

# A Visit from the Bishop

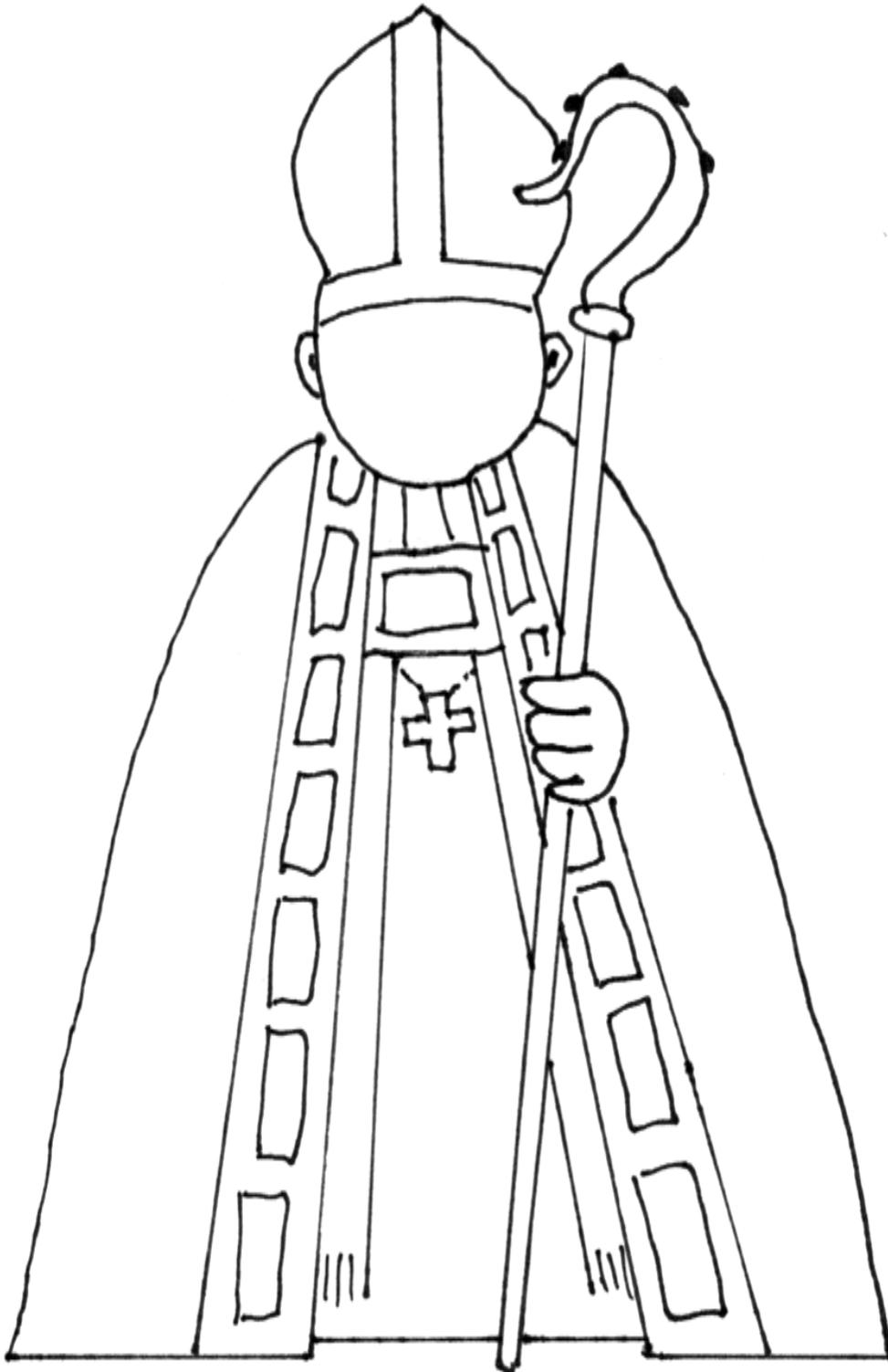


A coloring and activity book  
updated for  
the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

## What's a bishop?

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A bishop can be a woman or a man. Draw and color your picture of a bishop.



