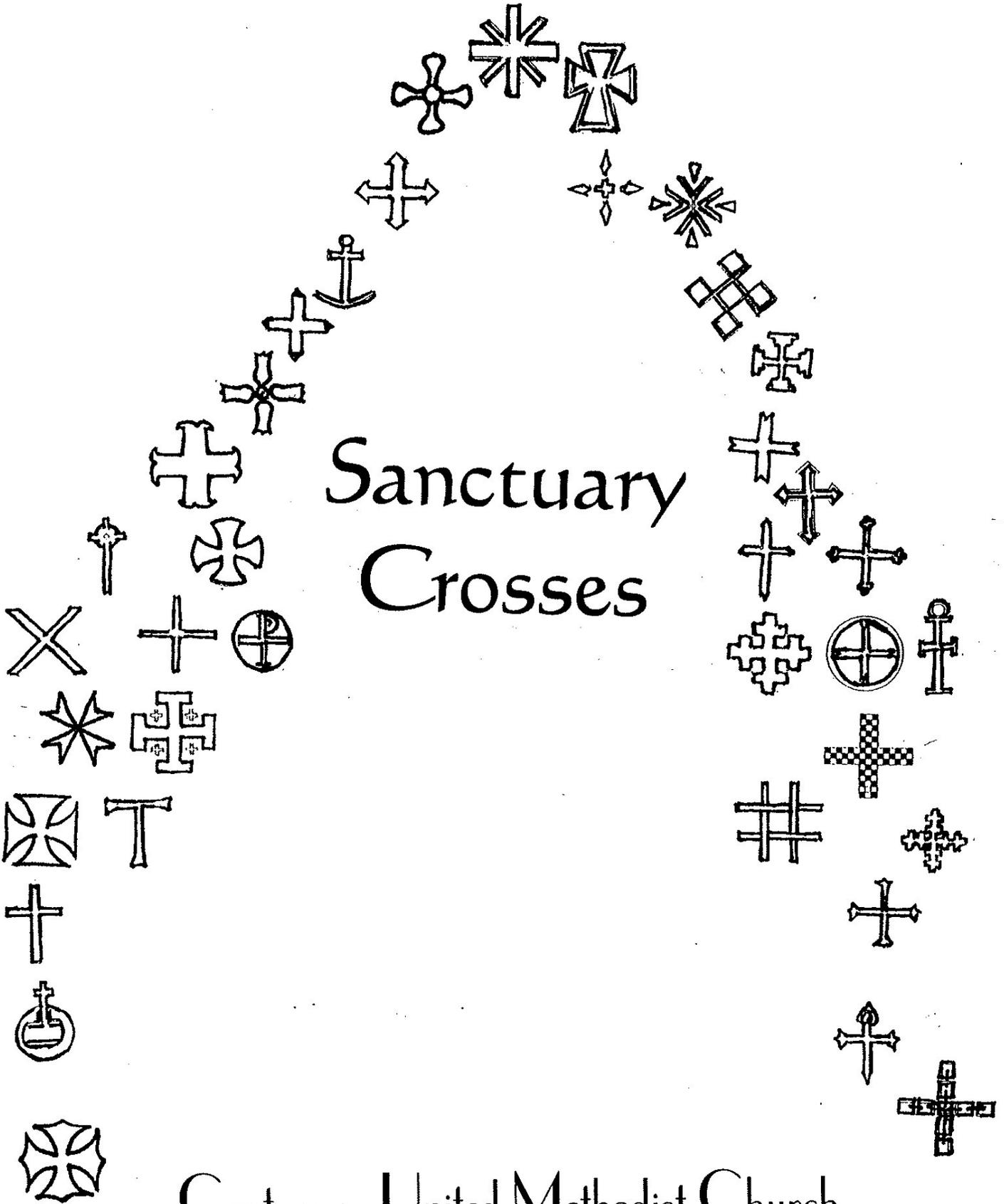


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