



Coat of Arms of His Excellency, the Most Reverend  
**Michael Joseph Boulette, D.D.**  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

**BLAZON:** A saltire Argent, within the quarters to chief Vert an open volume, to dexter Azure a pitcher, bowl and towel, to sinister, also Azure two angel wings and to base, of the second, a cross potent between an “N” and a “D,” both Old English, all of the charges Or.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The episcopal heraldic achievement, or bishop’s coat of arms, is composed of a shield, that is the central and most important part of the design and tells to whom the design belongs, the external ornamentation, that tells the owner’s position or rank, and a motto, placed upon a scroll. By heraldic tradition the design is described (blazoned) as if being done by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies the terms “sinister” and “dexter” are reversed as the design is viewed from the front.

For the bishop who is without jurisdiction, as an auxiliary bishop, the entire shield of his design is given over to his personal arms.

Bishop-elect Boulette’s design is placed on a cartouche shaped shield that is divided by a silver (white) saltire (an “X” shaped device). Placed within the quarters that are formed by the saltire are, to chief, on a green field is an open volume of The Sacred Scriptures; the warehouse of truth, sacred teaching and life guidance. To the dexter (left as seen from the front), on a blue field are a bowl, pitcher and towel, the classic symbols of service, to which all in Sacred Ministry, bishops, priests and deacons, and along with the baptized, are called. To the right (heraldic “sinister”), also on a blue field, are a pair of angel wings to honor His Excellency’s baptismal, St. Michael, the Archangel. In base, also on a green field is a cross potent that is placed between a pair of letters, a “N” and a “D,” rendered in Old English script, to honor the bishop’s devotion to Our Blessed Mother, our “Notre Dame,” titular of His Excellency’s alma mater and the parish he served as pastor for two decades. All of the charges (symbols) in the design are rendered in gold (yellow).



For his motto, His Excellency, Bishop-elect Boulette has adopted the three words “WISDOM FAITH DISCERNMENT,” that are the three tenants of all spiritual direction and spiritual directors, a ministry in which His Excellency, Bishop-elect Boulette has spent a significant portion of his priesthood.

The achievement is completed with the external ornaments that are a gold (yellow) processional cross, that extends above and below the shield and a pontifical hat, called a galero, 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 1969.



El Escudo de Armas Episcopal de su Excelencia  
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Obispo Auxiliar de San Antonio

**EL ESCUDO:** El diseño del Obispo Boulette se coloca en un escudo en forma de cartela que está dividido por una cruz decussata plateada (blanca) (disposición en forma de “X”). Colocado dentro de los cuartos que están formados por la cruz decussata están, al jefe, en un campo verde un volumen abierto de las Sagradas Escrituras; el almacén de la verdad, la enseñanza sagrada y la guía de vida. A la diestra (a la izquierda visto de frente), sobre un campo azul hay un cuenco, cántaro y toalla, los símbolos clásicos del servicio, al que todos en el ministerio sagrado, obispos, presbíteros y diáconos, junto con todos los bautizados, son llamados. A la derecha (“sinistra” heráldica), también en un campo azul, hay un par de alas de ángel en honor al patrono bautismal de Su Excelencia, San Miguel Arcángel. En la base, también en un campo verde hay una cruz potenziada que se coloca entre un par de letras, una “N” y una “D”, representadas en escritura de inglés antiguo, para honrar la devoción del obispo a Nuestra Santísima Madre, “Notre Dame”, titular del Alma Mater de Su Excelencia y de la parroquia en la que se desempeñó como párroco durante dos décadas.

**EL LEMA:** El obispo Boulette ha adoptado las tres palabras “SABIDURÍA, FE, DISCERNIMIENTO”, que son los tres principios de toda dirección espiritual y de los directores espirituales, un ministerio en el que el Obispo Boulette ha empeñado una parte significativa de su sacerdocio.