

ARMORIAL SEAL  
OF  
KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
Knoxville, Tennessee

BLAZON

Bendy of eight or and vert, on a fess of the first between in chief of two mullets argent and in base a seven-tongued flame in pile gales, four pallets of the last surmounted by a cross formee of the third. Crest: On a wreath of the celore a lily argent.

MOTTO

Ut Christum Feram

SEAL

A silver scroll, golden edged, is placed at the base of the shield on a silver background between the shield and the inner periphery of the seal and bears the motto "Ut Christum Feram" in red letters. A green periphery, double edged in gold, bears the legend "Knoxville Catholic High School" at the top and "Tennessee" in the base between two crosses formee, all in gold.

SIGNIFICANCE

The bends (diagonal bars) have been appropriated from the coat of arms of Bishop Adrian to honor His Excellency, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Nashville. The tinctures of these bends have been altered that the school colors, dark green and gold, might be displayed.

The two stars of five points represent the Diocese of Nashville, inasmuch as they have been abstracted from the three stars on the fess (horizontal bar) of the arms of this See. At the same time the stars honor the Immaculate Conception Parish under the stellar titles of Our Lady, "Stella Maris" and "Stella Matutina".

Holy Ghost Parish is designated by the seven-fold flame, which expresses the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost; Sapientia, Intellectus, Consilium, Fortitudo, Scientia, Pietas and Timor. This symbol of the Holy Ghost has been chosen because of its appropriate expression of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost and, furthermore, because it is less commonly used than the symbol of the dove.

The teaching community of Sisters is represented in the center of the shield. The fess (horizontal bar) is emblazoned with the cross of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union on a field of their paly (vertical stripes) colors, gold and red.

The pastors of the two parishes which Knoxville Catholic High School serves are also memorialized. The crest, the lily of St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Our Lord, is displayed on a wreath of the colors for Reverend Joseph Follman, the Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish. St. Joseph is the baptismal patron of Father Follman. The colors of the wreath are derived from the principal tinctures of the shield.

The Motto refers to the baptismal patron of Reverend Christopher P. Murray, the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. It is translated "That I may bear Christ" and it is a play on the name of Christopher, which means "Christ-bearer". Medieval heralds were fond of these puns in both mottos and charges on the shield.