

FR. JIM MCKAY
80 years of profession
70 years of ordination

Editor's note: The brother who interviewed Fr. Jim for this feature shared this story: "I explained to Fr. Jim, who is 97, that he's celebrating both his 80th jubilee of profession and his 70th jubilee of ordination. Without skipping a beat, Fr. Jim remarked, 'Oh it's a 150th anniversary!'"

Being a Marianist means I have been blessed in many ways for accepting the Lord's invitation to join the Marianists. The call of Jesus, always challenging and sometimes difficult, could not be any plainer, or any more straightforward: "Come follow me." As a Marianist, I have in Mary the most perfect example of response to Jesus' call, and from her an invitation to share her own formula for doing so, "Do whatever He tells you."

To the younger brothers, I share this advice, "Attach yourself to what you like most—Mary—it grows on you."