



The Bishop is Coming!



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Poole



The Right Reverend Philip Poole Bishop Poole was consecrated Bishop in 2005 and serves as Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Toronto and Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley.

He is one of four Area Bishops in the Diocese of Toronto, which stretches from Mississauga in the west to Brighton in the east, and north to Haliburton.

York-Credit Valley is the south-western area in the Diocese, reaching from Mississauga almost to Yonge Street in Toronto.

About Bishop Poole

Bishop Poole is a child of the rectory. His parents introduced him to prayer, Bible study, music and worship, as well as the importance of taking care of the world and its people.

Originally, he planned to become a music teacher but found himself increasingly drawn to ministry in the Anglican Church.

He and his wife Karen have two grown-up sons. They live in downtown Toronto and Bishop Poole has his office at the Diocese of Toronto's offices, next door to St. James' Cathedral.

Bishop Poole likes football and hockey and describes himself as a long suffering fan of both the Toronto Argonauts and the Toronto Maple Leafs. He enjoys all kinds of music and relaxing at the family cottage.

A bishop travels a lot around the diocese, visiting churches, baptizing and confirming people, preaching and teaching.

The Bishop encourages people to live their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

When Bishop Poole visits a church, he sits down and talks with the leaders of that church. He also tries to meet with young people and children.

What else does the bishop do? He serves on many boards and committees within the diocese and nationally. He has also travelled widely across the globe, supporting the work of the Anglican Communion worldwide.

There are 29 other Dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada, though Toronto is unusual in having area bishops. There are 246 congregations in the Diocese, of which 51 are in York-Credit Valley.

It takes Bishop Poole around two years to visit all the churches in his area. So a visit from the bishop is a pretty special event.

What will you do to get ready for his visit?

What questions would you like to ask him?



Symbols of the Bishop



The crozier

The crozier is a staff carried by a bishop. It is in the shape of a shepherd's crook, and reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The crook and staff of the crozier are often decorated.

A large empty rectangular box for drawing a crozier.

What would your crozier look like?

The ring

Bishop Poole wears a special ring. The stone in the middle is a purple amethyst - bishops often wear purple.

Each Bishop's ring is different. Bishop Poole's has the crest of the Diocese of Toronto on one side and the Compass Rose, the symbol of the Anglican Communion, on the other. If you ask him, he will show it to you.

In past times, a wax seal proved the bishop had sent a letter. At the bishop's death, the ring was smashed to bits so no one could communicate in the bishop's name.



Would you like to draw a bishop's ring?

The cross

A pectoral cross (pectoral is a fancy word for chest) is a large cross that bishops wear,

which hangs in front of their shirt. Sometimes, on informal occasions, you'll see it tucked into the shirt pocket.

Pectoral crosses have been worn by bishops for the last 500 years.

Bishop Poole has a number of different pectoral crosses.



What kind of cross would you like to design?

The Bishop's Vestments

The cassock

The bishop wears a purple cassock that belts at the waist. A cassock is a long robe, which often has buttons down the front or side.

The alb

Over this, a bishop wears an alb, a white tunic with sleeves that covers the body from the neck to the ankles.

The chasuble

On top of the alb, for the celebration of Eucharist, a bishop generally wears a chasuble. This is a circular garment that envelopes the body. The colour of the chasuble changes with the seasons and Holy days of the Church Year.

