

# The Bishop is Coming for a Visit

A fun guide for children in the  
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts has a diocesan bishop and an assistant bishop.**

## **Our diocesan bishop is THE RT. REV. ALAN M. GATES**

Bishop Alan Gates became the 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Massachusetts in 2014, after serving as a parish priest for more than 25 years. He was born in Massachusetts but has lived in many other places as well, including Connecticut, Ontario, Indiana, Vermont, Maryland, Illinois, and Ohio! Bishop Alan can speak Russian, which he studied in Russia when it was still called the Soviet Union. He worked for the U.S. government before he went to seminary.

Bishop Alan is married to Tricia Harvey. They met in college and have two grown children. Wesleigh is a performance director and teacher and lives in Los Angeles, CA. Ethan is a digital archivist and lives in Amherst, MA.



**Wesleigh, Ethan, and Tricia, with Bishop Alan**

### **Some fun facts about the Bishop:**

- Since he was 7 years old, he has collected old post cards. Now he has about 20,000 cards!
- He loves to sing all kinds of music – hymns, folk songs, and silly songs.
- He and his family love to hike in the woods – especially if there is a waterfall along the trail.
- He used to play the viola. Now he is trying to learn to play the hammer dulcimer.

### **Do you play an instrument?**

### **Can you speak another language other than English?**

Bishop Alan loves the church because it is a family of all kinds of people, sharing happy times and sad times, singing praise to God, and supporting each other while trying to make the world a better place.



Bishop Alan and Tricia have a cat named Serafina. She was rescued from floods in Louisiana.

### **Bishop Alan's favorite passage from the Bible is Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.*

**What's your favorite passage in the Bible?**

## Our assistant bishop is THE RT. REV. DR. CAROL JOY GALLAGHER

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Joy Gallagher was ordained and consecrated a bishop on April 4, 2002, at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. She served as bishop suffragan (assisting bishop) in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. She went on to serve as Assistant Bishop in the Dioceses of Newark, North Dakota, Montana and Assisting Bishop in Albany.

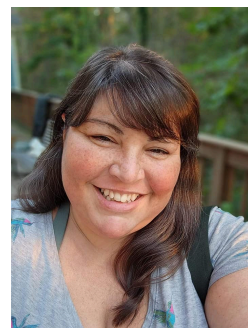
Carol grew up the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and is an enrolled member of the Cherokee nation. She loves teaching folks about her traditions and helping people gain insight into the sacredness of every people and place. Bishop Carol is married to Mark Gallagher and they have three daughters, Emily, Ariel and Phoebe, as well as three grandchildren, Lilly, Silas and Destiny.

Carol plays several instruments including guitar, harp, dulcimer and piano, although she is not so good at practicing. She loves singing and playing all kinds of music from classical to folk and rock and roll. She has composed several hymns which are included in the hymnal Voices Found.

The Episcopal Church is a place of welcome and she is excited when she is welcomed into your community. She loves being a bishop and having the opportunity to meet you in your home church.



Bishop Carol and Mark



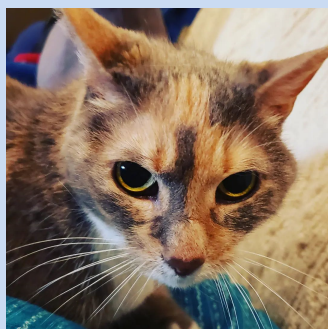
Emily



Ariel



Phoebe



Bishop Carol has a cat named Darla who was born in Jersey City to a priest's cat. She is 15 years old and very vocal.

**Do you have a pet?**

Bishop Carol loves to sing and has been singing in choirs all her life. She will often sing in her sermons. She has two favorite hymns from two different hymnals.

