

FATHER PAUL DEAD

Well Known Catholic Priest

The Very Rev. Paul Zundolovich, known throughout the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese as Father Paul, died this morning at Moama, after an illness of about four months.

Father Zundolovich was one of the pioneer priests of the Western district of New South Wales.

He was a most interesting personality and was well known to many early identities of Broken Hill.

He was a priest in Broken Hill 40 years ago, and was in charge of the North district. Later he labored for some time in Wentworth, and from that town went up the Darling to Wilcannia. He was there 17 years. There are still memories of his great work for the Catholic Church.

From Wilcannia he was transferred to Moama and he has been there for many years. Father Zundolovich was a most lovable personality and had a kindly word for everybody he came in contact with. He was a scholarly man. A Russian Pole by birth, he was converted to Catholicism. He was an old class mate of Archbishop Hayden, of Hobart. They studied together at the Propaganda College, Rome, and were ordained on the same day.

Father Paul was one of the most interesting visitors at the consecration of Dr. Fox in 1931, and it was he who baptised the present bishop 42 years ago. He was the senior priest of the Wilcannia-Forbes diocese and was the senior diocesan consultory.

A requiem mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral during this week.