The cope

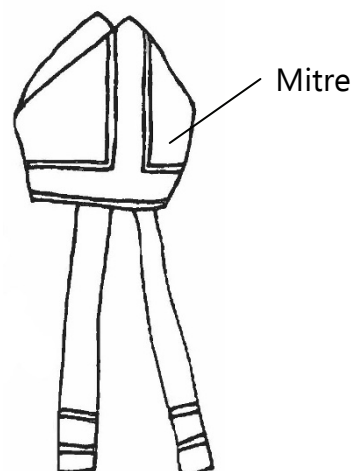
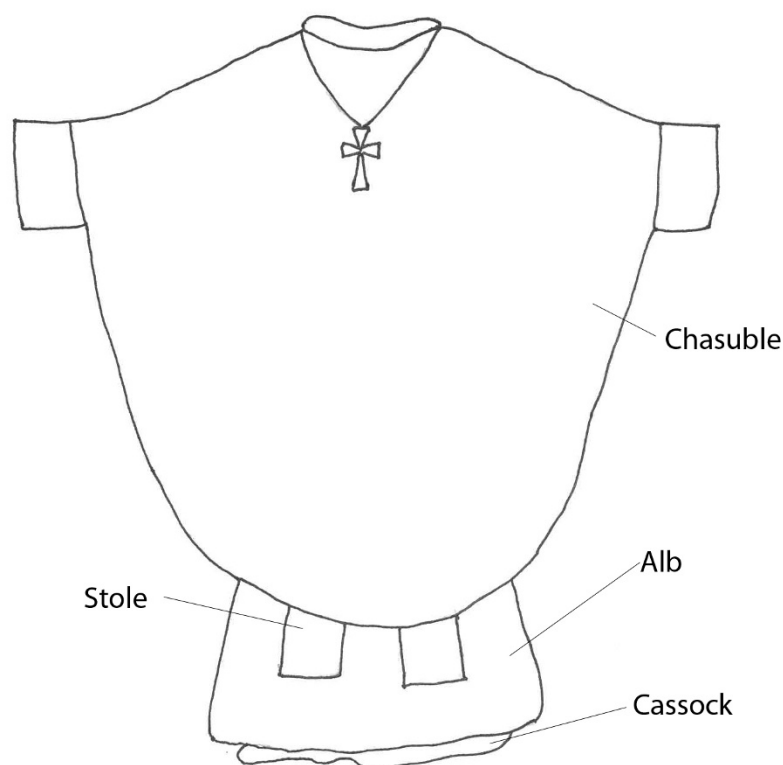
If the service is not a Eucharist, the bishop will most often wear a cope, a long cloak, open in front and fastened at the breast with a band or clasp.

The stole

If the bishop is celebrating a Eucharist, he will wear a stole around his neck (just like your priest). Like the chasuble, the colour of the stole tells you the 'season' of the Church year.

The mitre

The bishop will usually wear a mitre, a pointed hat that symbolizes the point of flame that the disciples, who became apostles, received at the first Pentecost. We remember that the bishop is a successor to these apostles.



The Colours of the Seasons of the Church Year

The colours most often used are white, red, purple and green.

White is used at Christmas and at Easter, as well as for many other major feast days. It is also usually used for baptisms and weddings.

Red is used for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and the feasts of the Apostles and the Evangelists. The Bishop will normally wear red for confirmations and when a priest is ordained.

Purple is used for Advent, the time leading up to Christmas and Lent, the weeks before Easter. Some churches use **blue** instead of purple during Advent.

Green is used on Sundays at all other times.



What is your favourite Church season and why?

Colour the robes on the page opposite for your favourite Church season.

The Area of York-Credit Valley

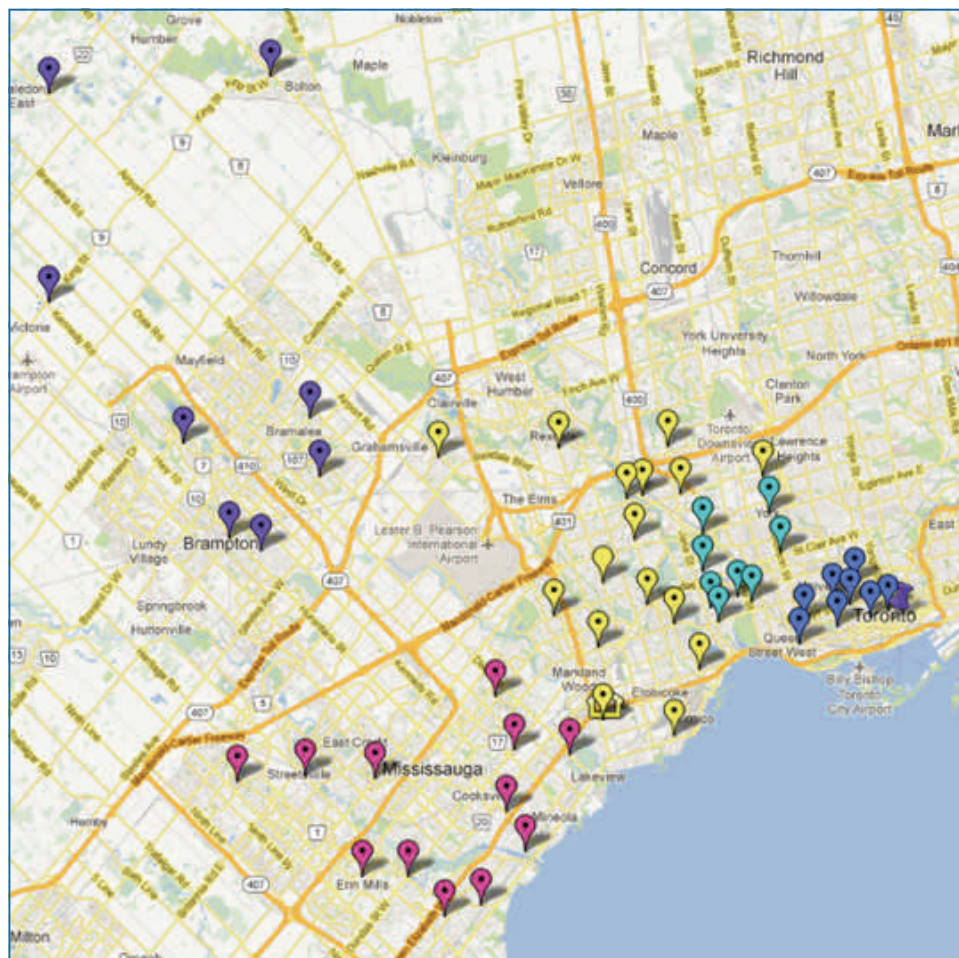
The area that Bishop Poole looks after, York-Credit Valley, has 51 parishes. The oldest parish is St. Peter, Erindale, dating back to 1825, and the newest church is St. Elizabeth, Mississauga, opened in 2003.