**The bishop is a priest especially ordained to lead the diocese.**

**The bishop's role is to teach and care for the spiritual needs of the clergy and people of the diocese.**

**Bishops visit each church regularly. They confirm members and ordain priests and deacons.**

# The bishop's formal clothes

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A bishop wears a

mitre (hat),

Mitre

cope (cloak),

Cope

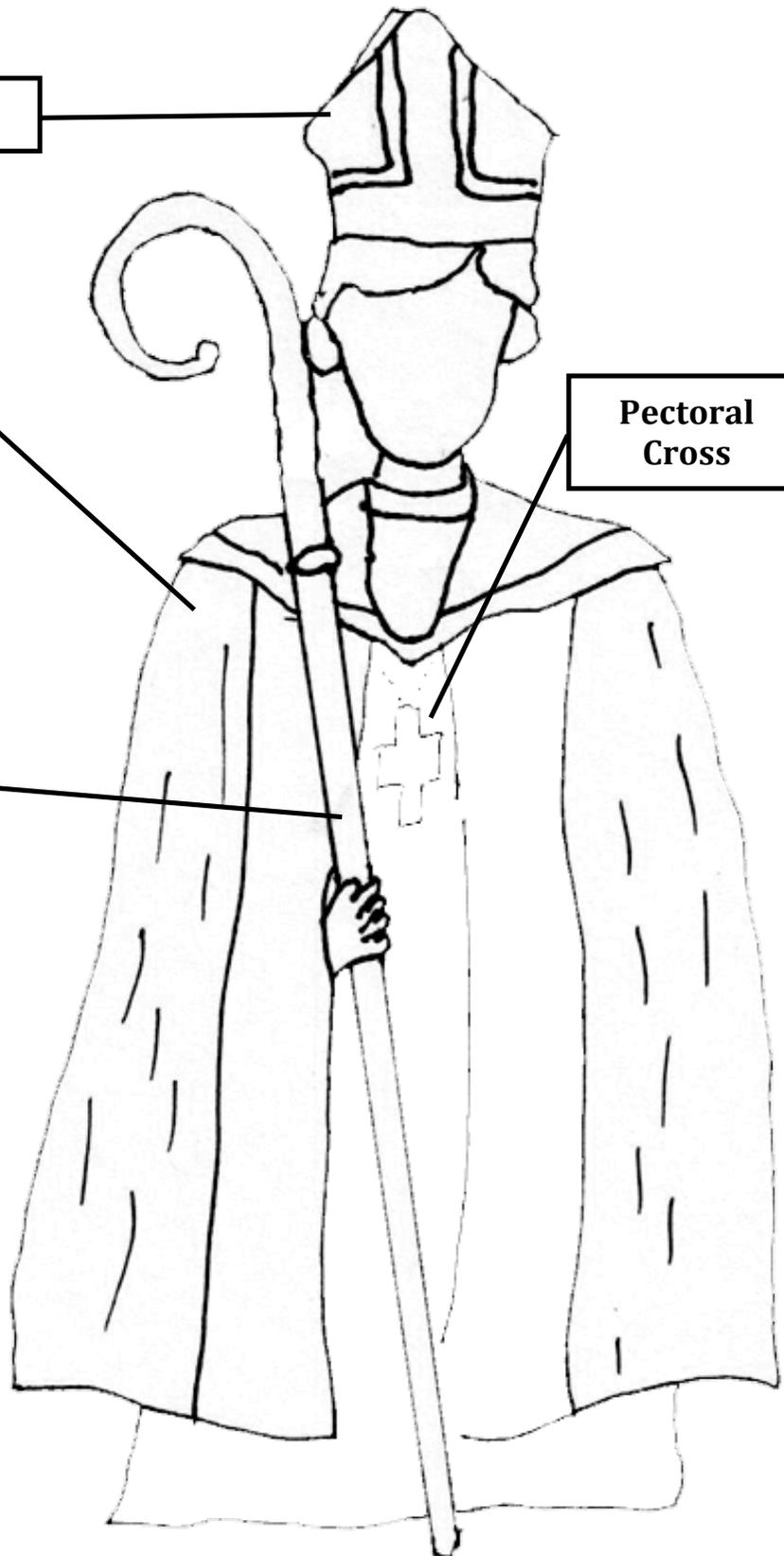
pectoral cross (necklace),

Pectoral Cross

and carries a  
crozier  
(shepherd's crook)

Crozier

at formal occasions.



## The cope - a shepherd's cloak

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This is a long cape, worn when the Holy Eucharist is celebrated. It is like a shepherd's cloak that could shelter a lamb.

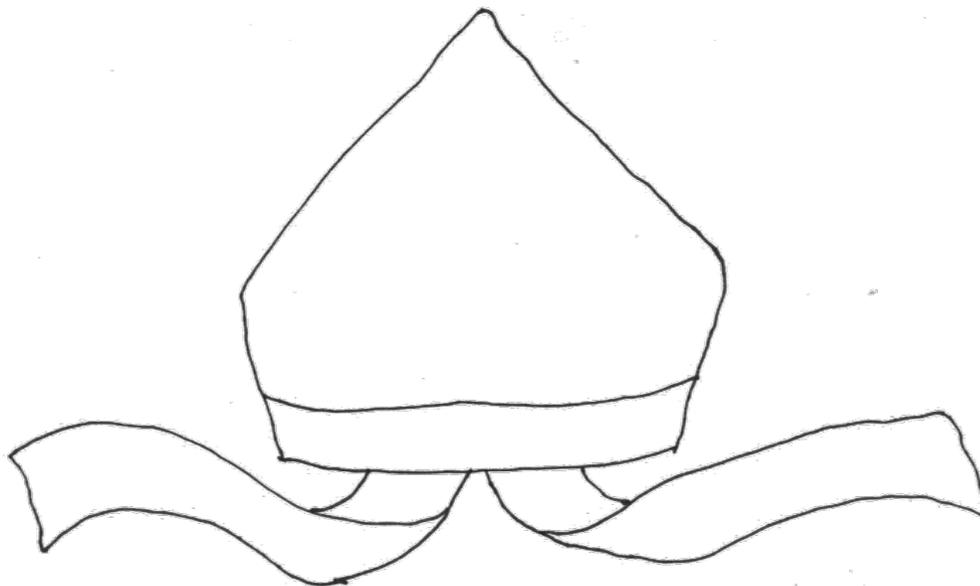
The cope can be quite plain or very ornate—it's up to the bishop who wears it. Which would you like? Color and decorate them.



