
Born in the city of Newark, New Jersey, on March 19, 1899, Father McFadden was the son of Catherine (Yendra) McFadden and the late Francis Anthony McFadden.

Father McFadden received his early education at St. Antoninus' parochial school and at St. Benedict's College, both in Newark. He later attended Seton Hall College in South Orange, New Jersey. He entered the Novitiate at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, and received the habit August 25, 1923 from the Very Rev. J. C. Brady, O.P., Prior. A year later, August 27, 1924, he made his profession into the hands of the same prelate.

After the completion of his novitiate, Father McFadden studied philosophy at St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and at the House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois. His years of theology were spent at the House of Studies in Washington, D. C. He was ordained a priest at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, on June 16, 1930, by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore-Washington.

During his priestly life, Father McFadden received assignments to St. Catherine's Priory, New York City, and to St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where he filled the office of assistant novice master and was also master of lay-brothers. From St. Rose's he went to Holy Name Priory, Philadelphia, Pa., and then to St. Pius', Providence, Rhode Island. From there he was sent to St. Louis Bertrand Priory, Louisville, Kentucky, where he labored until his death.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for Father McFadden on January 23, 1948 in St. Louis Bertrand Church in the presence of the Most. Rev. John A. Floersch, D.D., Archbishop of Louisville. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. John A. Foley, O.P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand Priory. The Rev. John M. Nugent, O.P. was deacon with the Rev. Joseph R. Herlihy, O.P. as subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. John A. Nowlen, O.P. Final absolution was given by Archbishop Floersch. The body was taken to St. Rose’s Priory, Springfield, for burial.

In the name of the Fathers and Brothers of the Province of St. Joseph, Dominicana extends deepest sympathy to Father McFadden’s family. May he rest in peace.