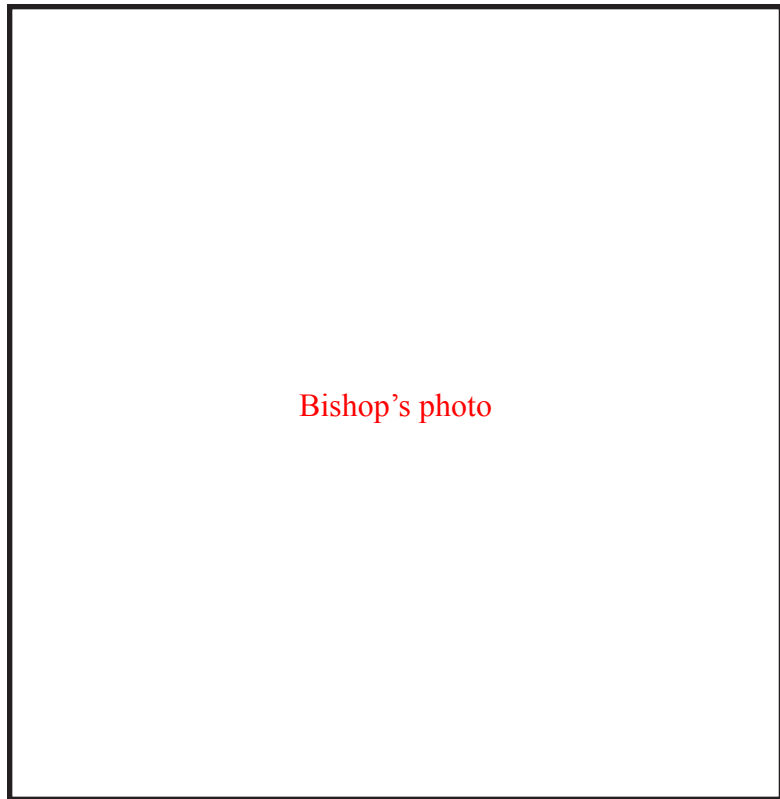


WE HAVE A NEW BISHOP



Bishop's photo

THE BISHOP

We have a new bishop!

Photo of Bishop and children

THE BISHOP'S FAMILY

Photo of Bishop, spouse and children

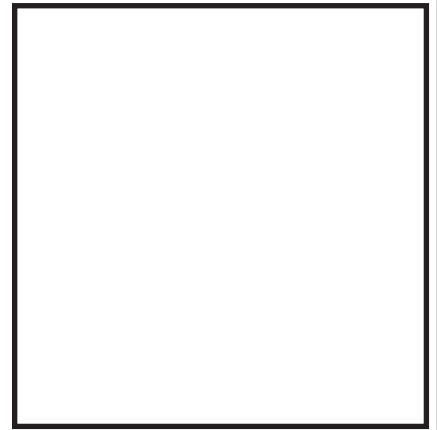
Bishop and spouse at home

SYMBOLS OF THE BISHOP



THE CROZIER

The crozier is a staff carried by a bishop. It is in the shape of a shepherd's crook, and reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The crook and staff of the crozier is heavily decorated. **Add specifics here.** The word "bishop" means shepherd.

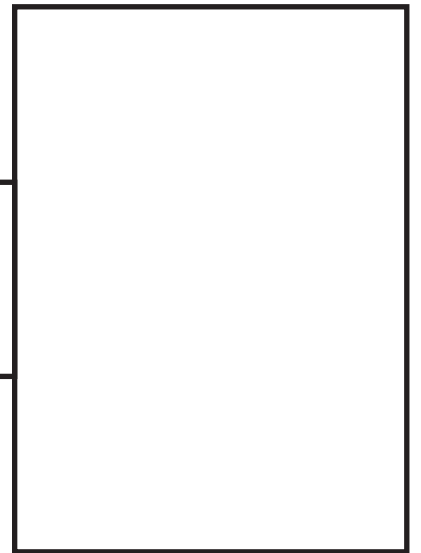


What would your crozier look like?

