



**The Coat of Arms of  
THE MOST REVEREND KEVIN J. FARRELL, D.D.  
Bishop of Dallas**

BLAZON (heraldic description):

Arms impaled. In the dexter: Gules, on a fess per bend wavy Argent three fleurs de lis Azure, in the sinister chief two crossed swords Argent, in the dexter base a molet Argent. In the sinister: Per fess Or and Azure, a lion rampant per fess Gules and Or, standing on a mound of rock Argent.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The dexter impalement (on the observer's left) displays the arms of the Diocese of Dallas. The red field honors the Sacred Heart. The diagonal wavy band with three fleurs de lis represents the Trinity River, named by early Spanish explorers, which flows through the diocese. The fleur de lis appears on the coat of arms of Pope Leo XIII, who established the Diocese of Dallas in 1890. The two silver swords in the upper right honor St. Paul, patron of the first permanent Catholic settlement in northeast Texas. The sword was the instrument of St. Paul's martyrdom. The star in the lower left locates Dallas in Texas, the Lone Star State.

The sinister impalement displays the arms of Bishop Farrell. The lion rampant honors Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop emeritus of Washington, and the Irish sept of O'Farrell. In the upper portion of the shield, gold (yellow) and the lion (red) are derived from the Arms of Cardinal McCarrick, whom Bishop Farrell assisted as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. The lower portion of the lion in gold (yellow) derives from the Irish sept of O'Farrell. Here a blue field has been substituted for the green of the O'Farrell Arms, to honor Our Lady of Lourdes, upon whose feast day Bishop Farrell received ordination to the episcopate at the hands of the Cardinal Archbishop of Washington. In the base of the shield is a silver (white) mound of rock, symbolic of Bishop Farrell's patron, Saint Kevin (d. ca. 618). After ordination Saint Kevin settled as a hermit at Glendalough (Co. Wicklow, Ireland), in a cave called "St. Kevin's Bed" formerly a Bronze Age rock tomb.

Bishop Farrell's arms are impaled with those of Dallas to recall the spousal relationship between the Bishop and the local church of which he has been appointed pastor.

The motto, STATE IN FIDE ("Stand Firm in the Faith") is from Saint Paul's epistle to the Colossians, and complements the rock mound and the lion that holds an honorable position in biblical history.

Behind the Arms is a gold (yellow) processional cross, symbolic of the episcopal rank. Over the whole achievement is a bishop's hat, or galero, with six tassels on each side, disposed in three rows, all in green.

*Bishop Farrell's arms were devised by A. W. C. Phelps, of Cleveland, Ohio in 2002, in consultation with the Bishop.*