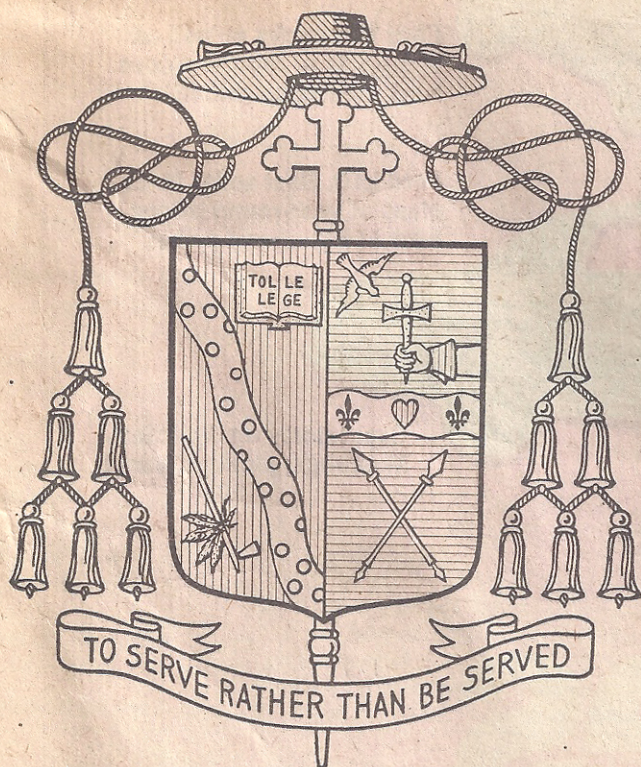


# His Coat Of Arms

## Expresses Bishop's Plan Of Life



The coat of arms for Bishop Paul V. Donovan was clearly visible Wednesday afternoon during the ceremonies creating the new Kalamazoo diocese and the installation its first bishop.

The red, blue, green and gold drawing appeared on the face of a program handed to all who attended, and a large painted copy was placed near the front door.

The motto inscribed below, "to serve rather than be served," is taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew and expresses an ideal and program of life for the new bishop.

Designed by William F. J. Ryan of New York, the coat of arms bears artistic expression for both the area and the man it represents. It will be the official emblem of both Bishop Donovan and his diocese.

The diocesan shield in its center is divided into two parts. The left side speaks of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo River is shown bubbling along its course as an expression of the English equivalent of the Italian name "boiling river" or "boiling pot" used by the Potawatomi Indians.

The red field is mindful of the "redskin" and there is a peace pipe in one corner, which adds the note of "peace." In the other corner is an open book displaying the words "Telle Lege (Take and Read)" and honoring St. Augustine of Hippo, the titular bishop from which the Cathedral of St. Augustine was named.

On the right side of the shield are expressions of the bishop himself. There is a suggestion of the coat of arms of the family name, Donovan, shown with a hand holding a sword pointing downward and signifying the martyrdom of St. Paul. A dove in the upper left expresses the Bishop's reliance on the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Two lances are also on the right side of the shield, and they depict the Greek letter Chi, the monogram of Christ and are derived from the coat of arms of the Lansing Diocese, where the bishop was ordained into the priesthood and served until his appointment here.

The wavy lines in the center of the right side of the shield suggest the Mississippi River which flows along the border of Iowa, the state where the new bishop was born.

Between the wavy lines is the heart of St. Vincent de Paul, the bishop's baptismal patron. The two fleurs-de-lis are taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa.