

Most Rev. Untener Coat of Arms

Motto: That They May Have Life



The left side of the shield bears the coat-of-arms of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. The right side bears the personal coat-of-arms of Bishop Untener.

The Untener family is of Hungarian origin. This is indicated by the symbolic crown of St. Stephen of Hungary.

The eagle is the symbol of St. John, the patron saint of Michigan's major seminary where Bishop Untener studied theology and later served as rector. It is also from St. John's Gospel that Bishop Untener chose his motto.

The wavy azure symbolizes water, which has played a significant part in Bishop Untener's life.

The motto, "That they may have life", is taken from the writings of St. John, and expresses the hopes and prayers of the bishop's community.

The external ornaments are traditionally composed of the pontifical hat with six tassels on each side disposed in three rows, all in green, and the processional cross of gold. These are the heraldic symbols of a bishop.

- From information provided at Bishop Untener's installation