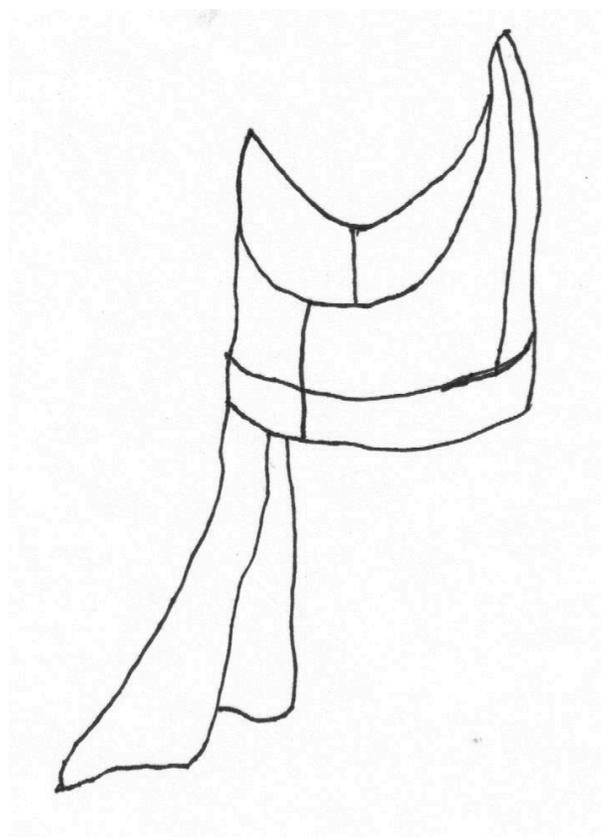
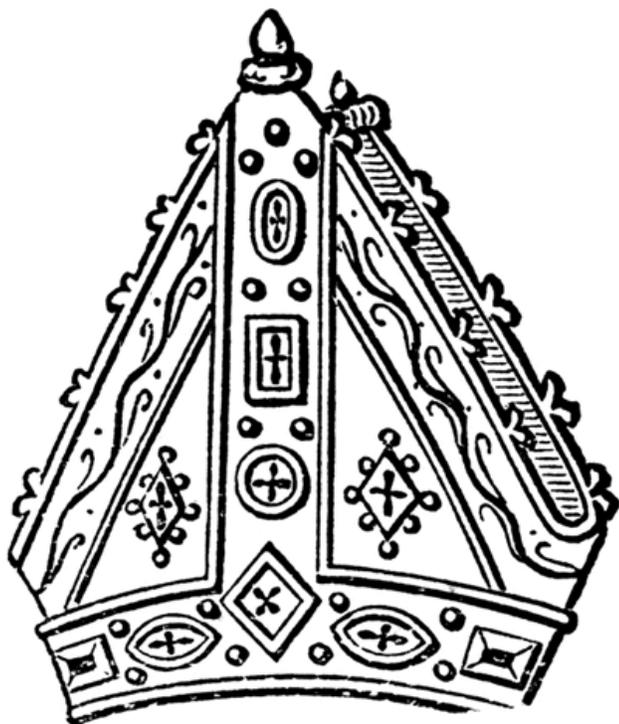
## The mitre – a special hat

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The mitre is folding, pointed, ceremonial hat with flaps called lappets that drape down the back of the neck. The top is shaped like the flames of fire on the apostles' heads on Pentecost. We don't know where the lappets came from. Some people say it shows the water of baptism flowing down. Like the cope, the mitre can be very simple or quite fancy, with silver, gold, and jewels!



Make your mitre as plain or colorful as you want!



## The bishop's informal clothes

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The bishop can wear several other layers of clothes. First, they may put on a colored robe called a *cassock*.

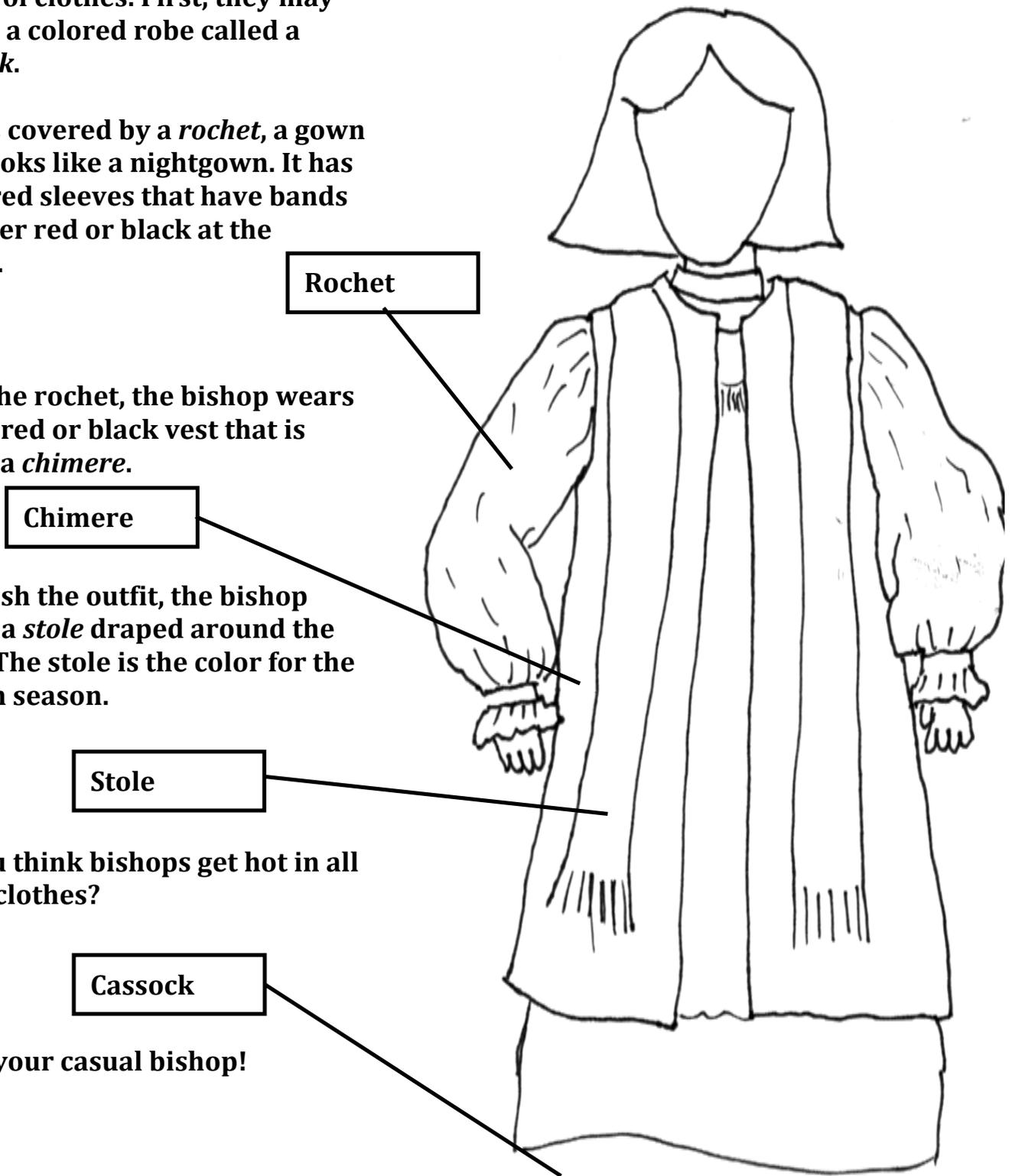
This is covered by a *rochet*, a gown that looks like a nightgown. It has gathered sleeves that have bands of either red or black at the wrists.

