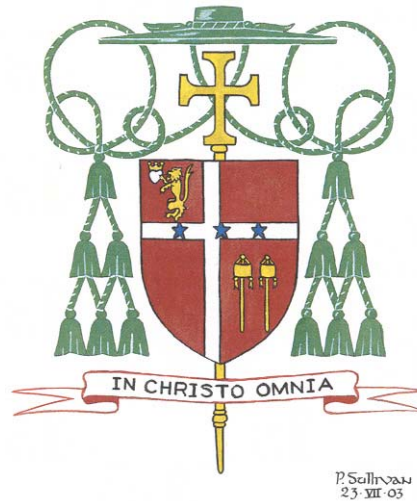


IN CHRISTO OMNIA
The Coat of Arms of the Most Reverend
FRANCIS RONALD REISS, D.D.
Titular Bishop of Remesiana and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit



Blazon: *Gules, a cross eschewed to chief dexter Argent, charged with three stars Azure, in chief dexter a lion rampant Or; holds a heart of the second, the heart crowned of the third; to base sinister two pilgrim's staffs of the third.*

Significance: The episcopal heraldic achievement, or, as it is more commonly known, the Bishop's Coat of Arms, is composed of a shield with its charges (symbols) and the external ornaments. The shield, which is the central and most important feature of any heraldic device, is described (blazoned) in 12th century terms that are archaic to our modern language and this description is done as if being given by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies, the terms "dexter" (right) and "sinister" (left) are reversed as the device is viewed from the front.

For his personal arms, His Excellency, Bishop Reiss has selected a device that reflects his heritage and his life as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

On a red field is a silver (white) cross that is eschewed to chief dexter (to the upper left) as used by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. This symbolism is used to honor His Holiness, the Pope, for having called Bishop Reiss to the fullness of the priesthood in the episcopal order and it is rendered in the color of the Polish national flag to reflect Bishop Reiss' heritage. The Archdiocese of Detroit is represented in the design by the three blue stars placed upon the cross.

To the upper left of the design (chief dexter) is a gold (yellow) lion rampant holding a silver (white) heart that is surmounted by a gold crown. This device is indicative of Sacred Heart Seminary where Bishop Reiss received his seminary education and which he served in several capacities during his priestly ministry. To the lower right (base sinister) are two pilgrim's staffs on gold. These poles with attached satchels indicate that as instructed by the Gospel, pilgrims carry only what is necessary for the journey and that as the people of God called by Christ to make this journey of faith, we make this journey together.

It is to this end of unencumbered faith that His Excellency has chosen the Latin phrase "IN CHRISTO OMNIA" for his motto. Taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:13) this motto also served as the foundation for the mission and ministry of St. Frances Cabrini, the patroness of the parish, which Bishop Reiss currently serves as pastor.

The device is completed with the external ornaments which are a gold processional cross, which is placed in back of the shield and which extends above and below the shield, and a pontifical hat, called a "gallero," with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See of March 31, 1969.

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