

Coat of Arms



The Coat of Arms
of
Abbot General Michael Cuzzo, OFE, OFC

Cross: The Celtic Cross, which has a ring surrounding the intersection. The circle is a symbol of eternity, since Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. It illustrates the endlessness of God's love poured out in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The five gems represent the five wounds of Christ.

Goose: The wild Goose is the ancient Celtic symbol for the Holy Spirit.

Host and Chalice of the Holy Eucharist: The Lord's Supper is symbolized by a chalice of wine with the Host rising above it.

M: Is the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, (Theotokos) and Mother of priests.

Motto: Grace, Mercy, and Peace are taken from 2 John 1:3: "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son in truth and love."

Shield: On the lower left and right sides of the shield are two supports for the abbot general's ministry: The Host and Chalice of the Holy Eucharist and the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, (Theotokos) and Mother of priests.