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Rev Fr James P. O'Flynn

BIRTH 14 Sep 1885
Ireland

DEATH 23 Jan 1980 (aged 94)
Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, USA

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Father O'Flynn was born in Ireland on Sept. 14, 1885. He was the son of Morgan O'Flynn. He attended St. Patrick's Seminary in Thurles and was ordained in Skibbereen, Ireland on June 25, 1910.

During that same year he met a visiting priest from Portland named George Thompson, who later served as pastor of Madeleine Parish. Apparently Father O'Flynn was fascinated by Thompson's description of Oregon. He decided to emigrate there right away because, "I had heard of reaching out your windows to pluck roses at Christmas time; also the thoughts of fishing, hunting and horses attracted me to this section of the West."

Father O'Flynn served at seven different parishes in Oregon between 1910 and his retirement in August 1966. At the time he was the longest serving priest in Oregon history.

He spent his final years tending to the gardens at Mt. St. Joseph Residence in Portland. He died on January 23, 1980. He was 94 years old.