

The

Bishop

is coming!

Activity Book for Young People



# SO WHAT EXACTLY DOES A BISHOP DO?

A bishop is the chief priest (also known as the shepherd) of our diocese. Bishops are charged with serving as a pastor to our clergy and the shepherd that protects our faith and the word of God through our church. Bishops visit each church to baptize and confirm members.

# WHO IS BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF TEXAS?

## **Kai Ryan**

Bishops visit churches, baptize and confirm people, serve as counselors and pastors to clergy and laity, preside at diocesan meetings and take part in the meetings of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church's General Convention.

Clergy and representatives of the Churches in the Diocese of Texas elected the Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan as Suffragan bishop (a assistant suffragan bishop means she helps Bishop Andy Doyle do confirmations) in 2019. She and her husband Tim have two children, Ned and Eleanor.



The Ryans live in Austin and Bishop Ryan has oversight of the western regions of our Diocese. She has served churches in Austin, La Grange, and Conroe and was Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese at the time of her election. Her life in Christ and leadership gifts were nurtured, while a youth, in camping ministry, the Happening movement, and parish committees, including one that resettled a refugee family.

When Bishop Ryan visits a church she meets with the vestry and other church leaders and spends time visiting with the people who are to be confirmed. Sometimes she baptizes people, too.

What questions would you like to ask Bishop Ryan?

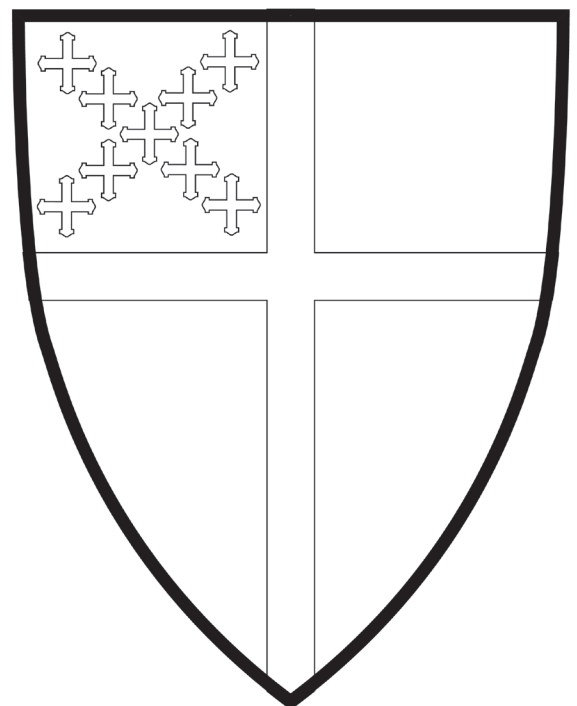
# THE EPISCOPAL SHIELD

The founding fathers of the Episcopal Church were also the founding fathers of our country, and the Episcopal shield's **red, white, and blue** colors and layout are similar to that of the American flag. Red represents the blood Christ shed for us; white symbolizes purity, and blue is the traditional color of the Virgin Mary. The large red cross that divides the shield is a cross of St. George, the cross of the Church of England, that represents our ties to the mother church. The nine small crosses in the upper left quadrant represents the nine dioceses that **founded the Episcopal Church in 1789**, and are arranged in a St. Andrew's cross, the cross of the Church of Scotland.

