

FUNERAL OF FATHER PAUL ZUNDOLOVICH

Impressive Ceremonies at St. Mary's Church

Beginning with the arrival of His Lordship, Bishop Fox, at St. Mary's Church at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, the obseques in connection with the late Father Paul Zundolovich, parish priest of Moama, commenced. In the presence of a large congregation Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father T. M. Stokes, acting parish priest, Moama. The deacon was Father Glancy of Barham, sub-deacon Rev. Prior Maddock of Kyabram, and master of ceremonies Rev. Father Tehan of Rushworth. His Lordship, Bishop McCarthy, was represented specially by Very Rev. Father Kelly, administrator of St. Killian's, Bendigo. The Moama Municipal Council was represented by the Mayor (Ald. Martin) and the Borough of Echuca by the Mayor (Cr. Broderick). Music for the Mass was sung by a choir of visiting priests comprising Rev. Prior Meredith, Fathers Ryan (Elmore), Kelly, Carroll and Ryan (Ballanald), Cremin, Armstrong, Murphy, McGoldrick, Stokes, Doyle and Priors Roche and Doyle.

At the conclusion of Mass Dr. Fox, in the course of an inspiring address said: "We are gathered here today to pay a tribute of respect to, and pray for the soul of one whom to know was to love. Father Paul as he was so widely known, was a friend to all with whom he came in contact. Although no longer a member of the

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Although no longer a member of the Church Militant, he is still a member of the Church beyond the grave." In relating the life of the late priest, Dr. Fox referred to his ordination in Rome in 1891, and his arrival in Australia in 1892. The greater part of his 43 years of religious service was spent in the great Australian outback, in a parish with an area of 40,000 square miles. The nearest priest to his headquarters at Whitecliffs was 120 miles away at Broken Hill, and Father Paul was often away from home for months at a time, travelling the vast territory and ministering to his people. Unlike many young Irish priests who came to Australia in the early days, Father Paul arrived as a complete foreigner unable to speak the language and unaccustomed to the life and standards of Australians, but with the faith so deep within him that he early overcame these difficulties. Although he had been in Moama for 20 years his name was still remembered and mentioned in the outback as a true man of God. The late priest's life work included establishing convents at Whitecliffs, Mathoura and Mildura, and building the first Catholic churches at Whitecliffs, Mildura and Womboota. The Bishop concluded his address by thanking the priests of the Bendigo diocese and particularly the Augustinian Fathers of Echuca for their kindly help and co-operation in the day's sad ceremonies, and asked all to remember Father Paul in their prayers.

A large crowd assembled about St. Mary's Church gates to view the remains being borne from the church to the tolling of the bell. The cor-

to the tolling of the bell. The cortege moved to the Moama Cemetery, where Dr. Fox, assisted by the Rev. Father T. M. Stokes, of Moama, read the burial service. The coffin bearers were Messrs P. Holschier, J. Malone, J. Farrell, M. Fleming, P. Harrison and G. Holschier, and the pall bearers Messrs J. White, W. Ripper, J. Harrison, E. Hood, M. Maguire and S. Holschier. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr P. D. Esnouf.