



The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Shield

The diocesan seal, designed by the Rev. Louis A. Parker, former rector of Trinity Church, Victoria, was adopted in 1927. In the upper left, the Alamo, cradle of Texas liberty, represents the planting of the Church banner in the new world. The star in the upper right represents the Lone Star of Texas and the star of Bethlehem. In the lower left is the lion of St. Mark, signifying the first cathedral site in San Antonio and the wild nature of Texas. In the lower right, the ox represents St. Luke the Physician and the cattle of Texas. Six capped flags remember the number of flags over Texas during its history with the seventh being that of the Church. Within the bishop's mitre, a spray of lilies (for St. Anthony of Padua), and a field of bells (for St. Anthony of Alexandria) are reminders of the namesake of San Antonio, the diocesan center city. Pearls for truth adorn the mitre, and tabs for the Old and New Testament hang from the mitre. The motto, in Greek, from Mark's gospel, 9:23, reads "Everything is possible to one who has faith."