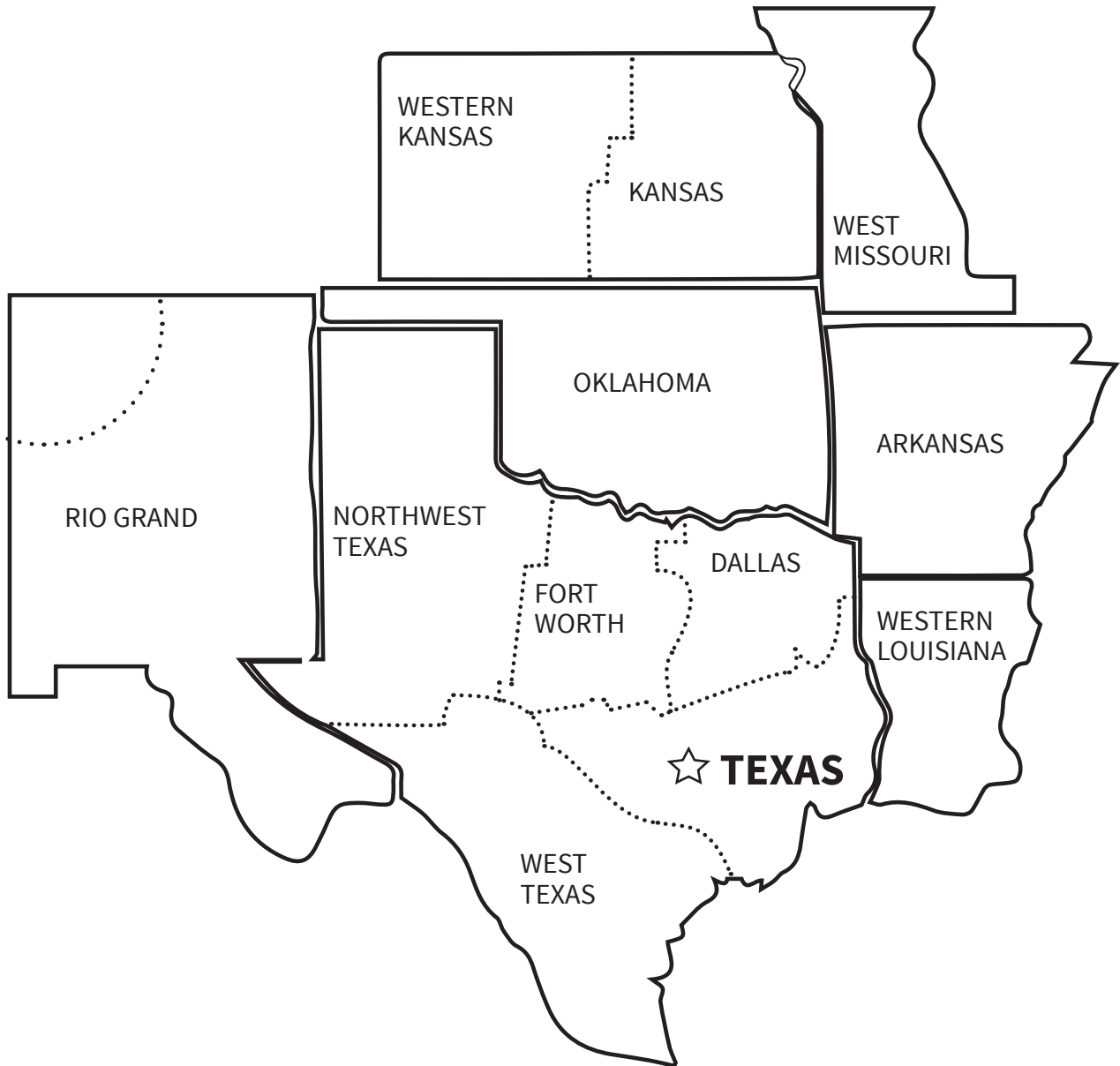


Do you see this shield somewhere in your church?

Would you like to color the shield?

