

## PRESENTATION COAT OF ARMS

The Presentation Sisters adopted the Nagle coat of arms with some modifications. The shield is the same as that of the coat of arms of the Nagle family except that in the crest the Nagle gold finch is supplanted by the cross as found in the ring worn by the Presentation Sisters – the symbol of faith and strength. The two sprays of oak leaves are symbolic of growth and the two skeins binding them together denote union. The scroll was designed by Archbishop Ryan, O.P., and it was he who gave the motto:

*Adorate dominum in Atrio Sancto Ejus* (Adore the Lord in his Holy Court).

This supplants the Nagle Motto:

*Non vox sed votum* (Not a voice, but a wish) more freely translated. "Not words but deeds". Hence you can see where our school motto "Deeds not Words" originated.

## TRIVIA

Defending the Women's Social & Political Union with their militant tactics, Suffragette Emmaline Pankhurst in her most famous speech in 1913 justified the adoption of "Deeds not Words" as their slogan.