There are three *Out of the Cold* programs, which provide safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless, and a number of parishes run food banks. Some parishes have a meal every week for anyone who wants to come.

In addition to English, there are services in the area held in Cantonese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. There are also Sudanese and Ghanaian congregations.

The map below shows the churches in York-Credit Valley.

Can you find your church?



Two Seals You Should Know

The Anglican Church of Canada

The red cross on a white background is the symbol of St. George, patron saint of England. The cross of St. George is widely associated with the Church of England, the mother church of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The four maple leaves symbolize the four Church provinces. They are green to indicate "a youthful and vigorous church and nation".



The Diocese of Toronto



The original coat of arms used by the Diocese was granted by the Heralds College, London, England in 1839.

A new symbol for the Diocese was unveiled in 2001. It includes the following references:



The Shield is the historic heraldic connection.



The Crosier and Key are emblems of priestly authority.



The Dove represents the Holy Spirit, messenger of peace and deliverance.

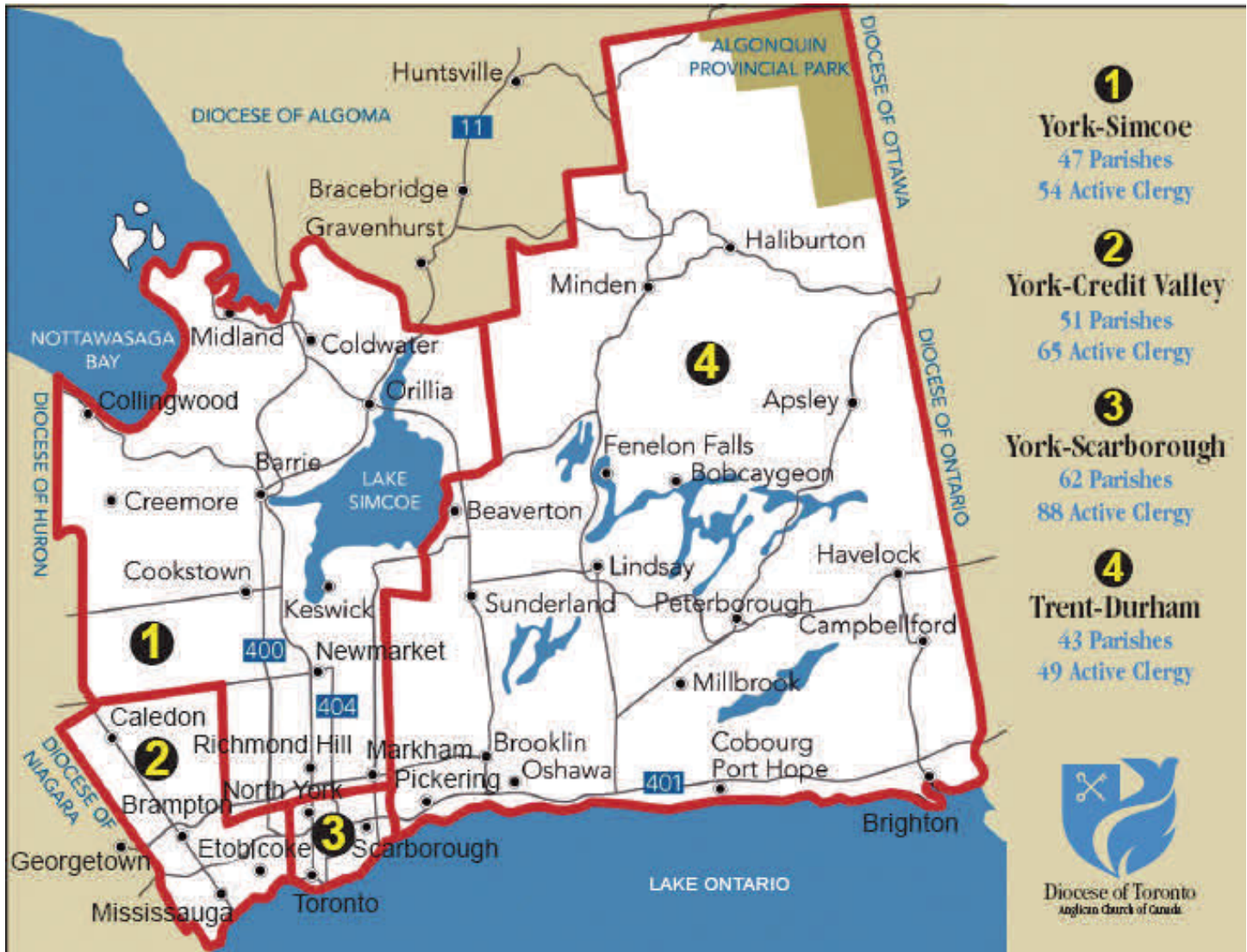


The Flames indicate the presence of God, prophetic vision, and mission.



What symbols would you use on your seal?

The Diocese of Toronto



The Diocese of Toronto was founded in 1839. It extends over 26,000 square kilometres, stretching from Mississauga to Brighton and north to Haliburton. There are 246 congregations in 200 parishes in the Diocese.