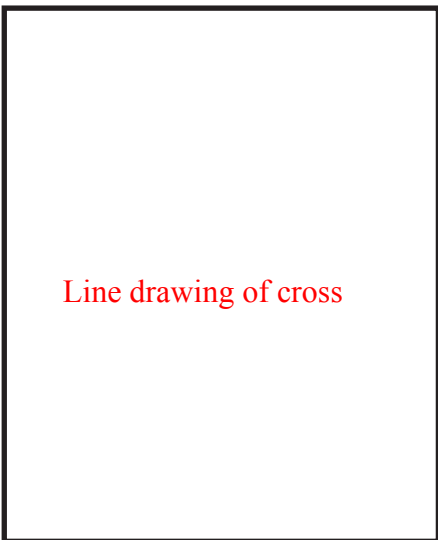
THE BISHOP'S RING

The Bishop wears a special ring that has the diocese of **Name** shield on it. Only the diocesan bishop wears such a ring. It is used to make a wax seal on ordination documents and other documents to certify the bishop's approval. In past times, this wax seal proved the bishop had sent the letter. At the bishop's death, the ring was smashed to bits so no one could communicate in the bishop's name.

**Photo
of
ring**



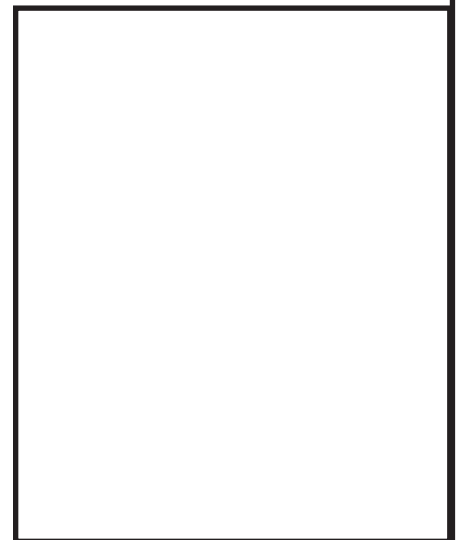
*Would you like to draw
a bishop's ring?*



Line drawing of cross

THE BISHOP'S CROSS

*The bishop's
pectoral cross.*

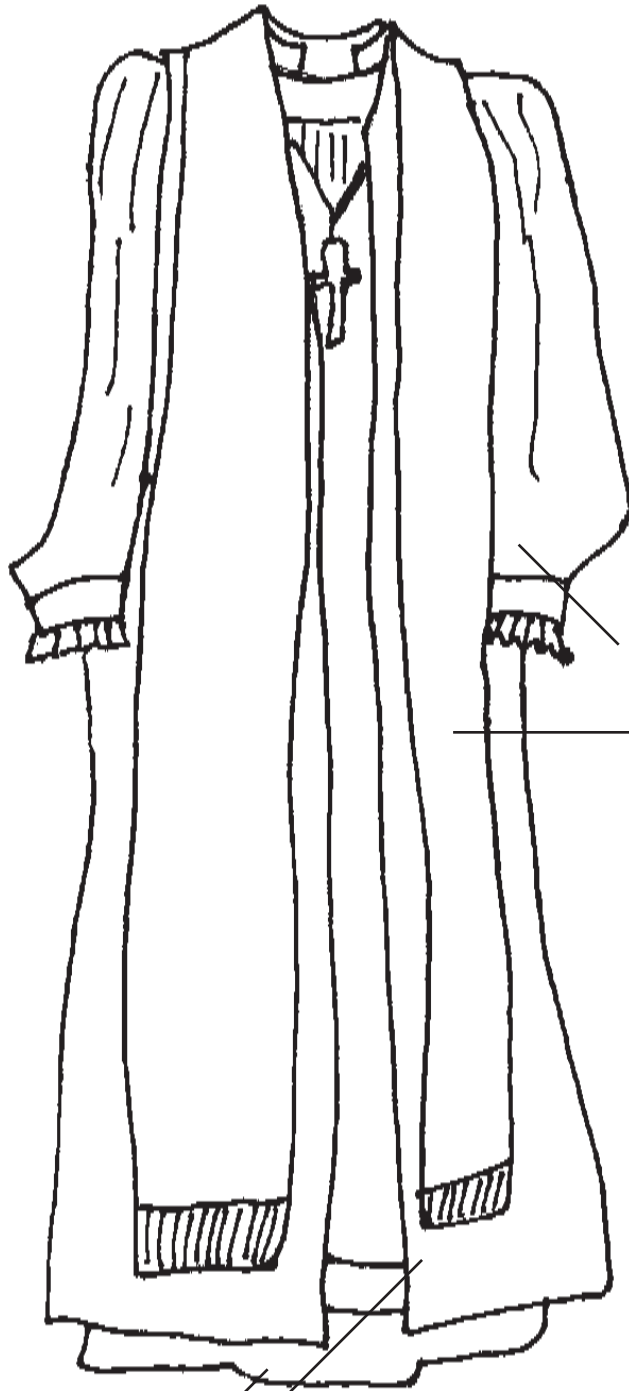


*What kind of cross would you
like to design?*

THE BISHOP'S VESTMENTS

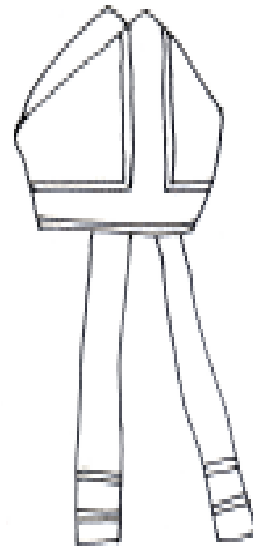
The bishop wears a purple cassock that belts at the waist. Over this he or she wears a white rochet with billowy sleeves gathered and enclosed with wrist bands.

