

Dr. Joseph Paul McGarry of Martinsville was a member of The Jointure board of Trustees for more than 25 years.

Dr. McGarry was a man of optimism and peace, tireless champion of education, and inspiration for achievement. He was a profoundly kind man and friends and family often requested his sage advice. Joe was known for his clear thinking, patience, and generosity. A lifelong learner dedicated to teaching, Joe embarked on a 38-year career at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, starting out as a high school biology teacher. His ability to engage with students and inspire them to excel in science earned him positions of increasing responsibility culminating with the capstone of his career as district superintendent

As superintendent, Joe innately understood the importance of putting students front and center, with their academic growth paramount. He enjoyed the steady support of students, parents, and district employees. Joe possessed an evenhanded, fair management style, informed by what was best for the long-term educational needs of the students and the community.

Toward the end of his career Joe joined the Jointure Child Enrichment & Adult Education organization in Somerset County, New Jersey, as a trustee. His significant teaching experience taught him that education was the basis of progress and personal growth for every individual, young or old. In retirement, he served on the Jointure's advisory board in positions of leadership for more than 25 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Dr. Joseph McGarry Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made at www.jointure.org or mailed to The Jointure – 500 US Hwy. 22, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.