
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!