

Bro. Walter Ebbesmeyer
70 years professed

I am very honored to celebrate my Jubilee. I am so proud to be a Marianist. 70 years is a long time, but you know I am even older than that. I am 89 years old.

A long time ago I saw a movie that I liked very much. It was called "Stand and Deliver". I like that title very much because I think all of my life that has been my motto. I have always felt: When you see that there is something to be done, than DO it! Don't put it off tomorrow. Do what you can today.

Right now I am doing all kinds of things here in the Cure of Ars community and at Vianney. I want to keep myself busy and to be helpful. I do a lot of work for Fr. Tim in campus ministry; I do volunteer work in the library. I do a lot of things in the Cure of Ars community that no one else wants to do like changing light bulbs and doing dishes That's what it means to STAND AND DELIVER no matter how old you are.

Most of my life as a Marianist was teaching students. I started in 1945 and I ended in 1988. I have had the privilege of teaching grade school, high school, and university in our Marianist schools in Saint Louis, Texas, Milwaukee and in Illinois. For nearly 30 years I worked with the poor in East Saint Louis. In all of these schools there were the 5 Characteristics of Marianist Education. I know you know them and in case you forgot them, they are right over there in front of the altar.

It makes me proud to be here at Vianney because this school reflects so well what it means to be a Marianist school. I really enjoy living in a Marianist community on campus because we can witness together the importance of God in our lives.

Many of you may not know that I am a cancer survivor. With the help of God and our Blessed Mother I am so thankful to be alive and to STAND AND DELIVER. Some of you will go through some discouragement in your life like I did; some of you will have to suffer in your life like I did; Some of you will make mistakes in your life like I did ... but never give up. Always believe in God and the mother of Jesus. I hope in the future we will all meet in heaven.

Thank you! God love you!!
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