\*From Lift Every Voice and Sing, hymn #188 **When Peace Like a River**

\*From the Hymnal 1982, hymn #112 **In the Bleak Midwinter**

**Do you know these hymns? Can you find them in the hymnal  
What is your favorite song to sing in church?**

**Bishop Carol's two favorite passages from the Bible are:**

*Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

*and, Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

**What's your favorite passage in the Bible?**

## What does a bishop wear?

When the bishop comes to a church for a visitation, he or she wears a cope and a mitre, and carries a crozier. Bishop Alan and Bishop Carol each have sets of copes with matching mitres for each liturgical season. These were made especially for them when they became bishops. When they come to visit your church their vestments will match the specific color of our church calendar. Check to see if the bishops match the colors in your church when they walk in the door.



### The Bishop's Vestments

#### The cope

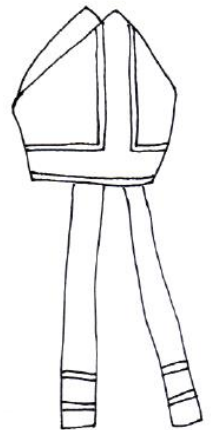
The cope is a very long cape or cloak, open in front and fastened across the chest with a band or clasp.

#### 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 mitre

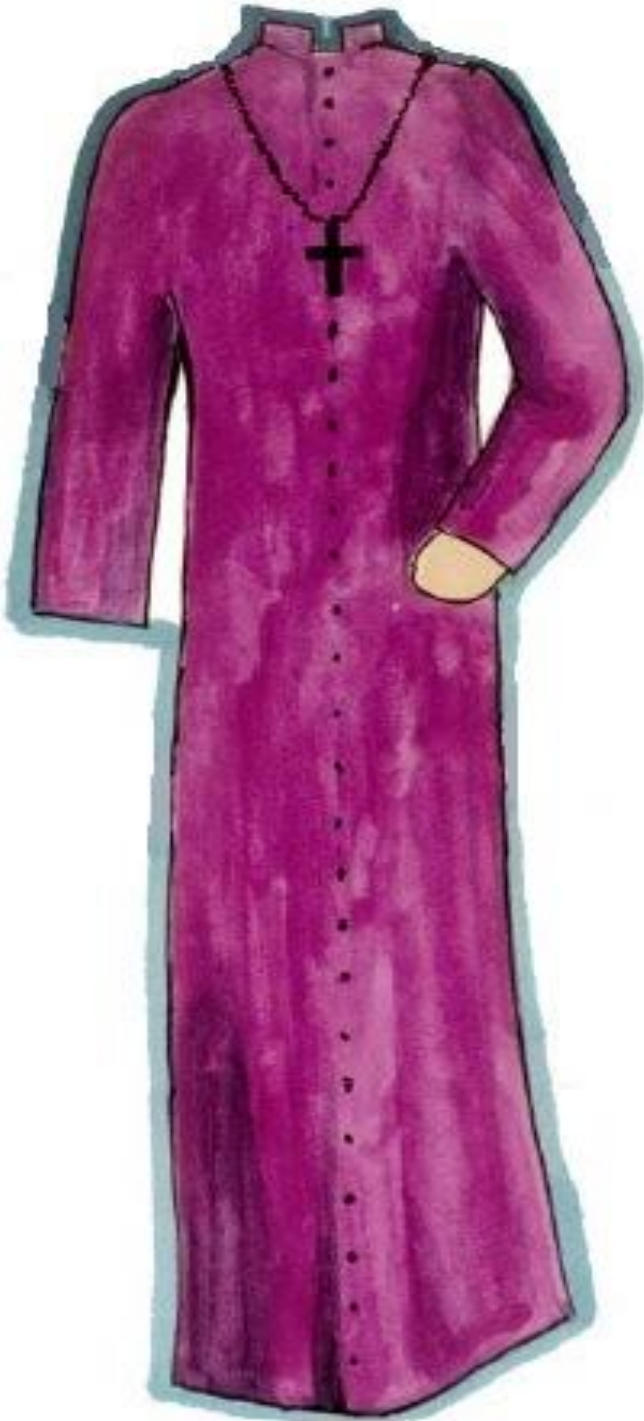
The bishop will usually wear a mitre, a pointed hat that symbolizes the point of flame that the disciples, who became apostles, received at the first Pentecost. We remember that the bishop is a successor to these apostles. The mitre has "lappets" or tails that hang down the back.



