

MOAMA'S TRIBUTE TO CLERGYMAN

FATHER PAUL ZUNDOLOVICH FAREWELLED

At the Moama School of Arts last night a farewell social was tendered to the Rev. Father Paul Zundolovich on the eve of his departure for Europe. The Mayor of Moama (Alderman G. T. Lyons) presided, and was ably assisted by Ald. Wall. Addresses were given by several speakers, and a musical programme was provided.

The Rev. Father Carroll, of Hay, Father Tracey, of Deniliquin, Father Walsh, of Echuca, and Father Bolger of Rochester were present.

The Rev. Father Carroll said he had been associated with Father Paul for many years, and he doubted if there was another priest in Australia who had worked as hard for a diocese as Father Paul had worked for the Dioceses of Wilcannia, Forbes and others. Wherever he had been his name had been a by-word amongst the people with whom he came in contact, as it was amongst the people of Moama. Father Paul was going to Europe at the request of his Bishop, to attend a great celebration that was to take place at Rome. There he would meet people from every nation, but he would not find conversation with them difficult, as he was one of the greatest linguists in Australia. He wished him a happy and speedy voyage.

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Father Carroll had said in that Father Paul's name was a by-word amongst the people with whom he came in contact. His name stood for all that was priestly and good. He hoped that Father Paul would return with renewed vigor, strength and zeal, and that he would continue in the good work he had been doing for the past 35 years.

Father Bolger said he had been asked to represent Prior Maddock, of Echuca, who was indisposed. Although he had known Father Paul only for a few years, he knew of the great work that he had done. On behalf of the bishops and people of the Diocese of Sandhurst he wished him a successful mission and a pleasant trip.

Cr. H. C. Holmfield, speaking on behalf of the people of Echuca, said Father Paul was held in the highest esteem by all the people on the Victorian side of the river. He hoped that his holiday would be beneficial to him, and that when he returned to Australia, he would again take up his duties at Moama. Father Paul had been a good citizen, and was respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Isaac Martin, one of the oldest residents of Moama, said he had come in contact with Father Paul on several occasions, and had found him to be a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was always ready to render assistance to anyone in need. He could laugh with those who were happy, and sympathise with those who were sad. He (the speaker) hoped to live to see the day when Father Paul returned.

Alderman L. S. Martin said he wished, as a citizen and an Alderman, to say a few words to bid Father Paul bon voyage. If a man lived away from his birthplace for any lengthy period, there came a time when he longed to re-visit it, and perhaps Father Paul was experiencing that longing. He was sure that if Father Paul returned to

sure that if Father Paul returned to Moama after his trip, he would be gladly welcomed back.

Alderman Philip said he admired Father Paul because he took a civic as well as a spiritual interest in his people.

Alderman Wall said Father Paul had been the best of citizens during his ten years residence in Moama. If you wished to find one of nature's gentlemen, you would find him in Father Paul.

The chairman then presented Father Paul with a wallet containing a substantial sum in notes, on behalf of the people of Moama and surrounding districts. He wished him bon voyage and a safe return to Australia.

In responding, Father Paul said in face of the kind things said about him, he would have had a swollen head, had he been young. But he was not young, and he knew that his friends had exaggerated. He had found wherever he went that the people were most courteous and kind, and he was thankful to them. He was amazed to see such a huge gathering, and thanked them for their presence. He hoped that he would see them again, and that they would have the blessing of God. He thanked the ladies who had taken the trouble to prepare the supper.

The healths of the King, Father Paul, and the Mayor were proposed and duly honored.