Over the rochet, the bishop wears a long red or black vest that is called a *chimere*.

To finish the outfit, the bishop wears a *stole* draped around the neck. The stole is the color for the church season.

Do you think bishops get hot in all those clothes?

Color your casual bishop!

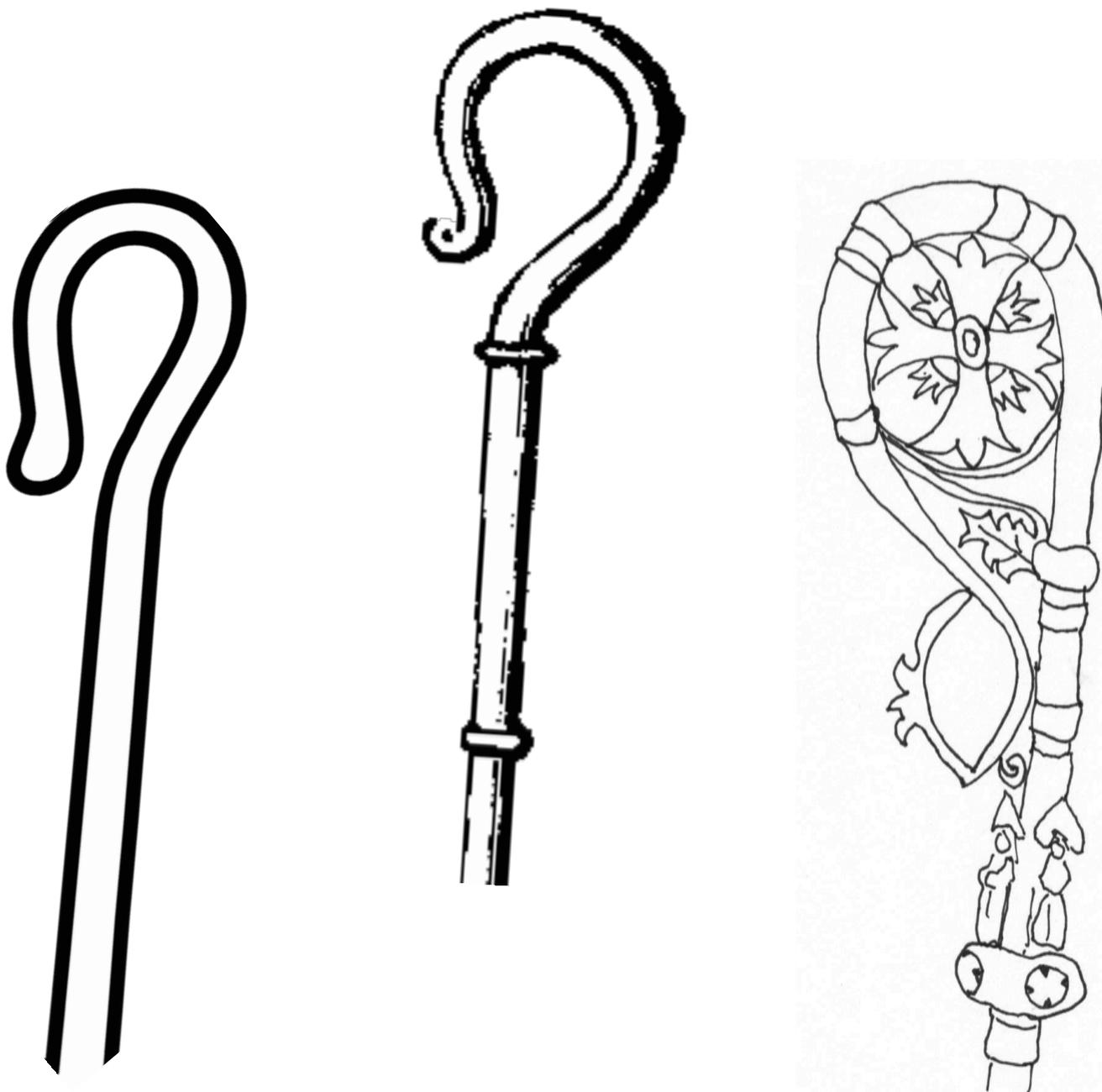


## The crozier—a shepherd's staff

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A bishop carries a crozier to symbolize that she or he is the shepherd of a flock. The crozier is a walking stick to show that the bishop's call is to travel near and far to preach the Gospel. The