Jesudom Dominum Praedicamus
The Episcopal Coat of Arms of
The Most Reverend Robert John McClory, BA, MPA, JD, STB, JCL, DD
The 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana

NARRATIVE
Within the Catholic Church, symbols and images are used to convey sacred truths and convey the Church’s teaching in a way that is accessible to all. The coat of arms is a visual representation of the Church’s identity and mission. It is used to identify bishops and other Church leaders and can be found on church buildings, liturgical vestments, and other materials. The coat of arms is also a way of expressing the Church’s identity and mission to the world.

READING THE COAT OF ARMS OF BISHOP MCCLOY
The Church is the divine monarch in the visible world; she is the Church of Christ in the world as Christ’s faithful spouse. As such, she is the head of the Church, which is the body of Christ. The coat of arms of a bishop is a visual representation of the Church’s identity and mission. It is a way of expressing the Church’s identity and mission to the world.

THE HELM AND MANTLING
The helm and mantling are the elements of the coat of arms that are used to represent the Church’s identity and mission. The helm is a symbol of the Church’s authority and is used to represent the Church’s leadership. The mantling is a symbol of the Church’s mission and is used to represent the Church’s outreach to the world.

MOTTO
The motto of a bishop is a short phrase that expresses the bishop’s personal mission and identity. It is used to express the bishop’s commitment to the Church’s mission and to the people of God.

Jesudom Dominum Praedicamus
From Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians – “Jesudom Dominum Praedicamus”
“We proclaim Jesus as Lord – Jesudom Dominum Praedicamus”

In translation:
We commit ourselves to being servants of Jesus Christ and to proclaiming his message to the world.

The coin was used as an emblem of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, of which Bishop McClory is a Knight.

The bottom of Bishop McClory’s Coat of Arms features a (brown) pineapple, which is used as an emblem of the Third Order of St. Francis.

The Bishop’s parents, James and Ann, met as former Minor Orders leading to Priesthood, and married on October 12, 1950. The knot of the cincture thus honors St. Francis.

Bishop McClory’s ordination to the episcopacy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, Michigan, February 11, 2020.

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