has never taken the decision to become a registrar. He started working in the Registrar office while a student, and just "fell into it," as he explained. Since 1973 until 1993 he was registrar at SUNY Educational Opportunity Center in Brooklyn. Before becoming a registrar, he served as grant coordinator at SUNY for one year; as assistant director of student affairs (1969-1971) and head resident for men (1966-1969). Joe Marvel joined the United States Army from 1963 until 1966, and he was an Intelligence Corps officer in Des Moines, Iowa. His love for discipline and his excellent organizational skills led him to hold positions such as assistant supervisor of fraternities and sororities, intake counselor and resident fellow from 1961 until 1963.

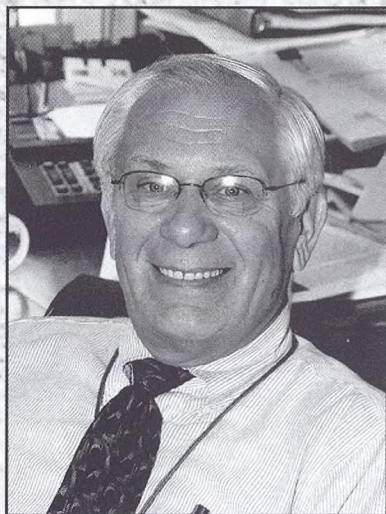
In 1961, Joe received his A.B. in American Studies, an interdepartmental program of English, history, social sciences and fine arts at the University of Delaware. In 1966, he completed his M.S. in Higher Education with the Southern Illinois University, and in 1978 he received a Certificate in Psychotherapy at the Alfred Adler Institute in New York. Joe stressed the importance of being able to listen and to understand people. Throughout his life, he embraced the influence of the two Adlers as model for both his family life and his professional one. He stressed the importance of respect for other people, and also the importance of looking at one's actions, and not at one's words.

Married to Carolyn (uncoincidentally at the United Nations Chapel), Joe has two children who have chosen very diverse professions, son Owen graduating from the Culinary Institute of America, while daughter Kimberlin choosing the computers and marketing information systems.

Among his hobbies, Joe loves poetry, and collects art and photography. Since he can't bring another picture in the house, "because my wife is going to kill me:)", he gives them to her as presents.

This is but a small attempt to present such a complex and beautiful life. There is so much more to say... What a great man was chosen to wear such a great name: indeed he is a **marvelous** person!

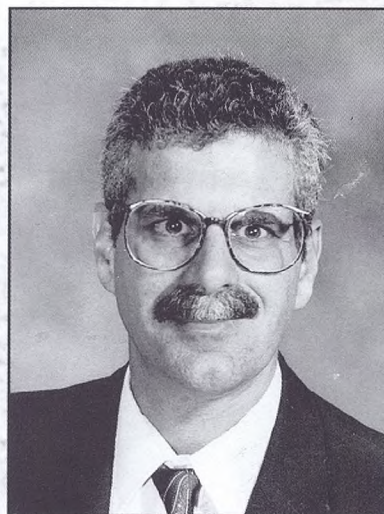
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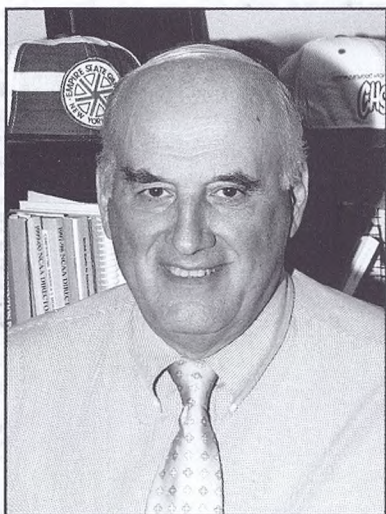
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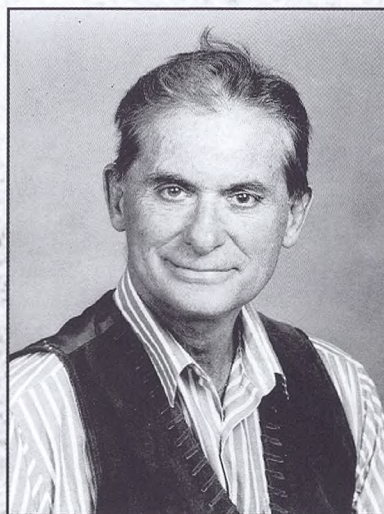
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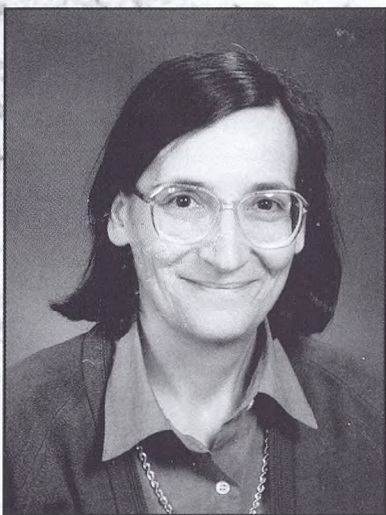
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