curved end is like the crook a shepherd uses to lead lambs along, and the pointed end symbolizes the bishop's role in defending the faith.

Which crozier looks like our bishop's? Would you like a plain or fancy crozier?

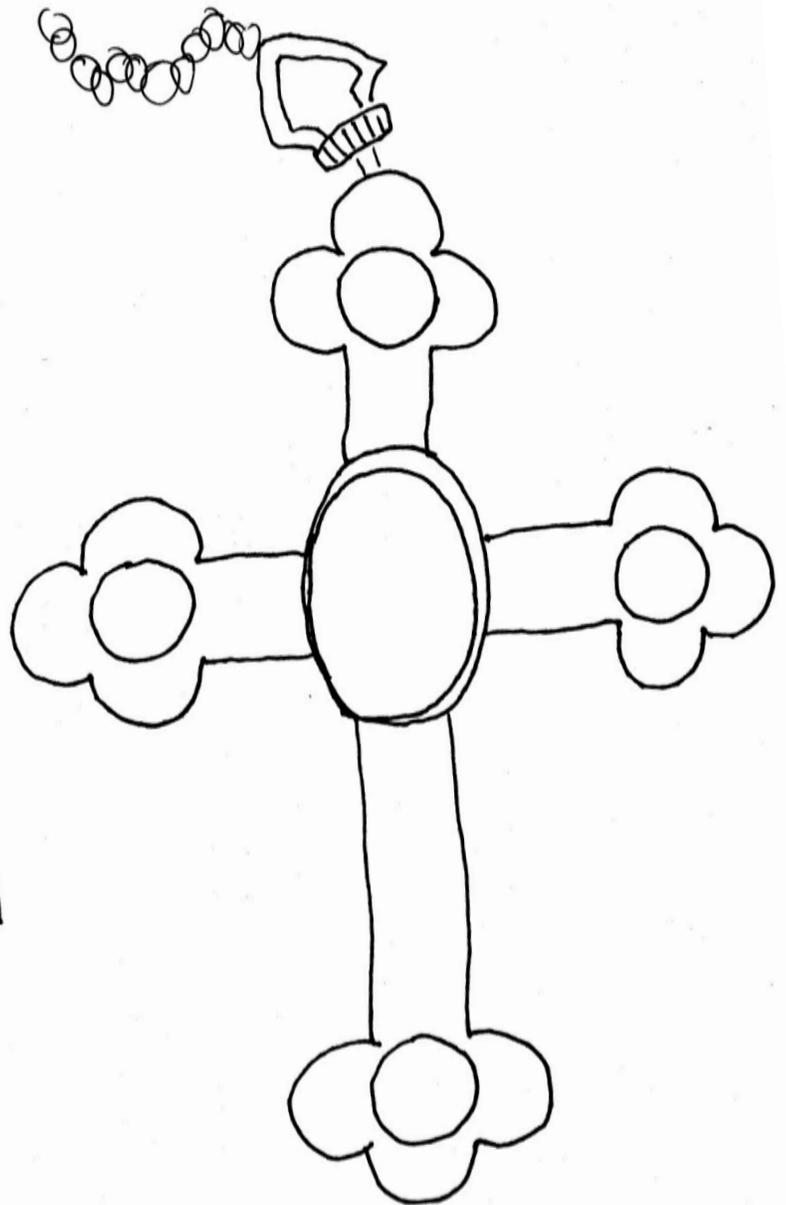
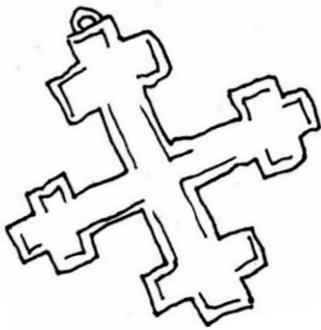
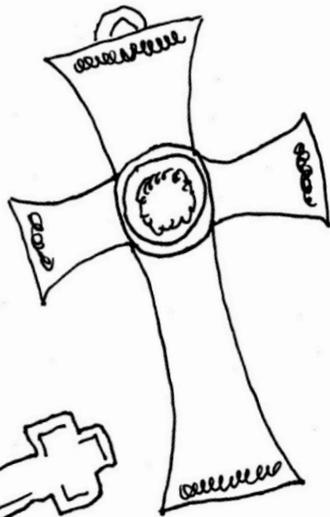
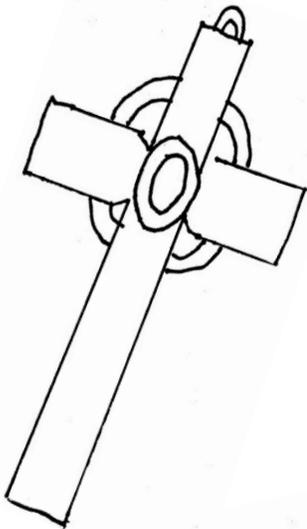


## The pectoral cross

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The bishop's pectoral cross is a large cross hanging from a necklace that reaches far down on the chest, below the heart. It is a big cross!