The Diocese includes the City of Toronto, the fifth largest city in North America, with a population of more than 2.5 million. Toronto is considered by many to be the most multicultural city in the world. It also has the largest population of First Nations people in the country.

Nearly five million people live within the diocesan boundaries, more than in any other diocese in Canada. 376,000 of these are Anglicans and about 80,000 people regularly attend our churches.

The Diocese is home to a number of culturally diverse and language-based congregations, including Chinese, Filipino, French, Hispanic, Japanese, and Tamil. There are also many congregations with parishioners from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Britain, India, Middle East, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and lots of other parts of the world.

Are there people from other parts of the world in your congregation and if so, where have they come from?



Archbishop Colin Johnson is our Diocesan Bishop. He is the chief pastor of the Diocese, looking after all 200 parishes.

He was elected on June 12, 2004, and installed as the 11th Bishop of Toronto on September 12, 2004.

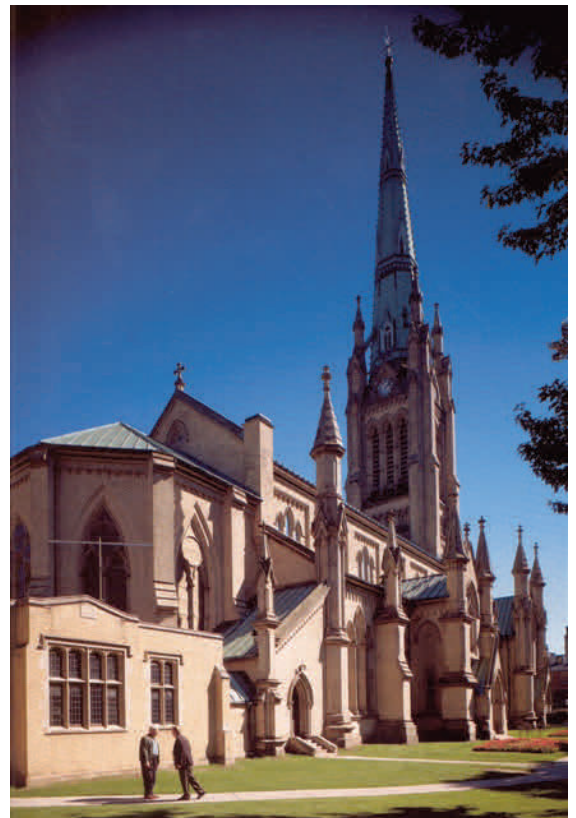
In 2009, he was also elected Metropolitan (senior bishop) of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

The Cathedral Church of St. James, in downtown Toronto, is the church where the bishop's chair or throne (the 'cathedra') is located, making it the spiritual centre of the diocese.

