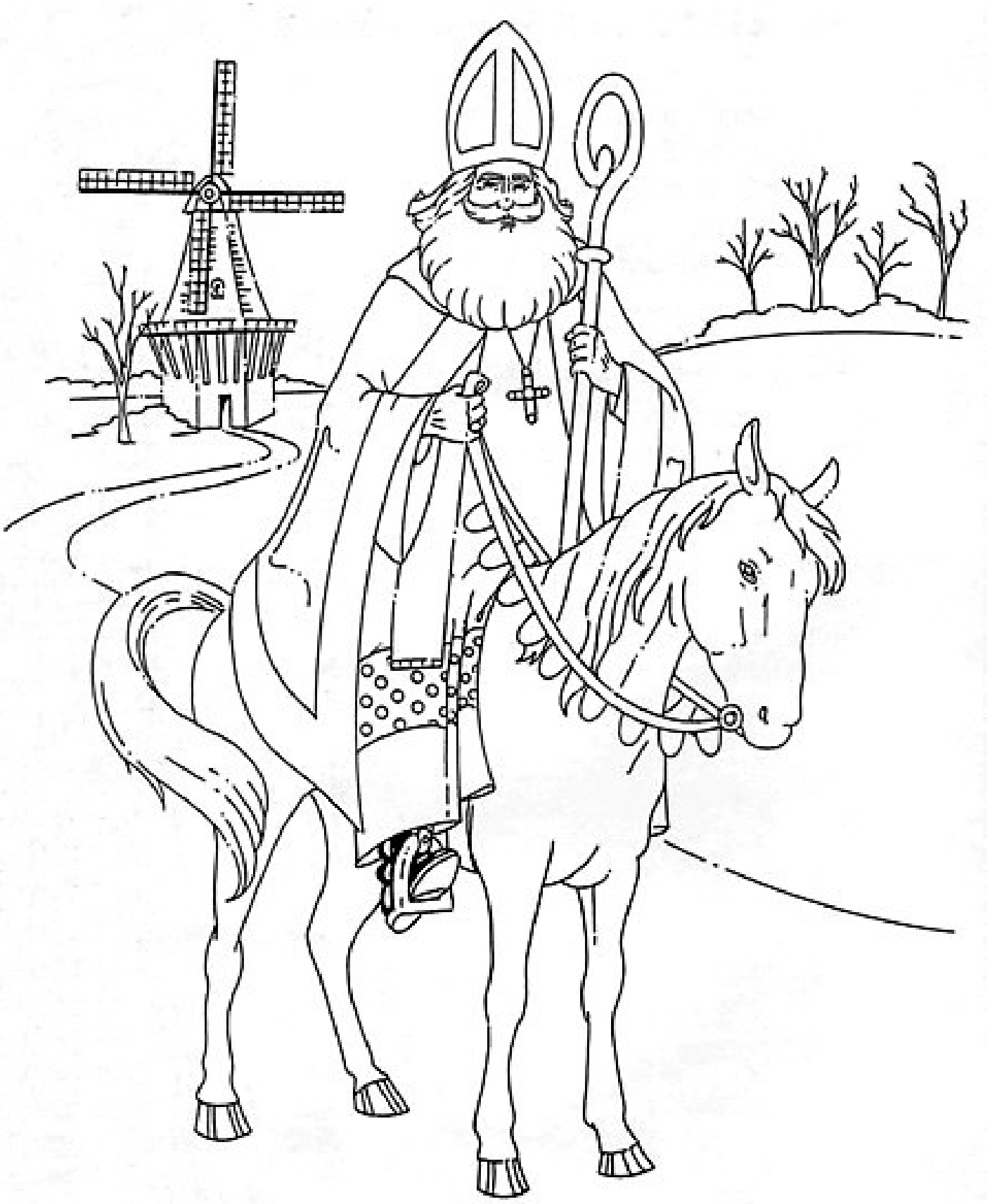
BISHOP SAINT NICHOLAS - GRADES 7-10

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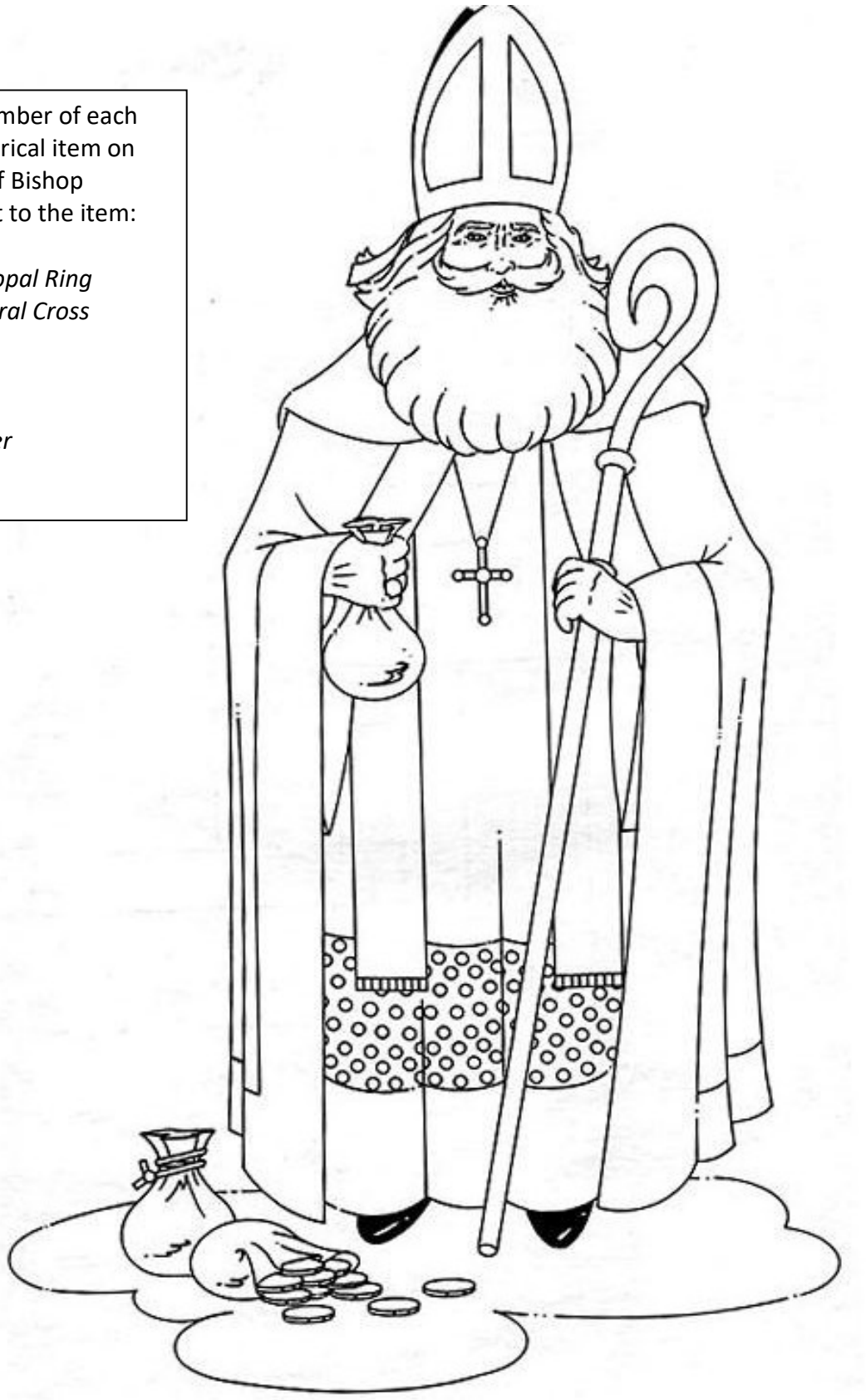
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Bishop St. Nicholas - Grades 4-6

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Write the number of each vestment/clerical item on the picture of Bishop Nicholas next to the item:

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2. *Pectoral Cross*
3. *Stole*
4. *Mitre*
5. *Cope*
6. *Crosier*
7. *Alb*



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BISHOP SAINT NICHOLAS - GRADES PRE-K-K

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Top 10 Saint Nicholas Facts

10. Who is Saint Nicholas? Saint Nicholas was a Roman Catholic Bishop of Myra in Anatolia (in modern-day Turkey). He was born during the third century (around 270 AD) in the village of Patara. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, but is now commonly identified with, and often as, Santa Claus.

9. What Did Saint Nicholas Do? As the Patron Saint of sailors, Nicholas is claimed to have been a sailor or fisherman, himself. When his parents died, Nicholas received his inheritance, but is said to have given it away to the poor.

8. Saint the fighter? Nicholas was at the First Council of Nicaea. There he became so angry upon hearing the views of Bishop Arius, who was denying that Jesus was truly God and Man, that he rushed over to the heretic and gave him a tremendous punch in the face, sending him to the ground. Nicholas is also known for coming to the defense of the falsely accused, often preventing them from being executed.

7. Where is St. Nick buried? St Nicholas is unique in that most of his bones have been preserved in one spot: his grave crypt in Bari, Italy. In the summer of 2005, the report of his remains measurements was sent to a forensic laboratory in England. The review of the data revealed that the historical St Nicholas was barely five feet in height (while not exactly small, still shorter than average, even for his time).