Some bishops have a plain cross.  
Others have a fancy one.  
Make yours unique!

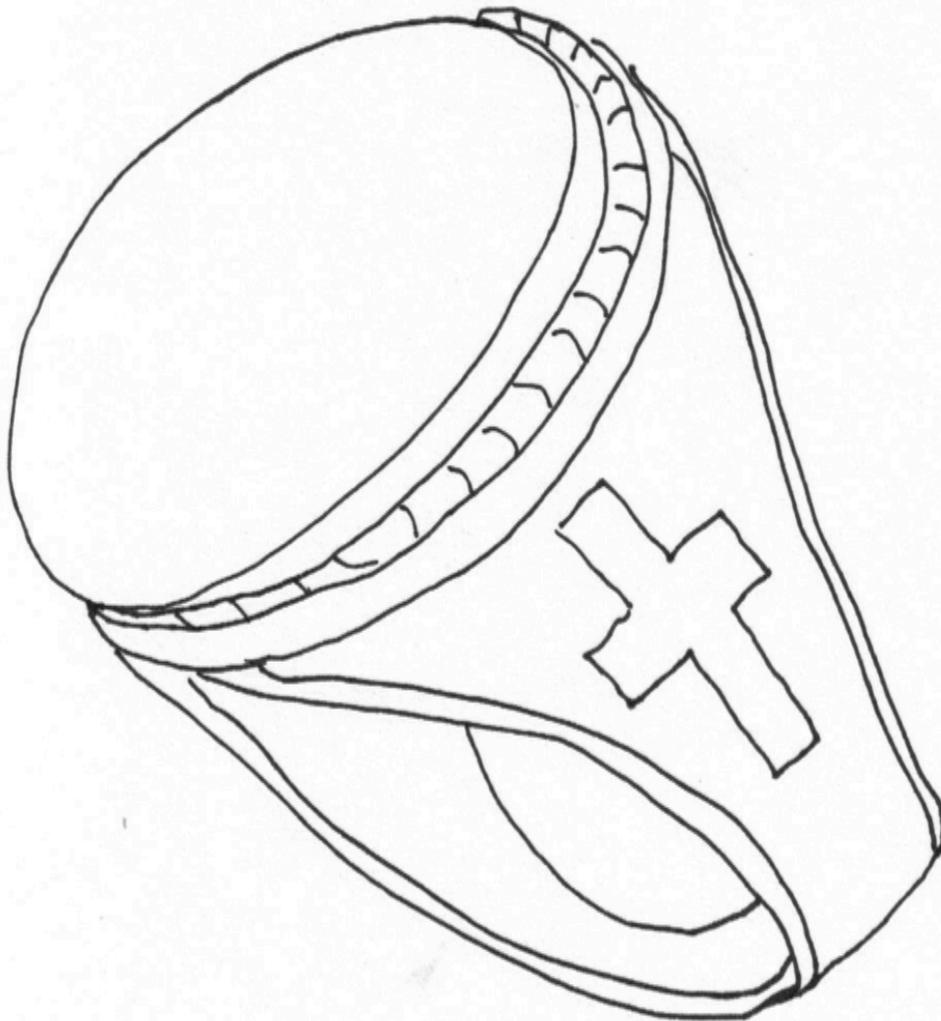


## **The bishop's ring - a signature seal**

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**A bishop receives a very special ring as a gift when she or he is consecrated. Sometimes it is handed down from the previous bishop, and sometimes it is made new. Like a wedding ring, it is a symbol of commitment, the bishop's commitment to the Church and the people under their care. Some bishops' rings are set with an amethyst stone, which is purple - purple is the bishop's special color. The stone, or the gold, if the ring has no stone, is often engraved with the seal of the diocese or the bishop's personal design. The bishop may use the ring to mark a wax seal on ordination and other important documents.**