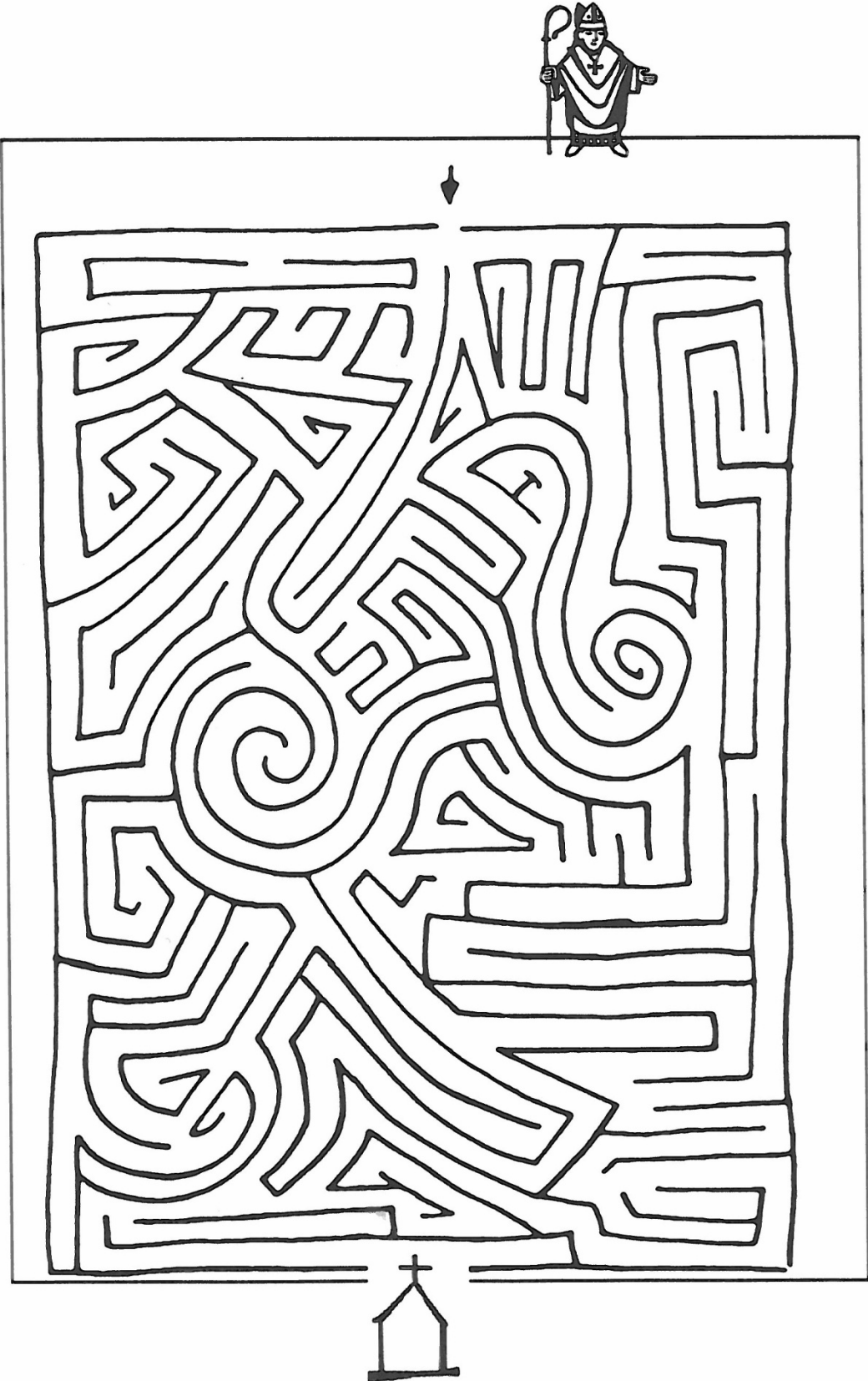
The first church was built on the site in 1807. It became a cathedral in 1839, when Toronto became a city and the Diocese was founded.

Following a fire in 1847, the current cathedral was built in 1853, though the spire was not finished until 1875.

The Cathedral is a symbol of God's presence and love in the city.



Help the Bishop find your church . . .



