



Bishop Dermot P. Rodgers

Coat of Arms

HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

Argent a Chevron gules et Trèfle vert between three Roebucks courant sable attired and gorged with ducal coronets.

This heraldic description means "A silver shield with a red chevron and green shamrock between three running roebucks black with antlers, each one wearing a gold coronet around his neck."

In the fanciful lore of heraldry, Argent (silver) means peace and sincerity. Gules (red) is the badge of martyrdom and magnanimity. Sable (black) signifies good judgment and constancy in adversity.

A chevron, whose shape resembles the roof of a house, symbolizes religious protection, and was awarded to a coat of arms to one who has achieved some notable enterprise, such as those who have built churches or fortresses, or who have accomplished some work of faithful service.

The shamrock recalls the missionary efforts of St. Patrick as he used the tiny plant to explain the great mystery of a Triune God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to the people of Ireland.

The stag is an ancient Celtic representation of the divine. In heraldry, it symbolizes a person who won't fight unless provoked.

The three stags and the three leaves of the shamrock are used to connect Celtic spirituality to the Christian belief in the most Holy Trinity.

MOTTO - Bí-Se I Mo Shúil (Irish) *Be Thou My Vision.*