



**City of New Bedford**  
**Jon Mitchell, Mayor**

## **My Visit to the Second Whaling City**

Recently, I travelled across the Atlantic Ocean to a small town in Ireland called Youghal. There, Youghal Mayor Sammy Revins and I signed a Twinning Agreement, officially recognizing the City of New Bedford and Youghal as Sister-Cities and cementing our communities' strong historical and cultural ties.

Even though Youghal and the City of New Bedford are hundreds of miles apart, I found that our two coastal communities are rife with striking similarities. Youghal and New Bedford share a unique connection to Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. As I am sure you know, New Bedford is the great whaling port described in Melville's literary classic. In 1954, Youghal became the second home of the classic whaling story when it portrayed New Bedford in the movie version of *Moby Dick*. Sightings of iconic New Bedford figures, such as the Whaleman Statue, and Youghal's unwavering pride in their maritime history greatly parallels New Bedford and made my brief stay in Youghal all the more enjoyable.

The signing of the Twinning Agreement gives New Bedford and Youghal the opportunity to learn from each other through fostering international partnerships and promoting economic, cultural, and commercial connections.

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