

Bishop Gumbleton's Crest

The main symbol on the shield is a stylized wheel. Bishop Gumbleton is a very active man and comes from a very active and dynamic city, Detroit. The wheel represents activity, dynamism, and the circle of unity – working together.

The colors are chosen are maroon and silver, representing the blood and water that flowed from the side of the crucified Christ. It is Christ's redeeming sacrifice that is the foundation of all true Christian activity. This is depicted in the shield by the cross drawn behind the wheel in maroon and silver.

The motto means, "Be doers of the word." It is taken from the Letter of Saint James 1:22. The passage ends with the reminder that, if we are doers of the word, we aid the poor of the world. "Religion pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to give aid to orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself unspotted from this world."

The external ornaments in both crests are the same. The shield is mounted with the signs of office, the processional cross, the mitre, and the crosier. The flat clerical hat with six tassels on either side is a traditional heraldic symbol for the office of bishop.