

OBITUARIES

✠ REVEREND PETER THOMAS McALLISTER, O.P. ✠

The Rev. Peter Thomas McAllister, O.P., had expressed two wishes toward the end of his life. One, that he might receive the Divine summons in the same priory in which he had spent his first days in religion, was fulfilled; the other, that death would come on the feast of St. Rose of Lima, failed of fulfillment by one day. Father McAllister passed to his eternal reward on August 29, 1943, at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.

Peter Thomas McAllister was born in Dublin, Ireland, on November 2, 1871, the second child of Henry and Sarah (McNamara) McAllister. After he had received his early education in Dublin, his parents left for America, and settled in New Haven, Conn. He continued his studies at Woolsey Grammar School and Frances High School in that city. Following his graduation from high school, Father McAllister took up the printer's trade to which he devoted himself until his thoughts turned toward the priesthood. He began his collegiate studies at St. Laurent College, Montreal, Canada, and finished them at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md. Now favored by God with a religious vocation, he entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., on January 14, 1894. Following his profession, a year later, his superiors recognized the degree of excellence which he had attained in his previous philosophical studies and permitted Brother Thomas immediately to take up the study of Theology at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 28, 1899, by Archbishop Sebastian Martinelli, O.S.A., the Apostolic Delegate.

Father McAllister's first assignment was St. Dominic's Parish, Denver, Col., where he remained for two years. In 1902 he was transferred to Holy Trinity Church in Somerset, Ohio. From 1904 until 1939, this zealous friar labored at Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo.; St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he was professor of English and Latin; Holy Rosary Priory, Houston, Texas; St. Mary's Church, Johnson City, Tenn.; the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.; St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C.; Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, Ohio, and St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio. St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., was his last assignment.

On September 2, 1943, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by his nephew, Rev. H. C. Graham, O.P. Very Rev. Peter

O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Albert the Great, assisted as deacon and Rev. John M. Nugent, O.P., as subdeacon. Very Rev. H. J. McManus, O.P., Prior of St. Rose, preached the eulogy. Interment took place in the community cemetery of St. Rose Priory.

To Father McAllister's sister, relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers its sincerest sympathy.

✠ REVEREND STEPHEN ALPHONSUS GAVIN, O.P. ✠

Father Stephen A. Gavin died at the Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown, N.Y., on Saturday, October 23, of a heart attack. He was sixty nine years of age.

Born in Boston, Mass., on June 3, 1874, he was the second child of Michael and Margaret (Clancy) Gavin, natives of County Galway, Ireland. After completing his grammar school education at the Andrew School in Boston, he attended Boston College High School and Boston College. He entered the Order of Preachers in 1893 at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., where, following the completion of his novitiate, he was professed on October 10, 1894. Father Gavin received his philosophical and theological training at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio and was ordained to the priesthood on September 28, 1899.

His priestly career, which was to bring him to nearly every house in the province, began at Holy Rosary Church, Minneapolis, Minn. From 1901 until 1905 he assisted at St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City; St. Dominic's, Denver, Colo.; St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn. Late in 1905 he was appointed sub-prior of St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and served in that capacity for two terms. In 1913 he was assigned to St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky., where he also was sub-prior. After a year and a half in Louisville, Father Gavin was sent to Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo., where he remained until 1916 when he was appointed pastor of Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N.Y. In 1921 he was assigned to St. Antoninus' Priory, Newark, N.J. Before his appointment in 1936 to St. Catherine's Priory, New York City, Father Gavin assisted at St. Dominic's, Washington, D.C.; Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, N.Y., and Holy Rosary, Hawthorne, N.Y. In every parish in which he served he was well-known for his Christ-like devotion to the sick and the poor.

To Father Gavin's relatives and friends *Dominicana* extends its sympathy. May his soul rest in peace!