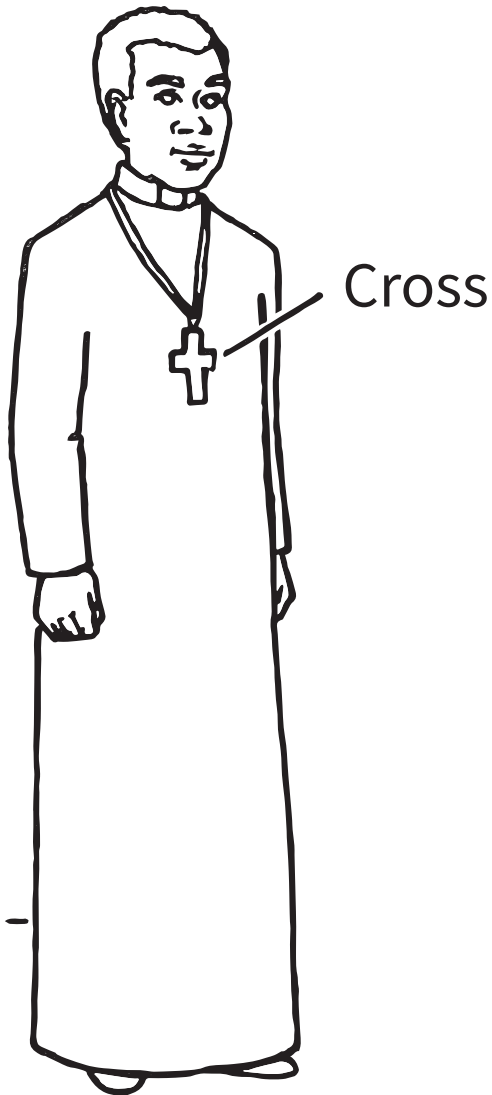


# THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS IS IN PROVINCE VII

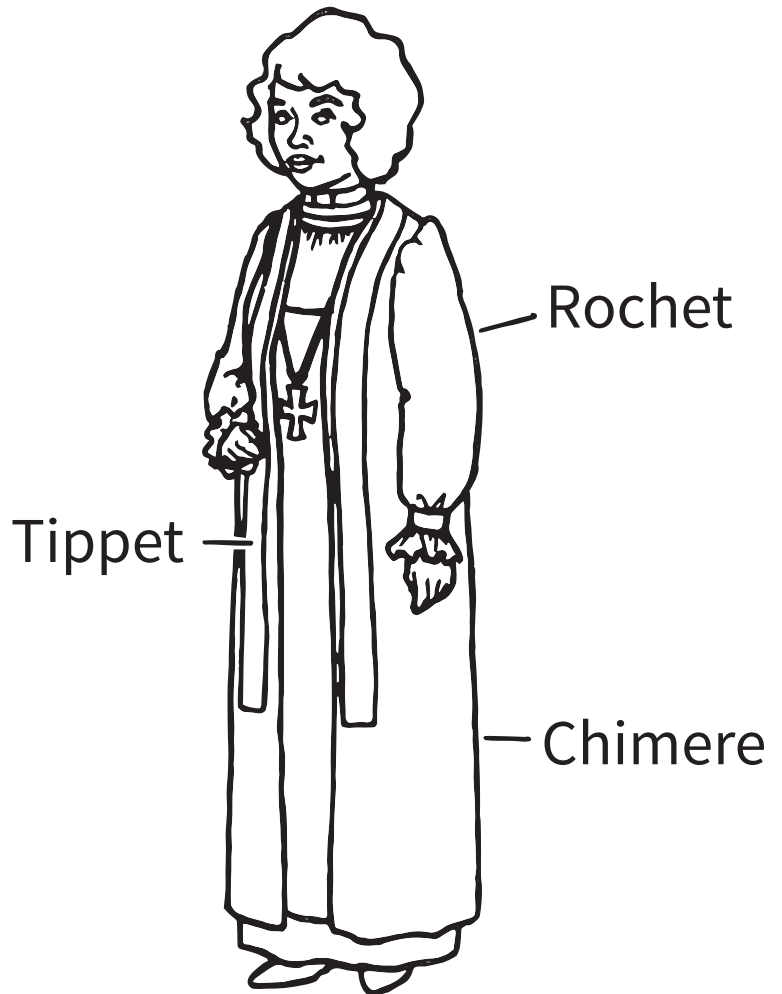


Can you find the Diocese  
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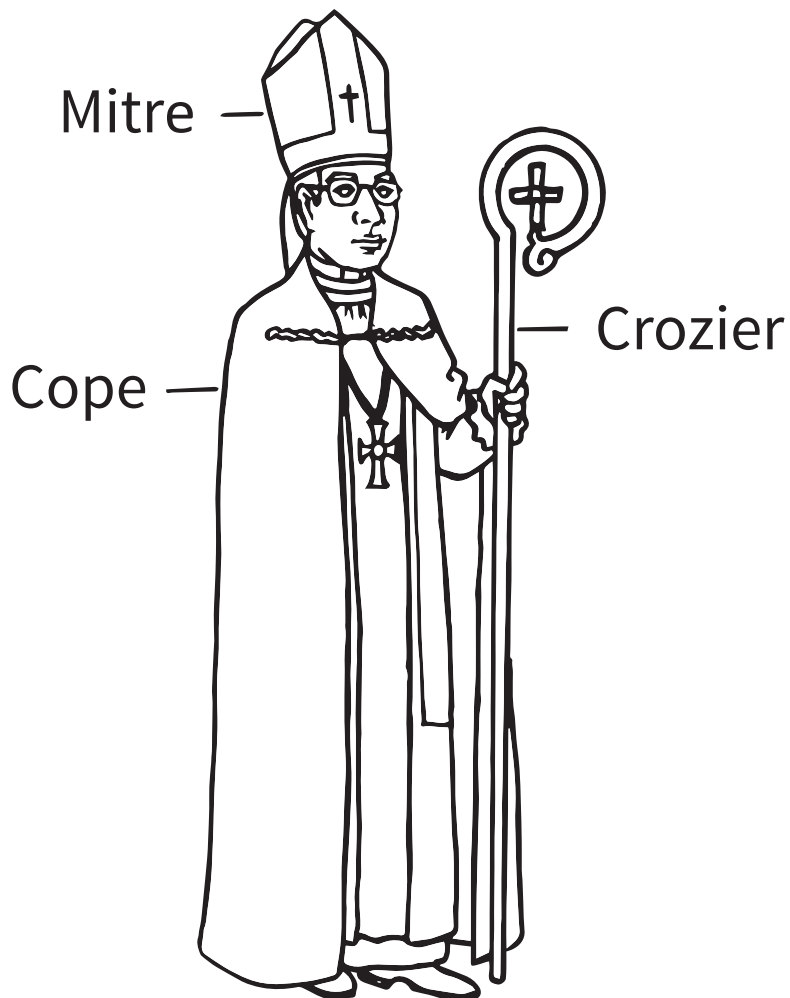
# BISHOPS WEAR VESTMENTS LIKE ...



