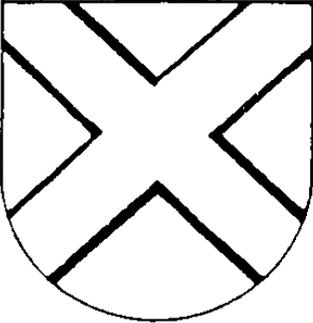
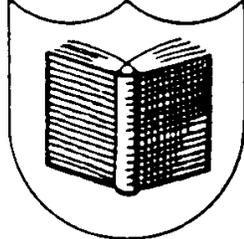
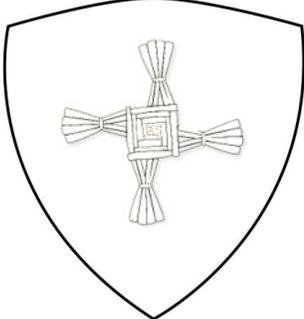
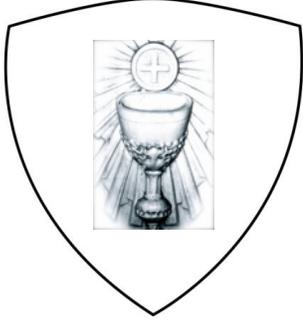
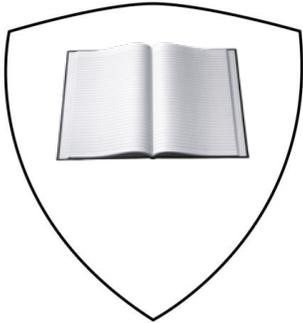
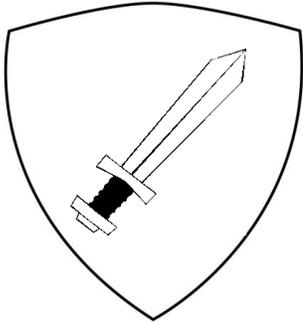
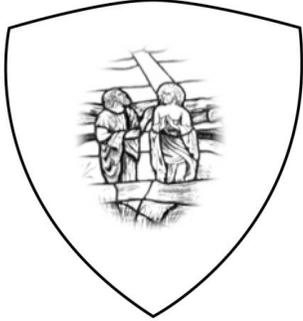
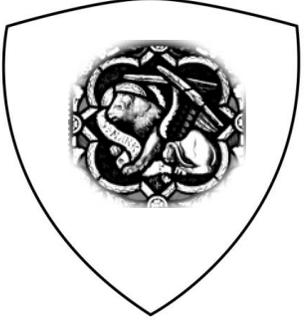
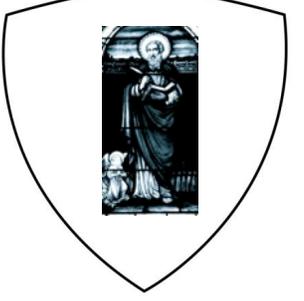


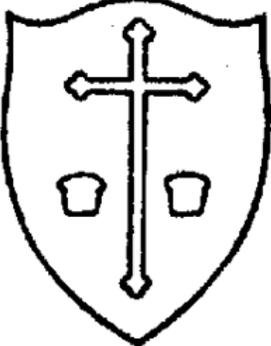
A Small Sampling of Saints

Name	Saints Symbols	Picture/Shield/Icon
Andrew, apostle	Andrew was the first apostle and a fisherman. His symbols are a fishing net or fish as well as the well known X-shaped cross because it is said that he was crucified on an X-shaped cross.	
Anne, Mary's mother	St. Anne's symbol is a book because she taught Mary scripture and brought her up in the faith that lead her to say yes to her calling from God.	
Bartholomew, apostle	Bartholomew stood firm in his faith and was put to death by being skinned alive. His symbols are an open book because he continued to preach the Gospel, and a knife as a reminder of the torture he endured for his faith.	
Brigid	<p>St. Brigid was born of a pagan and a Christian. After being baptized by Patrick, she took his words to heart and gave generously of her family's possessions to the poor, including milk and butter from her mother's dairy farm. She took vows and became an abbess.</p> <p>Her symbols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • candle, lamp or fire • A cow • "St. Brigid's Cross" -- a cross with equilateral arms woven from rushes. 	

<p>Claire of Assisi</p>	<p>St. Claire was one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi. She founded a religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition and wrote their rule of life. Her symbols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ciborium or monstrance (which holds the consecrated bread from communion) • lily (for purity) 	
<p>Francis of Assisi</p>	<p>St. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, who, after a vision, gave up the worldly life and chose to live a life of poverty. He founded the Franciscan Order. He is said to have had stigmata (marks on your body that correspond to the marks of crucifixion.) He believed that nature was a mirror of God and called animals brother and sister. He is often depicted with a wolf, bird, deer, stigmata, and monstrance.</p>	
<p>James (son of Alphaeus), apostle</p>	<p>St. James the greater (named the greater because he was a disciple before the other James) was the brother of St. John. He was a fisherman who Christ asked to follow him so he could “fish for people.” His symbols: seashells, book, scroll, staff, sword.</p>	
<p>James (son of Zebedee), apostle</p>	<p>St. James the lesser or minor, was one of the apostles. He devoutly served Christ but was not mentioned much in the bible. His symbols are a man with a book and/or fullers club because he was beaten to death.</p>	

