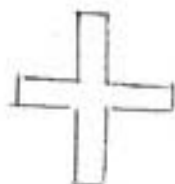


The Exaltation of the Cross

September 14

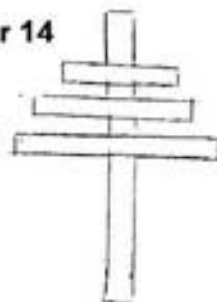
THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



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Did you know that the cross was not always a symbol of Christianity? At the time of Jesus' death, it reminded people of the terrible punishment criminals got. No wonder it was not a popular symbol.

But as years passed, Christians realized that because Jesus rose from the dead, he "triumphed" over the shame and pain of the cross. Little by little, the cross came to be a symbol of Jesus' victory over death.



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The cross has become one of the most widely used symbols of all time.

Can you name each of these distinct forms of the cross? Use the clues!

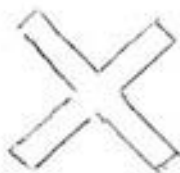
CLUES

1. St Andrew's Cross: St Andrew died on an X-shaped cross.
2. Greek Cross: Also called "St. George's Cross" it has four beams of equal length.
3. Latin Cross: This cross is the most common in American art.
4. Celtic Cross: The circle "without beginning or end" stands for eternity.
5. Maltese Cross: This fancy eight-pointed cross is named for the island of Malta.
6. Tau Cross: The Greek letter Tau looks like our capital "T".
7. Papal Cross: Its three crossbeams are each a different length.

Through his dying and rising, Jesus triumphed over sin and death. The church celebrates the triumph of the cross on September 14.

We pray:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world!



C _____



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