

The son of John and Bridget (Rogan) Fallon, Brother Alphonsus was born at or near Drumkeeran in County Leitrim, Ireland, June 13, 1876. His baptismal name was John. He completed his high school education at the Kilmore National School in his native land.

While still a young man, he came to the United States and made his home in New York. He married there, but his wife died within a short time. There were no children. After his wife's death, he felt that he had a vocation to be a Dominican Lay Brother. He made the tertianship then required, at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio.

On December 3, 1913, at St. Joseph's, he pronounced his first vows. In 1914 he was assigned to St. Catherine's Priory in New York City, where he remained until 1916 when he was again sent to St. Joseph's. From 1917 until 1925 he was stationed at St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City. In 1925 he was sent to St. Antoninus', and worked there until his death.

True to his vocation, he served God with exemplary charity and obedience. His industry and kindness won him the enduring esteem of both clergy and laity. Intensely devoted to the Rosary, he will be remembered as an ideal Friar. In his silent apostolate, he "continued steadfastly in prayer . . . with Mary, the mother of Jesus."

To his sister, Miss Catherine Fallon of Brooklyn, N. Y., and his brother, Thomas, of Bridgeport, Conn., *Dominicana* extends deepest sympathy. As long as the Dominican Order shall endure, prayer will "be made to God for him . . . without ceasing."