<p>Joan of Arc</p>	<p>Joan of Arc was born a peasant and was a shepherdess at an early age. When she was 12 or 13, she had a vision telling her to go help recover her homeland. She felt that she was being called to act more courageously than any other in France. In 1429, when she was 17, she rode into battle and helped with many victories. She was captured by the enemies a year later, tried for heresy (which was later nullified) and put to death. She became a saint in 1920 for her courage and faithfulness to God. She is depicted as a young woman in armor, with sword, lance, and banner, often astride a horse.</p>	
<p>John the Baptist</p>	<p>John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus. Around the age of 27, he began his ministry, took on austere conditions wearing a camel hair tunic and belt, and preached a message of repentance to prepare the way for Jesus' coming. He is depicted as a bearded man dressed in animal skins (camel hair), carrying a slender cross or a lamb. He is often pointing up toward heaven, a symbol of him pointing the way to Jesus.</p>	
<p>John the Evangelist</p>	<p>St. John was a fisherman, son of Zebedee and brother of James the greater. He traveled everywhere with Jesus and is seen as the "beloved disciple." He is the writer of the fourth Gospel, three epistles and the book of Revelation. He is depicted as a man with an eagle or sometimes just an eagle signifying John's focus on Jesus' divine nature and the higher nature of Jesus. Other symbols are the book, chalice, serpent, and cauldron.</p>	
<p>Luke the Evangelist</p>	<p>St. Luke was an early convert after Jesus' death. He was a physician by trade, as well as an artist. He began following Paul and travelling with him through Greece and Rome spreading the teachings of Christ. He wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles based on the teachings of Luke. He is depicted as a man with an ox or sometimes just as an ox to signify strength, sacrifice and service. Other symbols are a book, or artist's bush and palette. Often shown writing icons.</p>	

<p>Mark the Evangelist</p>	<p>St. Mark is one of the 70 disciples of Jesus. He followed St. Peter, founded the Church of Alexandria and became bishop. He is depicted as a man holding a book, near a lion or sometimes just as a lion to signify courage and monarchy and to remind us to be courageous on our path with Christ.</p>	
<p>Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' close followers and female disciples. Her sister, Martha, and brother, Lazarus, were also followers of Christ. Jesus is said to have freed her from seven demons and she anointed Christ with oil as well as washed his feet. According to the Gospels of Mark and John, she was the first person to see Christ after his resurrection. She is depicted as a beautiful woman with an alabaster box, jar of ointment, mirror, or egg and is sometimes shown contemplating a skull.</p>	
<p>Mary, mother of Jesus</p>	<p>Mary, mother of Jesus has many symbols that relate to her. A few are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the color blue • roses (her love) • lilies (her purity) • Yellow Flag Iris (her Immaculate Conception and her queenship) • crown • The Immaculate Heart (a heart pierced by a sword and surrounded by roses.) 	
<p>Matthew the Evangelist</p>	<p>St. Matthew was a tax collector. Jesus' followers saw his association with Matthew as scandalous, but Jesus told them that he came for all, he came for the sinners. Matthew wrote the first Gospel and it was written to the Jewish readers. He is depicted as a winged man or an angel, often holding a pen, inkwell, bag of coins, money box, spear or sword.</p>	

<p>Nicholas</p>	<p>St. Nicholas was a bishop in Myra and was known for his generosity to the poor. There are stories about him putting coins in people's shoes if they left them out, and a famous story about him coming to the aid of three sisters who were to be sold because their father did not have the money for a dowry. Nicholas came in the middle of the night and put three bags of gold in the house to save them from an indentured life. During a voyage when they were caught in a storm, Nicholas calmed the waters by praying out and saved all on board. He is depicted as a bishop with children around him holding three balls, three bags of gold, an anchor, ship, and shoes.</p>	
<p>Philip, apostle</p>	<p>St. Philip was a disciple of John the Baptist and one of the 12 disciples of Christ. After Christ's death and resurrection, he preached throughout the region. He is often depicted as a bearded man holding a basket of loaves because of his response in John 6:7 (Two hundred denarius would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little) and a cross which is often t-shaped or the Tau cross.</p>	
<p>Simon Peter, apostle</p>	<p>St. Peter or Simon Peter can be found significantly in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. He was a fisherman (along with Andrew his brother and James and John) and is one of the earliest followers of Jesus. He was given a leadership role and was present at many of the important events such as the Transfiguration. He is depicted as a bearded man with keys (which symbolized Jesus saying to him in Matthew, "I will give you the keys"); a boat (because he was a fisherman and had his faith tested when Jesus called him to walk on water); and a rooster (symbolic of the cock crowing three times in the passion of Jesus.)</p>	