6. Which Unusual Deed is St. Nick Known For? One legend tells how a terrible famine struck the island of Myra. An evil butcher lured three little children into his house, and killed and slaughtered them and put their remains in a barrel, planning to sell them off as ham. Saint Nicholas, visiting the region to care for the hungry, discovered the butcher's crime and also resurrected the three boys from the barrel.

5. Why is he associated with giving? A poor man had three daughters but could not afford a proper dowry for them. This meant that they would remain unmarried and, probably, in the absence of any other potential employment, would have to become prostitutes. Hearing of this, Nicholas decided to help him. However, being too humble (or too shy) to help the man in public, (or knowing the man too proud to accept charity), he went to his house under the cover of night and threw three purses filled with gold coins through the window opening onto the man's floor. Because of Nicholas's gift, the girls were saved!

4. Is it true that the bones of St. Nicholas sweat? The bones of Saint Nicholas, each year on December 6th-his feast day, are removed from his tomb. There is a clear watery liquid, called Manna, which, secretes off of the bones, now over 1700 years old. The liquid is said to possess immense powers when prayed with.

3. How did the devotion to St. Nicholas begin in Western-Europe? According to one source, nuns (religious sisters) used the night of December 6th to anonymously deposit baskets of food and clothes at the doorsteps of the needy.

2. What are American customs? While feasts of Saint Nicholas may not be celebrated by all American Catholics, cities with strong German influences celebrate St. Nick's Day on a scale similar to the German customs. On the previous night (December 5th), children put one empty shoe (or sock) outside, and, on the following morning of December 6th, the children awake to find that St. Nick has filled their previously empty footwear with candy and small presents (if the children have been "good") or coal (if not).

1. Saint Nicholas- Santa Claus? There is a direct link between the story of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas. If one does their research and genealogy of Santa Claus they will find his roots in the Catholic Bishop known as St. Nicholas.