

## **About the cover**

**The seal of the Diocese of Iowa** is a field of green with four ears of corn representing the vineyard and its productivity in which we find ourselves. It is in that field of green that we find the two great rivers, the Mississippi and the Missouri, which form our borders. Overlaying that vineyard is the cross, representing Christ at the center of all. Within the cross itself are five diamonds which represent the first five organized parishes in the diocese. The seal was created for The Rt. Rev. Elwood Haines, the Fifth Bishop of Iowa, and was first used in 1946. The artist is unknown.

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