## More Bishop's Vestments

### The cassock

The bishop wears a purple cassock that belts at the waist. A cassock is something like a long robe, which often has buttons down the front.



### The rochet and chimere

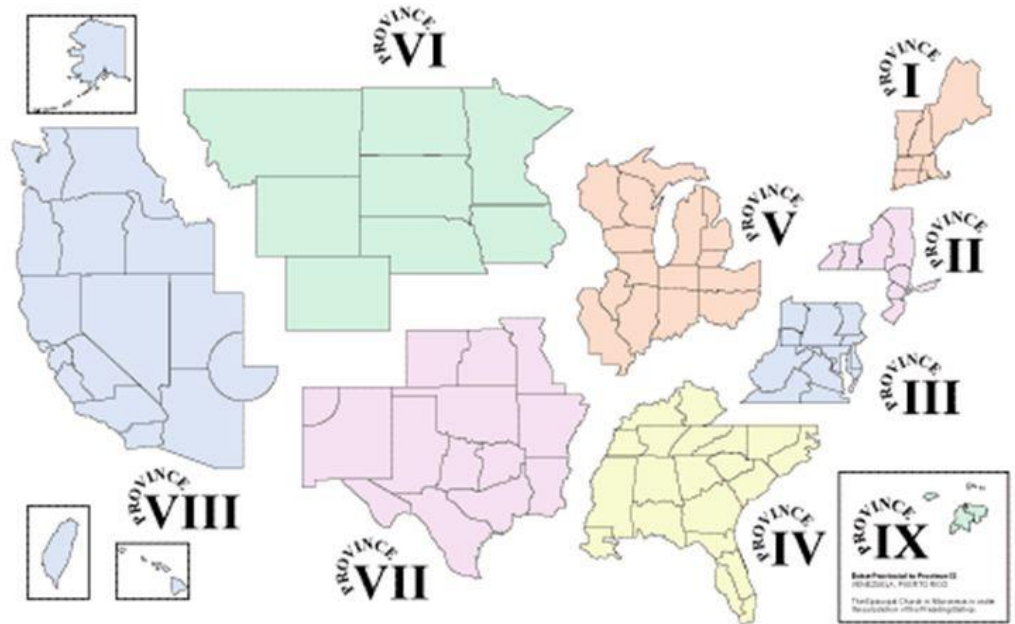
Over the cassock the bishop wears a white rochet - a funny word pronounced like 'rocket', except instead of a 'k' it's a soft 'ch' sound, like the 'ch' in 'church'. The rochet has billowy sleeves gathered and enclosed with wrist bands. Over this a bishop wears a red chimere (pronounced 'shimeer'), which is like a long vest open in the front.



Question for the bishop: Does it get hot wearing all these layers?

## What is a Diocese?

Think of a diocese kind of like a state. In fact, the Episcopal Church was set up by a lot of the same people who helped to shape the government and Constitution of the United States. Because of that, a lot of our structure looks similar to U.S. government. So all the dioceses together make up the Episcopal Church, but each diocese is a geographical area with a bishop. Each diocese is in a Province. **Can you find where we are on this map?**



## The Diocese of Massachusetts



The Diocese of Massachusetts is one of the largest dioceses in terms of population in the United States. We are made up of 185 parishes and chaplaincies. Our chaplaincies are at places like Harvard University and St. Paul's School in Andover. We have some very old churches (more than 300 years) including Christ Church, Quincy; St. Paul's, Newburyport; and Old North Church in Boston.

