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# WHITE CLIFFS.

## Presentation to Father Paul Zundolovich.

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On Saturday, June 12, Rev. Father Paul returned to White Cliffs. Owing to the coach being late, the townspeople were disappointed in not being able to escort him into the town as was intended. However, he met with an enthusiastic welcome from his parishioners on Sunday. After the second Mass, in the presence of a large congregation, he was presented with a handsome writing-desk, and the following address of welcome, on behalf of the parishioners, by Mr. C. J. Clarke, chairman of the church committee :

- WHITE CLIFFS, 13/6/09.  
To Rev. Paul Zundolovich,  
White Cliffs.

Dear Father Paul,—On behalf of the Catholics of White Cliffs we gladly embrace this opportunity of extending to you a most sincere and hearty welcome on your return to our midst. When some 15 months ago you set out on your well-earned holiday to tour the world, though loth to lose you, we con-

the world, though loth to lose you, we consoled ourselves with the thought that you would be with us again rejuvenated; and when we recently realised that you were no longer to administer to our spiritual wants, we were deeply chagrined; but this has now given place to joy at the news that you are to be our pastor once again. And knowing you as we do, throughout all the years of your spiritual labour in this outlying path, we have much cause to congratulate ourselves that such is the case. You are fully seized with all our faults, foibles and shortcomings, and have always brought us to a full sense of our duty to our Creator and His Church by precept and example. Your unswerving devotion to duty, and your energy and zeal amid many trials in your high priestly office, have ever won our admiration. We ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of our esteem, and also our assurance that we repose the fullest confidence in you, and we pray that you will be blessed with health and strength, and that you may be long spared to carry on the noble work that it has pleased God to mark out for you.

We are—W. J. O'Neill, J. McLaughlin, W. H. Fogarty, J. R. Murphy, T. Murphy, J. J. Fogarty, P. J. Fogarty, P. Muldoon, J. McKay, A. Larkin, P. Brady, C. J. Clarke, B. O'Connor, L. H. Guest, P. Tierney, R. T. Westhead, A. Forrest, F. Knight, M. Lawlor,

Westhead, A. Forrest, F. Indigo, M. ...  
O. Minahan, R. Walsh, J. Reilly, D. Keough,  
J. C. Hynes, J. Floming, John Partington, J.  
O'Malley.

The Children of Mary also presented Father Paul with a surplice.

Father Paul, in responding, said he was very grateful for the words of welcome contained in the address, and for the presents accompanying it, and the reception given him. He wished to thank the people most heartily. He would always have a warm corner in his heart for the people here who had ever been staunch Catholics, and hard workers in Church affairs, and his thoughts had often reverted to them while on his tour of the world. He couldn't help feeling a deep interest in the parish, in which he had lived for so many years. They should always be proud of being Catholics.

On Monday morning, 14th inst., Father Paul was welcomed home by the convent school children at the school, in the presence of the Sisters and several of the parishioners. The room was tastefully decorated, and the word "Welcome" adorned the walls. On entering, Father Paul was greeted by the children with a pretty-phrased and appropriate song of welcome. Master Leslie Mayes rendered an amusing recitation, entitled "Boys' Wrongs," very creditably. Master Frank Ryan then read a charmingly-worded address.

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The address was accompanied by a beautiful stole, which was presented to Father Paul by Miss Polly Johnstone, on behalf of the children.

Father Paul said he thanked the children very much for their welcome and for the beautiful stole they had presented him with. He would always wear it in White Cliffs, in remembrance of them, and keep it specially for White Cliffs. He was glad to see them all again, and was greatly pleased with the

promise contained in the address: that they would earnestly try to become staunch members of their Church; and, like their parents, be ever ready to stand by it. He hoped they would always keep this promise in mind in after years. Whilst in Rome he had an interview with the Pope, and he brought back with him the blessing for the children, and a medal for each child, also blessed by the Pope.

He then gave the children the Papal Blessing, and presented each child with a medal. The function was brought to a close by the infant children singing "Home, Sweet Home."

After the children's welcome was over they marched out to the racecourse to a picnic given them to celebrate Father Paul's return. All the children of the town were invited, and a splendid day's amusement was afforded them. The gathering was an unqualified success in every way, and this

unquanned success in every way, and this was wholly due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. P. Brady, Mrs. P. J. Fogarty, Mrs. H. James, and Mrs. B. O'Connor, who undertook the full management of it, and are to be complimented on their efforts. They were ably assisted by the ladies and members of the Church committee. A large number of ladies and gentlemen visited the grounds, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The children had plenty of good things to eat, and indulged in cricket, football, races, and other amusements. It is computed that there was an attendance of fully 400 children and adults.

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