**Design a ring that shows your commitment to the Church!**



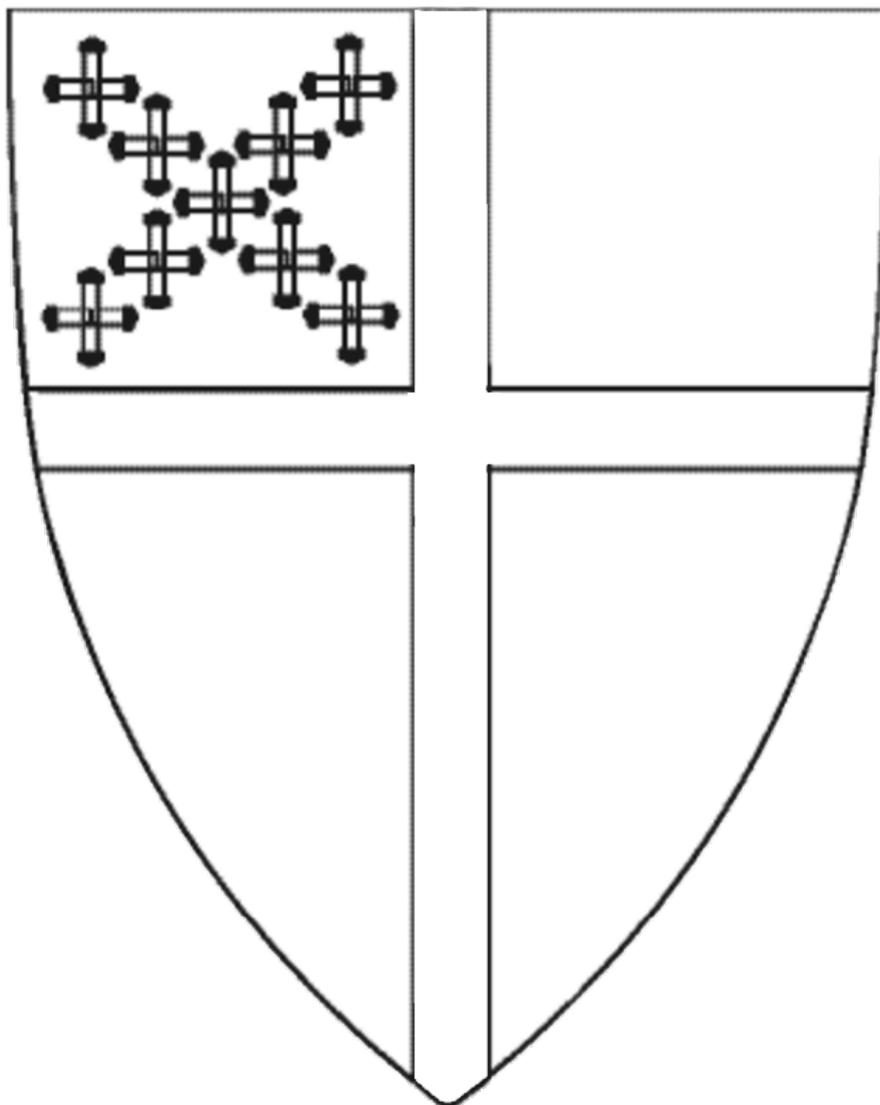
## The Episcopal Church

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Your church is part of The Episcopal Church, which has churches all over the world. This is the shield of the Episcopal Church. The shield is red, white, and blue, similar to the American flag.

Just like the American flag, the section in the top left corner is blue. There are nine small white crosses that symbolize the original nine dioceses of the USA in 1789. The "X" that the crosses make is in remembrance of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. This reminds us that the Church of Scotland ordained the first American bishop in 1784.

The whole background (which is called the field) is white with a red St. George's cross. St. George is the patron saint of the Church of England; this helps us remember our English roots! Color the Episcopal Church shield.



# The Episcopal Church – an international church

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The Episcopal Church is an international church. It's divided into 9 provinces. Two of those provinces, Province 2 and Province 8, include dioceses outside the United States! There are 109 dioceses in The Episcopal Church!

The United States is a big place, and the dark lines on the US map show the provinces in our country. Color each Province a different color!



Dioceses are to our international church kind of like states are to the United States, but all dioceses don't follow state or lines.

Our diocese is part of Province 3, in the northern and eastern part of the United States. When the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania was originally founded it represented the whole state! Today, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania takes

up the southeast corner of the state including Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware counties.

Our diocese has more than 130 churches from small towns and big cities, and our people are diverse. Color the people, or draw who YOU see in your church!



## The seal of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

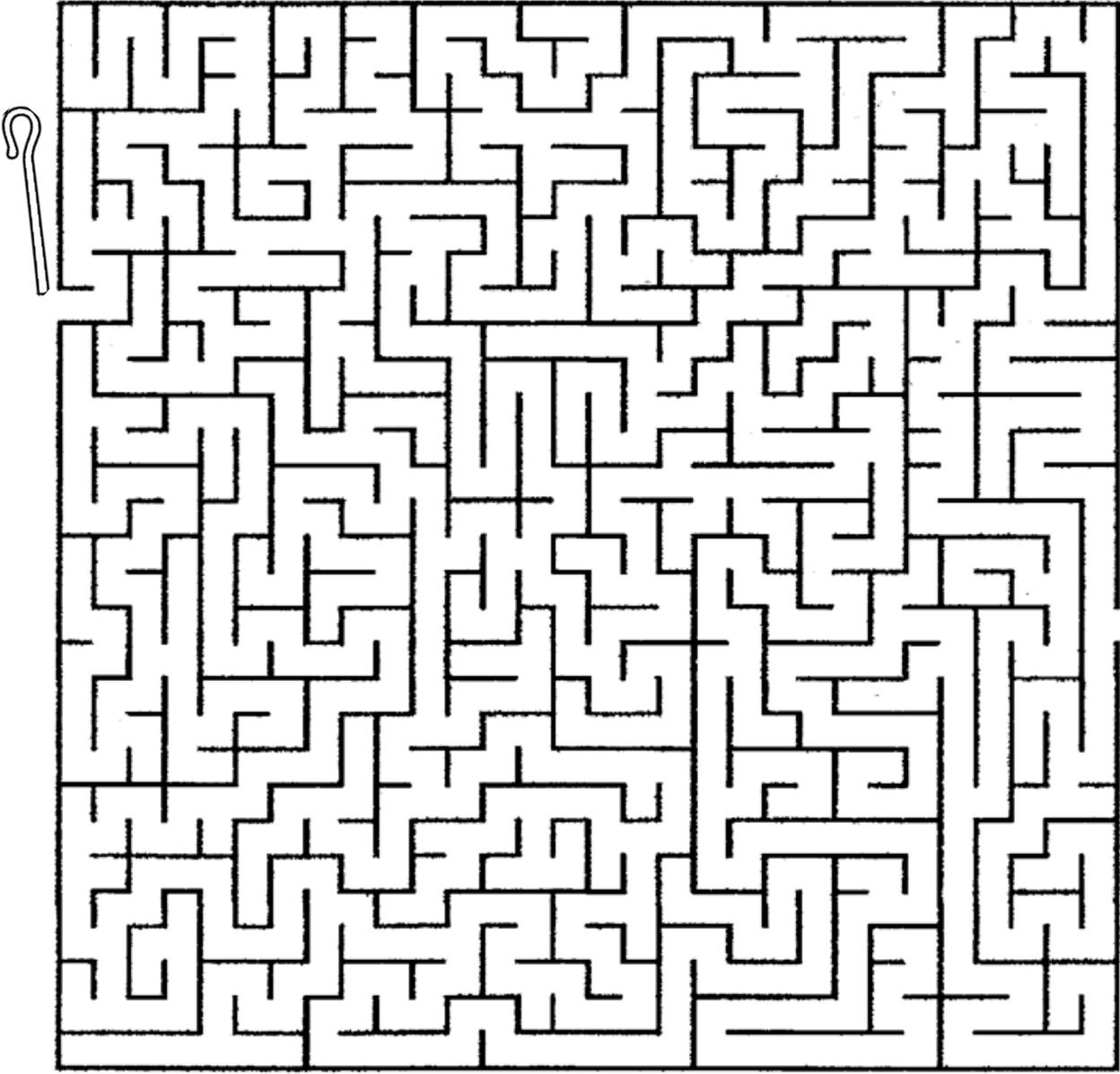
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Just like The Episcopal Church has a shield as a symbol, each diocese has a seal. What symbols do you recognize? What colors would you make our diocesan seal?



