

COAT OF ARMS



The Coat of Arms of Most Reverend +Michael Cuozzo, OFE

Host and Chalice of the Holy Eucharist: The upper left side of the shield is the Lord's Supper symbolized by a chalice of wine with the Host rising above it.

M: The upper right side of the shield is the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Theotokos and Mother of priests.

Cross: The lower left side of the shield is the Celtic Cross, which has a ring surrounding the intersection. The circle is a symbol of eternity, since Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. It illustrates the endlessness of God's love poured out in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The five gems represent the five wounds of Christ.

A Ω: The lower right side of the shield are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:13) A symbol witnessing to the divinity of Christ.

Motto: "For I was hungry and you gave me food" is taken from Matthew 25:35. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

Shield: On the upper left and right sides of the shield are two supports for the bishop's ministry: The Host and Chalice of the Holy Eucharist and the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Theotokos and Mother of priests.