

**The Coat of Arms of
His Excellency, the Most Reverend
Anderson
Auxilliary Bishop of Detroit**

1. The Brown Field forms the background of all the other symbols on the Coat of Arms. It represents the source of everything that exists – the earth, the womb that nourishes us.
2. The Kente Cloth symbolizes the land and the people who form our origin. The interwoven patterns represent the diversity that makws us a wholly united people.
3. The Three Rings of Gold are taken from the Coat of Arms of St. Edmund of Canterbury the patron Saint of the Society of St. Edmund. They also symbolize the unity among the three persons of the Trinity.
4. The Border – red, black, and green symbolize liberation or salvation histpry, the individual struggle of Black People for freedom and meaning and also symbolizes the Salvation History of the whole human family.
5. The Bridge symbolizes the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. It relates to our present history symbolized by the rising sun. It also relates to the origin of the Society of St. Edmund at Pontigny.
6. The Tablets of the Law are enclosed in the Triangle of Pyramid, thus reprtsenting Moses and the Blessed Trinity. They also symbolize the land of our ancestors and our history both secular and Sacred. The setting sun represents our traditions.
7. The water flowing around the Shield becoming a river symbolizes Moses taken from the waters, the fertile Nile, and the Alabama River. The everflowing waters represent the Trinity which is the beginning and end of all humankind.