**Follow the maze to help the bishop reach your church!**

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# Can you find these words?

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They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or backwards!

altar  
bishop  
celebrate  
church  
deacon

gospel  
holy  
hymn  
ministers  
ordination

priest  
red  
stole

b a i e m g m w r n u y j y j  
a f d t i r e d b p o n l e h  
x x l a n h c r u h c c f o l  
g t i r i q b q g k l n a e h  
s a v b s u t k h w p a p e h  
s o b e t w t z r o z s h t d  
b z q l e s v s r a o r v k c  
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w q l c s d i o l i g l x a e  
g n j k w n s n l r r k a r u  
q m l z a v l d s e n p h g q  
a y c t b i s h o p h k l a e  
g h i r b c r g c s s t d n z  
e o o m q v a y t h l s x r x

## Did you know? *(Share these with your favorite adult!)*

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### More about bishops, the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Episcopal Church!

The Episcopal Church was founded out of Anglican Churches in the United States following the American Revolution. The first General Convention was held in 1785 and the group named itself the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The first bishop in the Episcopal Church was the Rev. Samuel Seabury from Connecticut. He was consecrated a bishop in Scotland in 1784.

The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania was organized in 1784, led by the Rev. William White. White became the first bishop in Pennsylvania when he was consecrated by bishops in the Church of England in 1787. Bishop White created a revised Book of Common Prayer specifically for the Episcopal Church.

All members of the clergy have the title of “the Reverend.” Bishops have a special title: “The **Right** Reverend,” or abbreviated: “the Rt. Rev.”

The current bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez. He was elected in 2016 and came to us from the Diocese of the Rio Grande in New Mexico. See his photo at right.

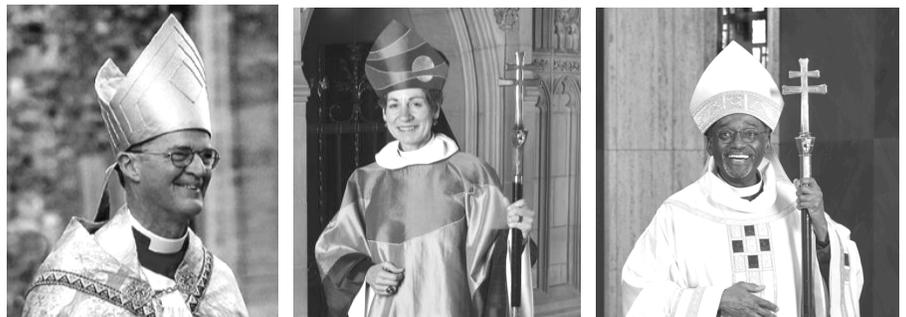


Absalom Jones was ordained the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church in 1804. He led the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas here in Philadelphia, and we remember his life and ministry each year on February 13.

In 1974, eleven women presented themselves for ordination to the Episcopal priesthood in Philadelphia. They were not officially recognized until 1976.

In 1977, Pauli Murray was ordained the first African American woman priest.

A Presiding Bishop is a special bishop whose job is to be the leader of the whole Episcopal Church – all the provinces – and represent them in the world-wide Anglican Communion. The Presiding Bishop has an extra special title – the **Most** Reverend.



The 25<sup>th</sup> Presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold (above, left) is originally from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He currently lives in Philadelphia.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori (above, middle), is the first female Presiding bishop in the Episcopal Church, and the first and only woman to be a churchwide leader in the Anglican Communion.

Our current Presiding Bishop is The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop. The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry (above, right) is the first African American Presiding Bishop in the Episcopal Church.

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