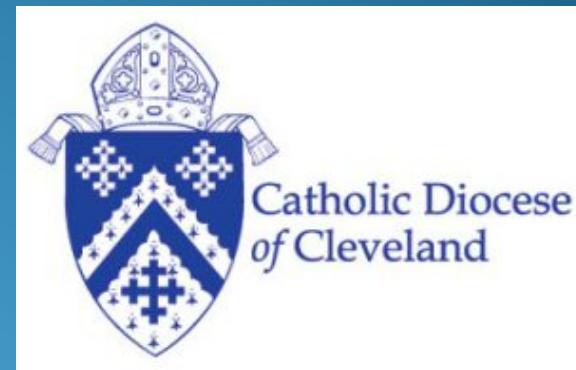




The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic Solemn Installation



Monday, September 14, 2020 | 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Cleveland, Ohio

What is a diocese?

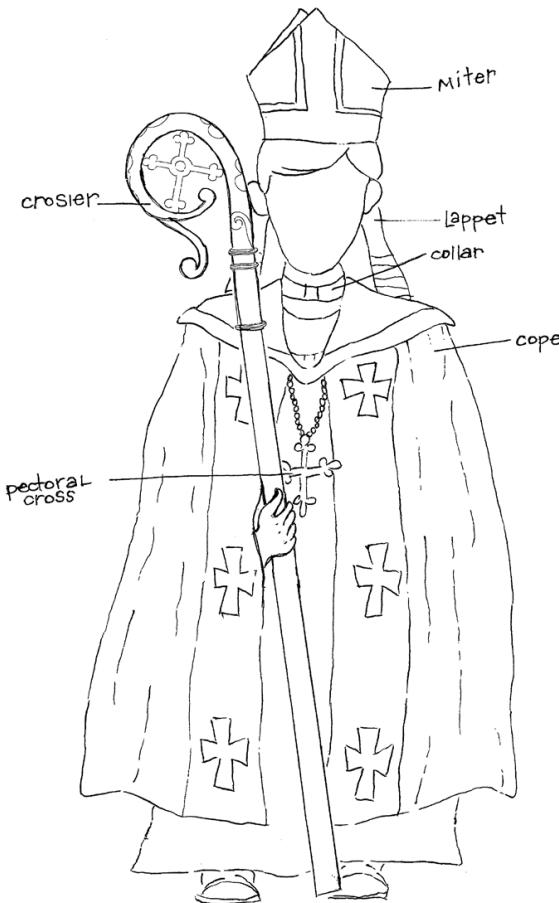


A diocese is an ecclesiastical or church district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.

The Diocese of Cleveland encompasses the counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne and Ashland. There are nearly 700,000 Catholics in the Diocese.

There are 185 parishes, 108 Catholic schools, one pastoral center and one mission office within the diocese.

What is a bishop?



A Bishop is one who has received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, which makes him a member of the episcopal college and successor of the Apostles. He is the shepherd of a particular church entrusted to him.

Cathedral

In the Diocese of Cleveland, as in every diocese, there is a cathedral. The cathedral church is the church that is the site of the bishop's *cathedra*, or chair.

Generally, the bishop presides at the more important liturgies in this church. The diocesan cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, in the majesty of its building, is a symbol of the spiritual temple that is built up in souls and is resplendent with the glory of divine grace.



Cathedra



Cathedra (Latin) or Bishop's Chair, is the Seat of the Diocese from which the Bishop presides in charity over the People of God, and represents the servant-leadership and teaching authority which the Bishop exercises in fidelity to the Apostles themselves. It is placed prominently in the Cathedral.

Pectoral Cross

The pectoral cross is worn by the Holy Father, cardinals, bishops, and abbots. The word pectoral derives from the Latin *pectus*, meaning abreast. This cross is attached to a chain or cord and is worn on the chest, near the heart. When putting on the pectoral cross, traditionally the bishop asks the Lord for strength and protection against all evil and all enemies, and help him to be mindful of His passion and cross.



Bishop's Ring

The ring, like a wedding band, symbolizes that the bishop is “wedded” to his diocese. The ring is a sign of the bishop’s fidelity to and nuptial bond with the Church, his spouse. The material and style of the ring is the choice of the individual bishop. It is worn at all times.



Crozier

The crozier, or pastoral staff, takes its shape from the crook used by shepherds. In the 5th century it became customary for the pope to carry a wooden staff in processions. By the 6th century all bishops acquired the custom of carrying a staff as an outward sign of their ministry as shepherds of God's people.

Today, the bishop is presented with a crozier to be used at liturgical services. It is carried by the bishop of the diocese as a sign of his jurisdiction, that this is indeed his flock.



Miter

A miter is worn for liturgical functions. It is a hat and the word miter derives from the Greek *mitra*, which signifies a headband or diadem.

Today, bishops are vested with a miter during the ordination ceremony. It is used by popes, bishops, cardinals, and sometimes by abbots when officiating at liturgical ceremonies.



Zucchetto



The zucchetto, or skullcap as it is sometimes called, is part of the liturgical and choir dress of the pope, cardinals, bishops, abbots, and priests.

It was developed to cover the tonsure, the part of the back of the head that was shaved as a man entered into the clerical state. The practice of the tonsure is no longer used.



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Learn about Bishop Malesic's Heraldic Achievement

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Episcopal Motto

Taken from Psalm 100: A Psalm of Thanksgiving that invites all nations to praise God.

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Coat of Arms

Represents the Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Cleveland.





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"I feel humble to be chosen as the next shepherd of the diocese."

Bishop Edward C. Malesic

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Color of the Shield

Shield is embossed in blue, the color of the sky, symbolizing the direction of the soul's ascent towards God and away from worldly things.



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Inverted V

Chevron or inverted V signifies the rafter which supports the roof of the Church - source of protection for those under it.

The bishop must always foster this missionary communion in his diocesan Church...

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Three Shamrocks

They represent the Cathedral of Harrisburg, dedicated to St. Patrick, where Bishop was ordained a priest by Cardinal Keeler.



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Silver

Chevron is in silver, the color of transparency, truth and justice - fundamental requirements of the Bishop's pastoral service.



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Crown

The crown symbolizes Bishop's given name, after St. Edward, The Confessor, and Mary, Queen of the Apostles, upon whose intercession he relies.



Linden Tree

The Linden tree, symbol of joy and safety, expresses the Slovenian heritage of Bishop's father; community gathers beneath it for fellowship and discussion.



Brief History

Arms of Bishop Malesic were designed by Renato Poletti of Rome, Italy.

Arms of the Diocese of Cleveland are based on the family arms of General Moses Cleaveland (1746-1806), who surveyed and founded the city.

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