AND



... AND



A Mitre is a tall hat that Bishops sometimes wear.

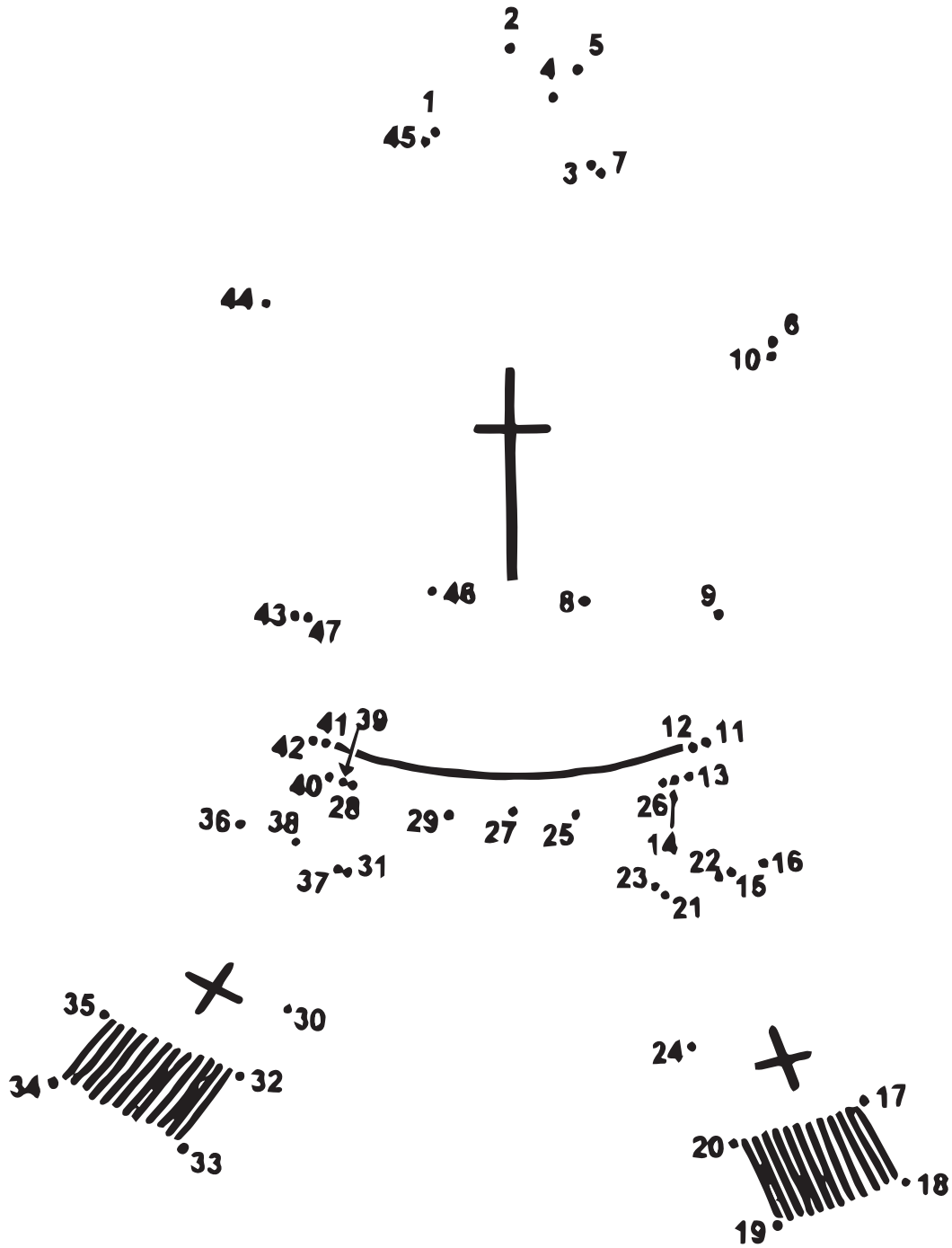
Is the Bishop wearing one today?

