



## Canon 47 SEAL

### Section 47.1 *Description of Seal*

The Seal of the Diocese shall consist of an outer and an inner pointed oval separated by a rope. The outer oval bears the inscription "Seal of the Diocese of Texas. 1838, 1849," and at the bottom a steer's head. The steer's head and rope are reminiscent of Texas' most famous industry and the tradition that the first gift to the Church in Texas was a steer. The inner oval contains a blue shield bearing a silver cross with a blue star at the intersection of the arms; and above the shield the Episcopal emblems: mitre, pastoral staff, and key. In heraldic language the shield would be described as follows: Azure on a cross argent a mullet azure. The cross symbolizes the Christian faith; the star, the State of Texas.

## Canon 46 CATHEDRAL

### Section 46.1 *Designation of Christ Church*

The Bishop of the Diocese is authorized to designate Christ Church, Houston, as the Cathedral of the Diocese.

### Section 46.2 *Cathedral Agreement*

The Diocese shall be entitled to use the Cathedral as such in accordance with Articles of Agreement accepted by Christ Church Parish and the Cathedral Committee, provided such agreement does not involve the Diocese in any financial obligation except the extra expenses incurred by the Cathedral Parish as an incident to its serving as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese and beyond its normal expenses as a Parish without Cathedral status, which extra expenses the agreement may obligate the Diocese to pay. Such agreement shall be effective when executed by the duly authorized corporate officers of Christ Church, Houston, and when approved and executed by the Bishop on behalf of the Diocese.

### Section 46.3 *Cathedral Chapter*

The Cathedral Agreement shall provide for the establishment and appointment of a Cathedral Chapter composed of representatives of the Diocese and representatives of the Cathedral Parish. Representatives of the Diocese on such Cathedral Chapter shall be appointed by the Bishop. Representatives of the Cathedral Parish on such Cathedral Chapter shall be selected and appointed in the manner in which the Rector and Vestry of such Parish shall determine.