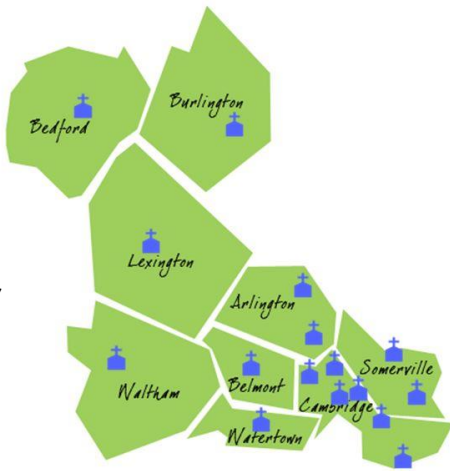
Originally we were not just the diocese in eastern Massachusetts, but for all of New England except Connecticut. As the Episcopal Church grew, other dioceses were formed beginning with eastern Massachusetts in 1810.

The diocese is divided into 12 deaneries in order for neighbor churches to help one another and share resources with other Episcopal churches close by them.

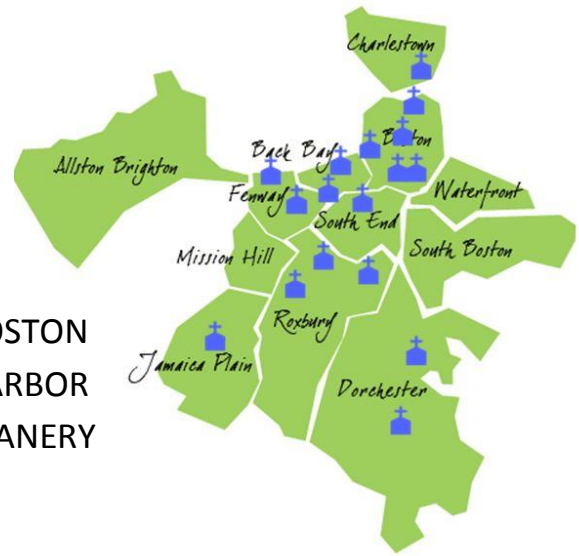
**Can you find which deanery your church is in?**

Here are the individual deaneries – Find which of the symbols is for your church. . .