Sometimes a Bishop will carry a staff called a Crozier.

Does the Bishop have one today?



# CAN YOU CONNECT THE DOTS?



What is it?



# A BISHOP WORD

C O N S E C R A T I O N  
C M A C L T F B O Z F C  
O I B S T E E R N R P V  
N T E O V X L D B E D C  
F R P R Y A J I R I G H  
I E I B I S H O P Z W A  
R A S Q X N Z C R O S S  
M O C T K N G E I R T U  
Y R O B I A S S E C F B  
P W P V J V T E S T M L  
O R A T E B A P T I Z E  
P E L O T S R L V M A D

Can you find these words?

Confirm

Stole

Texas

Baptize

Baptize

Mitre

Diocese

Stole

Episcopal

Chasuble

Steer

Chasuble

Consecration

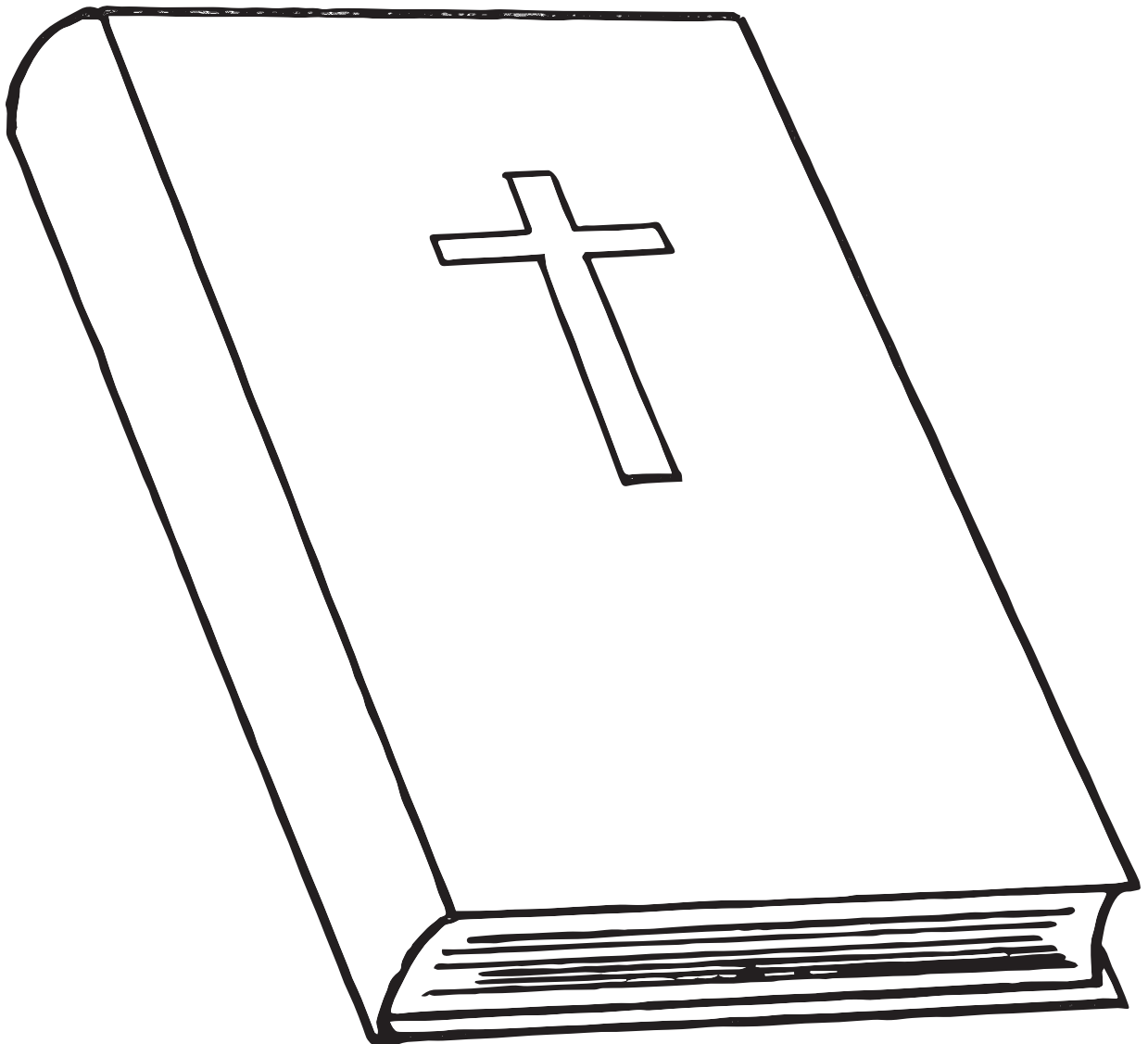
Priest

Festival

Crozier

Bishops help us learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, using the **Holy Bible** and the **Book of Common Prayer**.

Do you see a book of Common prayer in your pew?

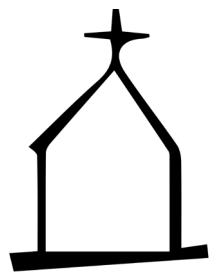
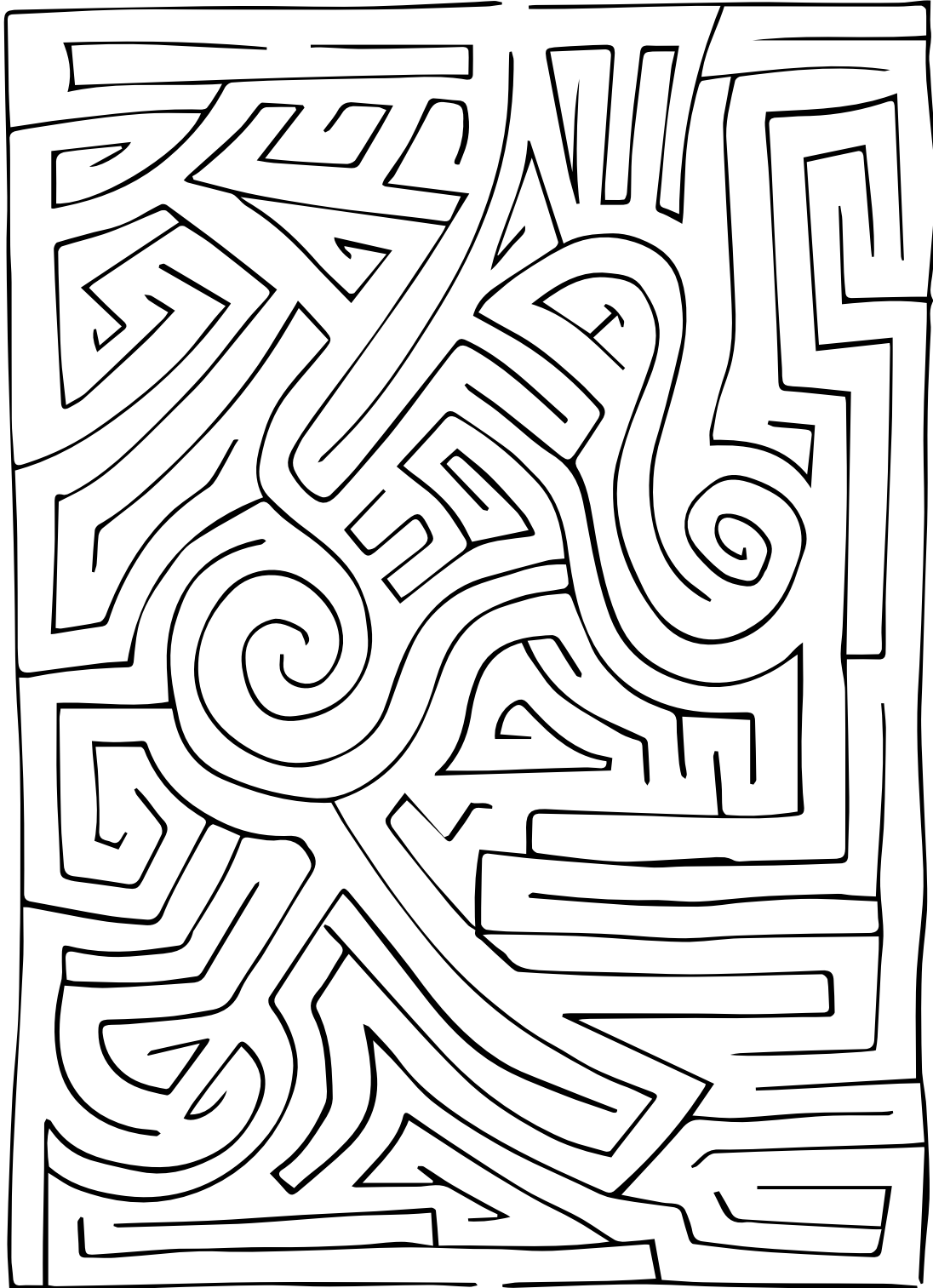


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FROM THE HOLY  
BIBLE TODAY?

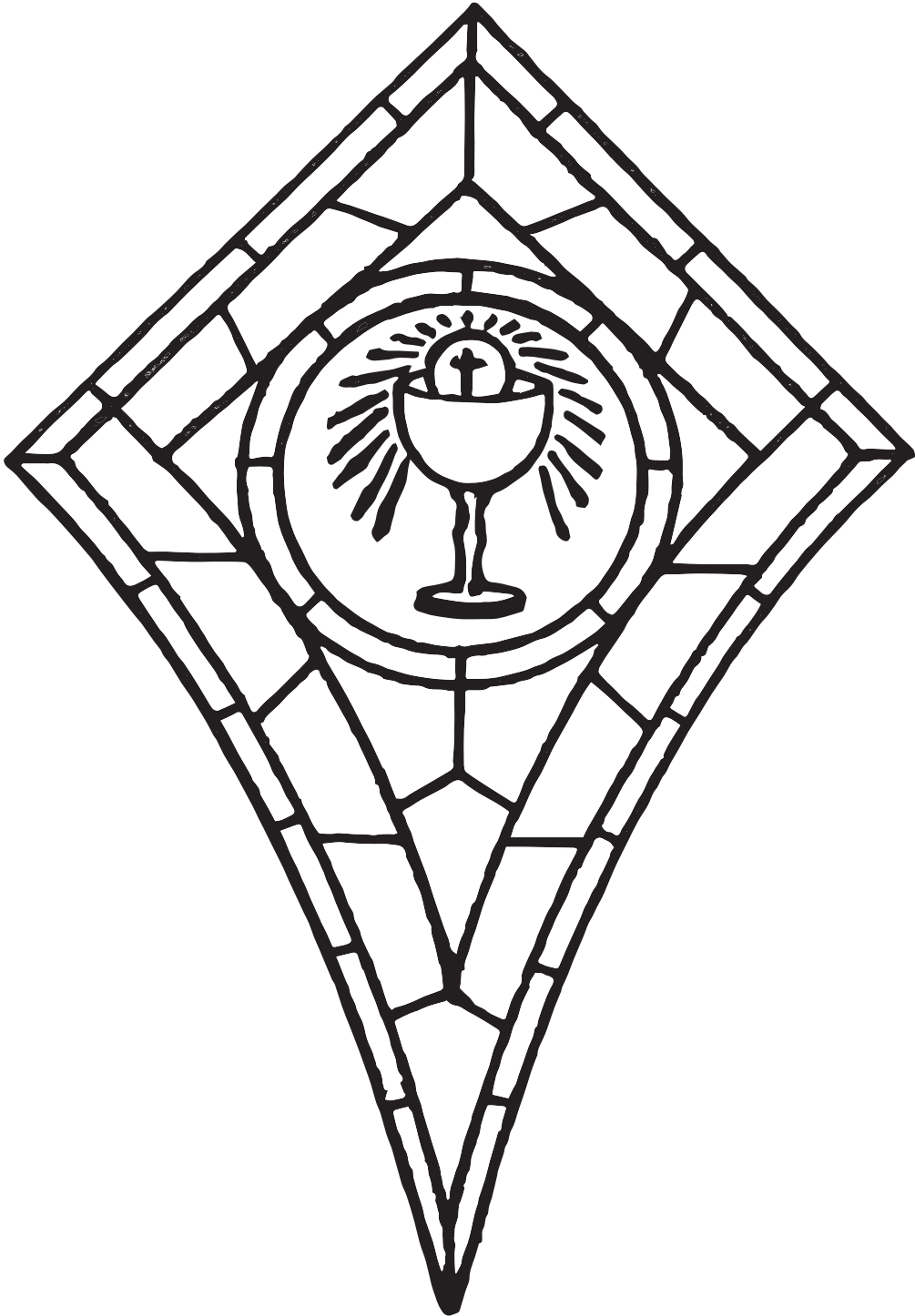


Help the Bishop

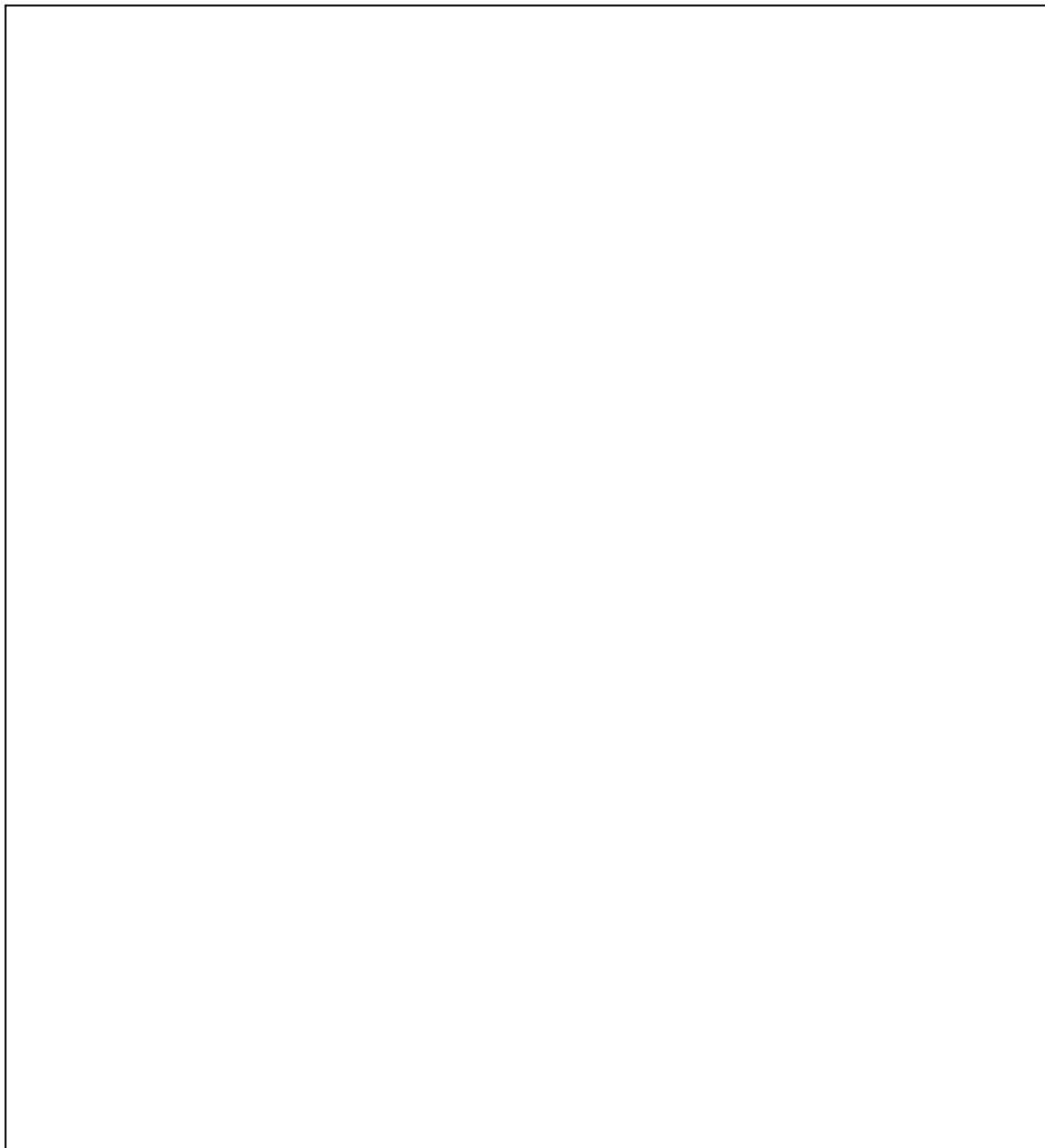
FIND YOUR CHURCH



The Bishop will bless some of our friends and share the **Eucharist** with us.



Draw a picture of your favorite thing  
about the **Bishop's visit** today?



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