

## Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

October 25th was the feast of Sts. Crispin and Crispinian. Although this feast day is no longer on the Catholic calendar and was never listed on the Episcopal calendar, the feast remains on the Anglican calendar of saints. This may be because the English victory over the French army at the Battle of Agincourt occurred on St. Crispin's day - an event immortalized by Shakespeare in Henry V. Crispin and Crispinian, the patron saints of cobblers and leather workers, were twin brothers born to Roman nobility in the third century. They fled Christian persecution to Soissons, France (the site of their major shrine), where they preached Christianity while making shoes at night. Their evangelical success angered the governor who tortured them and threw them into a river with millstones round their necks. Though they survived, they were later beheaded. Sts. Crispin and Crispinian are intimately linked to our diocese, since the recognition of the Diocese of Oklahoma as a mission in Indian Territory and later as a diocese occurred around their feast day. Our Diocesan seal portrays a shoemaker's awl and leather knife, emblems of the brothers. Our Diocesan Convention Center and Camp is named in their honor.

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