

Most Rev. Murphy Coat of Arms

Motto: AGENDA ADIMPLERE | To Fulfill One's Duties



Patrick, the feast day on which Bishop Murphy was formally designated to become the first Bishop of Saginaw.

Bishop Murphy's shield is properly divided into two halves. In the left -- the jurisdiction half -- is placed the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw shield. In the right -- the personal half -- there is shown the oldest and simplest form of the Murphy arms -- simply a red rampant lion, on a silver field.

The attributes of the bishop's two patron saints, St. William of Briec and St. Francis de Sales, are shown as follows: St. William's surname was Pinchon, and the arms ascribed to that name naturally display a bird as a play on the name -- "pinson" being French for "finch". The gold crescent is the central figure on the shield of St. Francis de Sales. The rose is taken from the insignia of former Detroit Archbishop Edward Mooney.

The motto AGENDA ADIMPLERE translates to "to fulfill one's duties." It is taken from one of the orations of the Mass for the feast of St.

- From Bishop Murphy's consecration program