A Bishop Word Search

Can you find these words in the puzzle? Circle each one that you see.

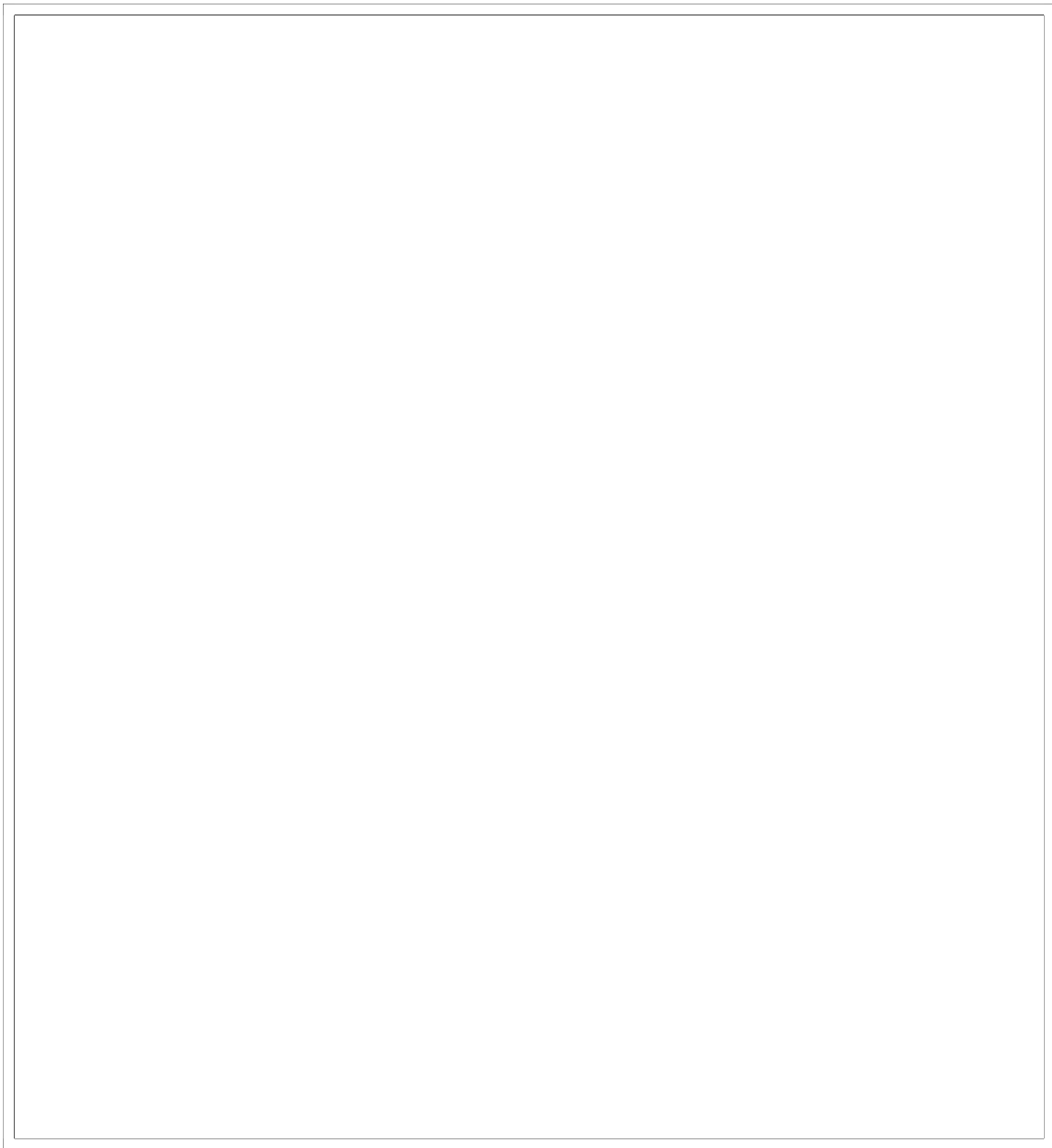
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Your turn!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing. It occupies the central portion of the page.

What was your favourite part of Bishop Poole's visit? Can you draw a picture of it?

The Bishop Poole Paper Doll

Start by colouring in the vestments. Then find some scissors—you might need to find a grown-up to help you with this part.

First you'll need to cut out the picture of the Bishop in his cassock, the drawing on the left.

Then cut out the rest of the vestments (alb, chasuble and stole and put them on the Bishop.

Don't forget his mitre!



Come again soon!