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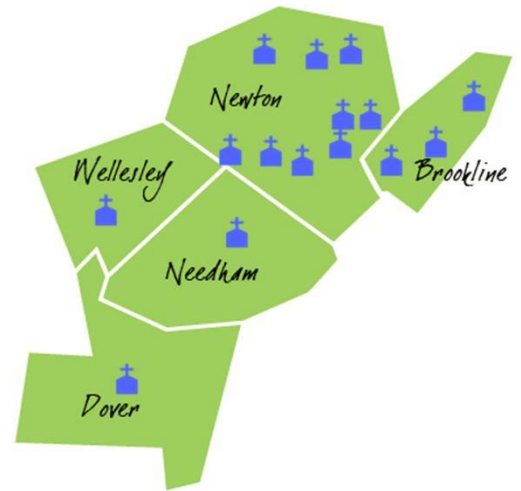
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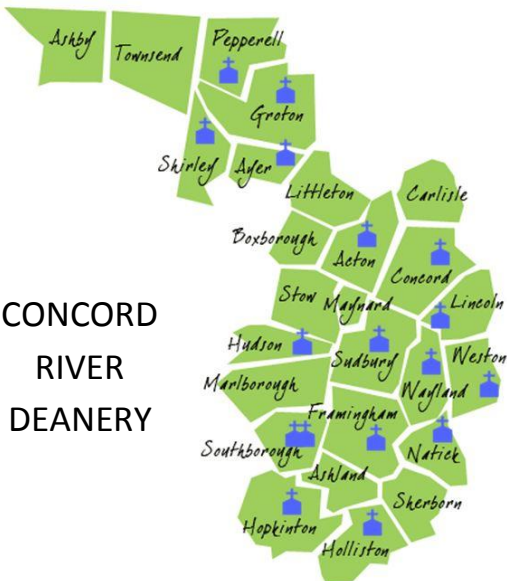
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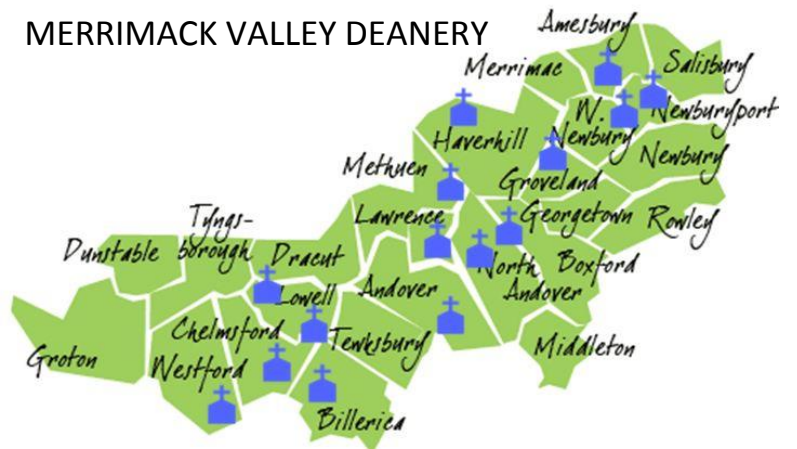
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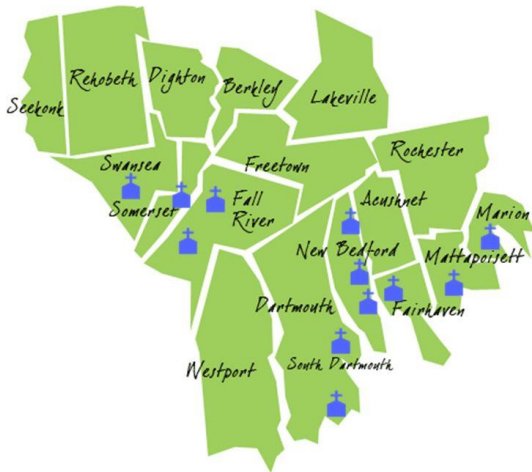
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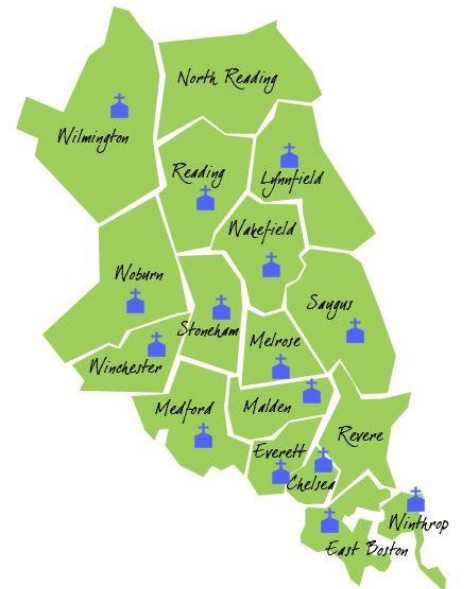
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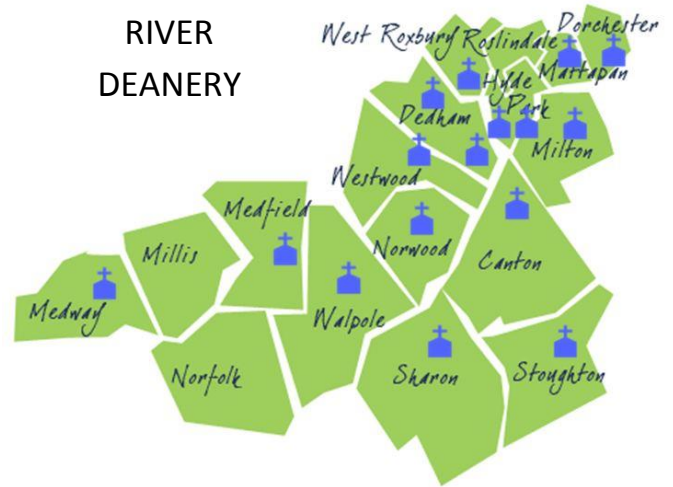
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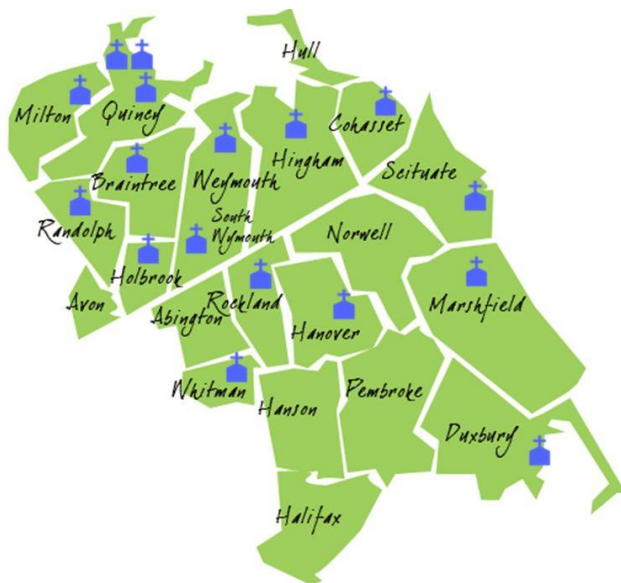
### NORTH SHORE DEANERY