Over this a bishop wears a red chimere or long vest open in the front. If the bishop is celebrating a Eucharist he or she will wear a stole appropriate to the season of the church year around the neck. If not, a black scarf is worn.



Rochet

Stole



THE BISHOP'S MITRE

The bishop sometimes wears a mitre, a pointed hat that symbolizes the point of flame that the disciples received at the first Pentecost. We remember that the bishop is a successor to these apostles.

Cassock

Chimere

*You can dress Bishop **Name** in his vestments. Please see page 6 of this booklet.
You will need scissors for this activity and perhaps some help in cutting.*

THE EPISCOPAL SHIELD



Samuel Seabury was the very first bishop in the United States. Bishops in England were forbidden by law to consecrate anyone who would not take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown. Seabury accordingly turned to the Episcopal Church of Scotland which had no connection with the government. The Scottish bishops were free to consecrate him without political complications. In honor of this deed, the Episcopal Church shield has a cross of St. Andrew in the upper left corner because St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP NAME

Welcome to a festival day! I am so very excited that you are here with me and my family for this special day. Today we will make a new bishop. To do this work we need bishops, priests, deacons, and you and your family! It takes all of us to ask God to make me a bishop in God's Church.

I am excited about being a bishop. I am more excited about being your bishop. I am looking forward to knowing you in the years to come. I am looking forward to seeing you grow up. And, along with your family and friends, I am looking forward to seeing you join us in ministry. Together we can work to change the world. Together we can make the world a better place to live.

Our work is to love one another. We are to care for people and help them to live the lives God intends. You and I can do that work.

With the help of some friends, I have put together this special booklet for you. My hope is that you can get to know me a little better, learn about my new ministry, and learn about our new ministry.

There are also activities around the church today designed especially for you. I hope you will make a Bishop's hat, called a Mitre, and a stole and a cross. We are all working for God, so put on the signs of our ministry and let's celebrate.

Thank you for being here today. You are part of what makes this a special day.

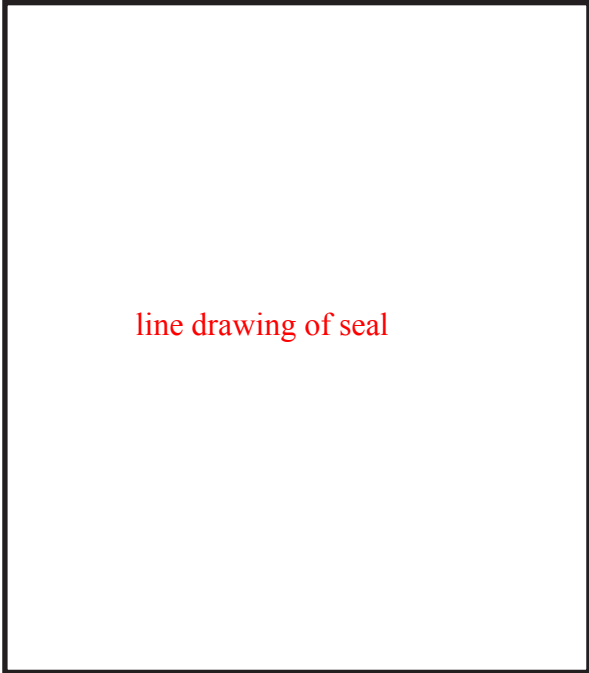
Faithfully yours,

SIGNATURE

THE DIOCESAN SEAL

Each diocese has a unique shield. The shield has symbols on it which remind us of who we are. Look closely at the shield.

Description of shield here.



Would you like to color the seal?



Draw a picture of your favorite thing about today.

A BISHOP WORD SEARCH

C	O	N	S	E	C	R	A	T	I	O	N
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Can you find these words? Circle each word that you find.



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Diocese
Cross
Ring
Festival
Star
Consecration
Confirm
Baptize
Episcopal
Stole
Mitre
Chasuble
Priest

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