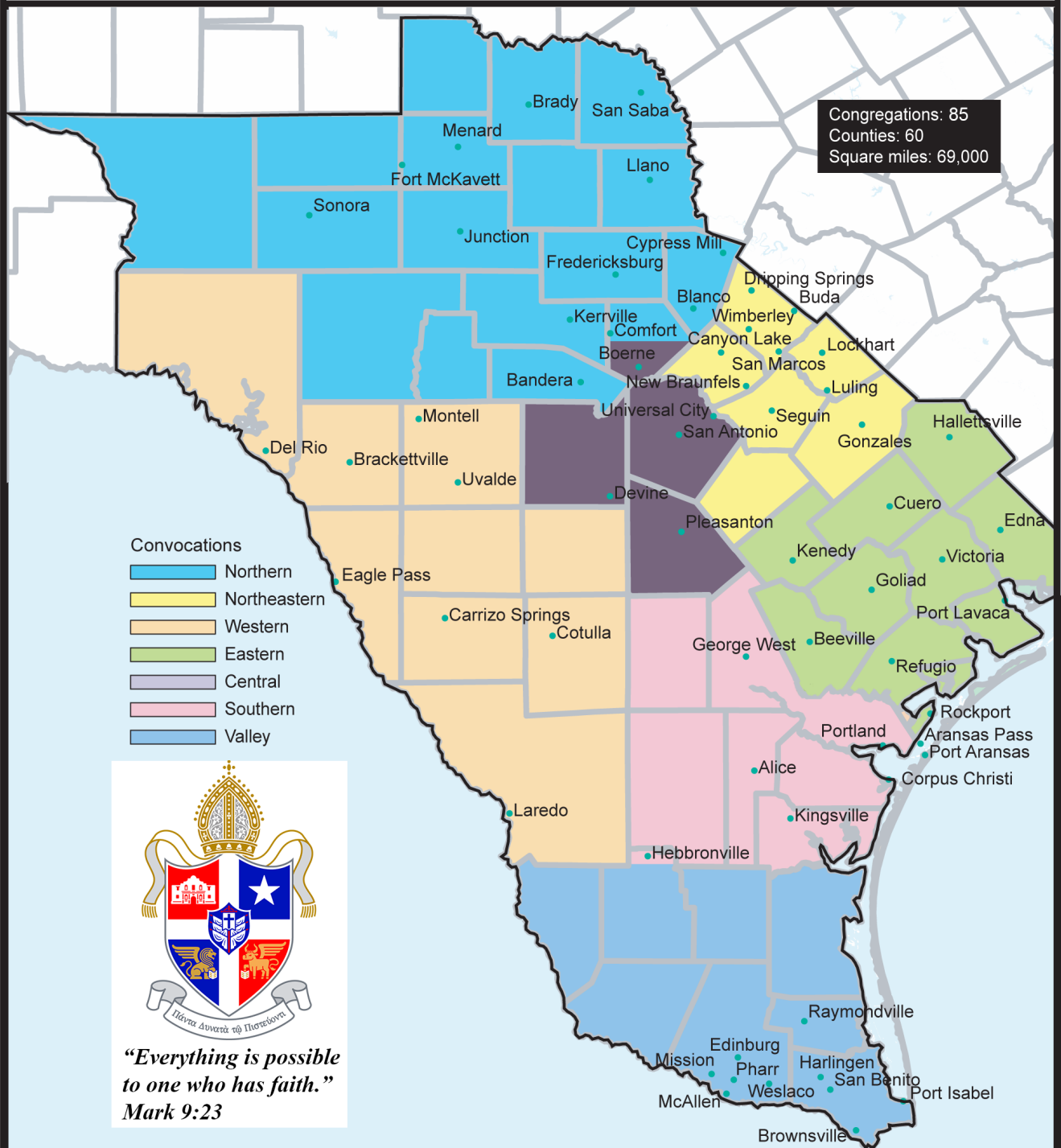




# EPISCOPAL DIOCESE

of West Texas



*"Everything is possible to one who has faith."*  
**Mark 9:23**

Episcopalians moved into this area prior to the establishment of the Republic of Texas. The first missionary, the Rev. Caleb Ives, arrived in 1838. The entire State was made a Diocese in 1849 and the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg became the first bishop. San Antonio was his See City until after the Civil War. In 1874 two missionary districts were carved out, Western Texas being the largest, extending from Brownsville to El Paso. The Rt. Rev. Robert W. B. Elliott was the first bishop. In 1904 West Texas was divided, losing El Paso and twenty-eight western counties, and became a diocese.

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