### NEPONSET RIVER DEANERY



### SOUTH SHORE DEANERY



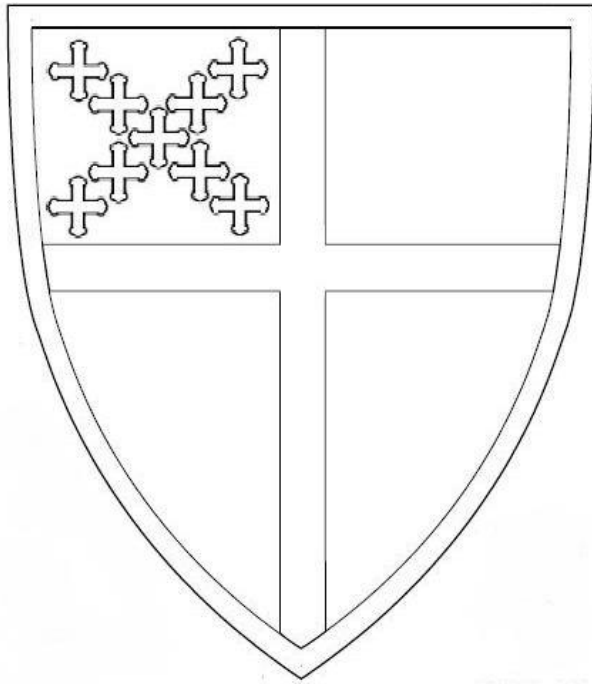
### TAUNTON RIVER DEANERY





# Symbols of the Episcopal Church

## Episcopal Shield

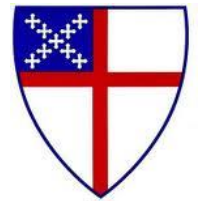


The large, red cross that divides the shield is a cross of St. George, the cross of the Church of England, and it represents our ties with our mother church.

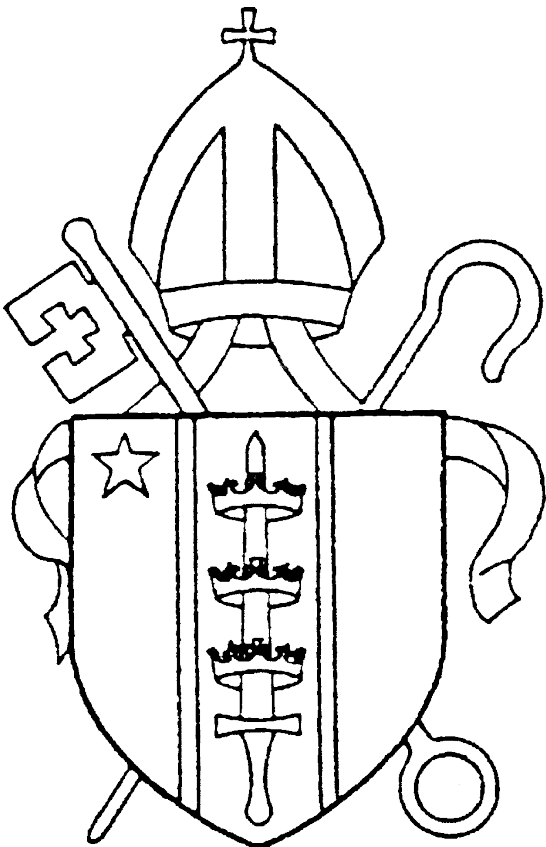
There are nine small crosses arranged in a St. Andrew's Cross, the cross of the Church of Scotland. This cross honors the role the Church of Scotland played in the birth of the Episcopal Church in America by ordaining our first bishop - Bishop Seabury in 1784.

Each of the nine small crosses in the St. Andrew's Cross represents one of the nine dioceses that in 1789 founded the Episcopal Church in America. The shield's layout is similar to an American flag.

**Can you color the shield following the colors to the right?**



## The Diocesan Shield for Massachusetts



Around 1900 this shield was designed for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and references our state flag with the star in the top left-hand corner. The sword is a traditional symbol of St. Paul and reminds us that the seat of the bishop in our diocese is St. Paul's Cathedral. The three crowns come from the coat of arms for Boston, England.

**What other symbols do you see in the seal?**

**Can you color the shield following the colors below?**



# The Diocese of Massachusetts

## What is a Cathedral?

“A **cathedral** is a church that contains the diocesan bishop's seat, throne, or **cathedra**. The cathedral is the principal church of the diocese. As the symbol and center of diocesan ministry, the cathedral is an appropriate place for diocesan celebrations and episcopal services.

The **dean** is the clergyperson with pastoral charge of the cathedral. The dean may be assisted by other clergy, known as **canons**.

The **cathedral chapter** consists of members who serve as the vestry in all matters concerning the corporate property of the cathedral and the relations of the cathedral parish to its clergy. Not all Episcopal dioceses have cathedrals, and most cathedrals are parish churches used for diocesan purposes.”

(Thanks to the online dictionary for the Episcopal Church at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org))

## Cathedral Church of St. Paul

In the diocese of Massachusetts, our cathedral is the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. The diocesan offices are in the building right behind the church. Built in 1820 and established originally as St Paul's Parish, it was the first example of Greek revival architecture in Boston. (Doesn't it look like a Greek temple?)

Nearly 100 years later, Bishop William Lawrence turned the parish into the Cathedral, calling it “A House of Prayer for all people.” Located in downtown Boston, near the State House and City Hall, the church is strategically located as a diocesan center and a voice of the church in the world. To show unity with its Anglican tradition, stones from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and St. Botolph's Church, Boston, England, were incorporated into the building, and a stone from Valley Forge represents its conception as an American church. Because of its location in the heart of Boston, our cathedral tries to help the poor and homeless right in the middle of Boston. Also, our cathedral is often host for many significant diocesan events including annual diocesan conventions, confirmations, and ordinations.

**St. Paul's turned 100 in October 2012! (That's a lot of candles!)**

**Do you know how old your church is?**



Notice the new sculpture at the top - or "pediment" - of the building. This lights up at night and can be seen from all over Boston Common. It is in the shape of a nautilus shell against a blue background. What does that remind you of?



The presiding bishop of the entire Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, visited with children and youth at our cathedral church in 2019. After renovations, it has a new look inside, with moveable seats, video screens and a labyrinth on the floor.



## Diocese of Massachusetts Word Search

Can you find the words listed below?  
Circle each word as you find them.

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Chasuble	Diocese	Rochet
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