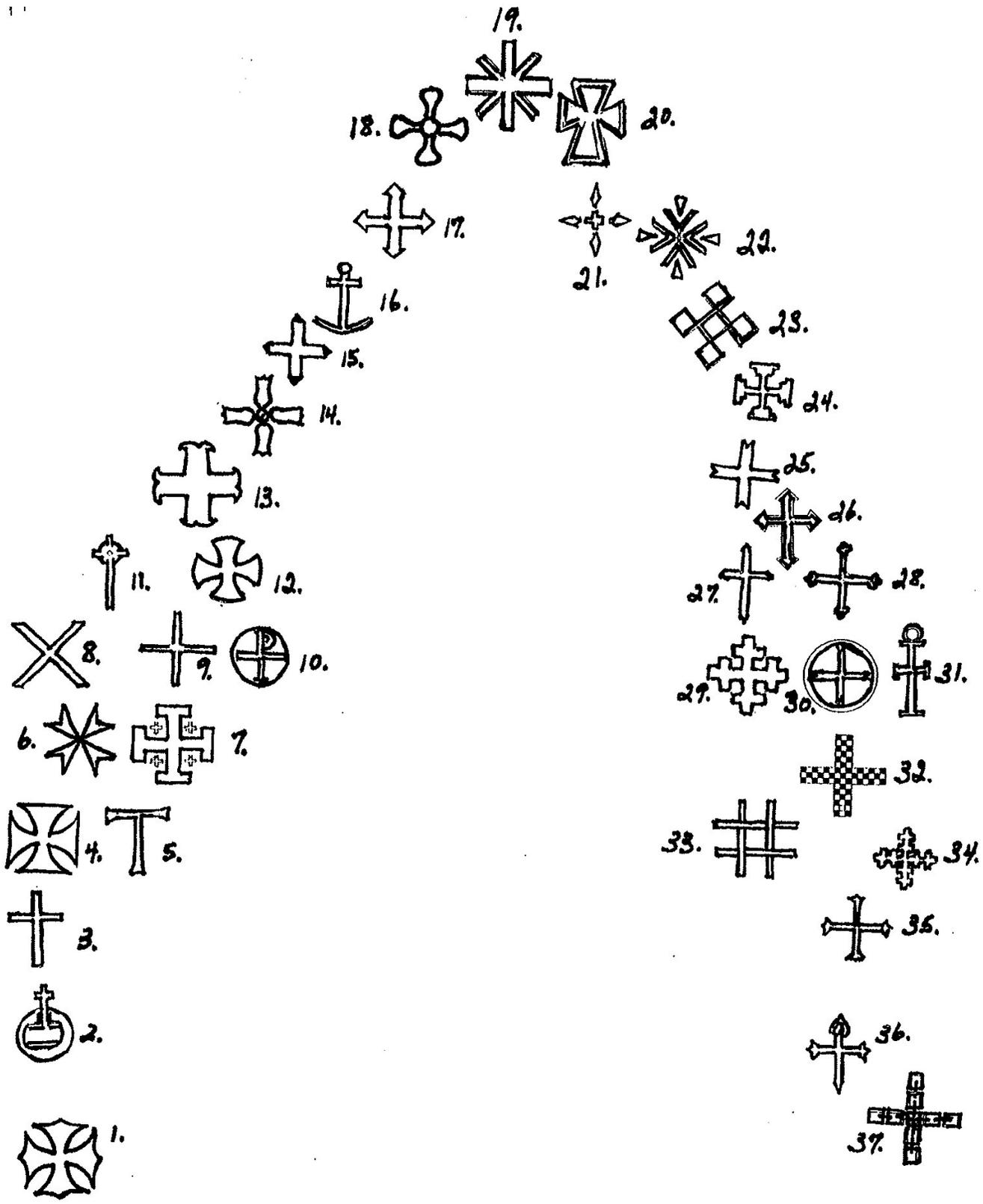


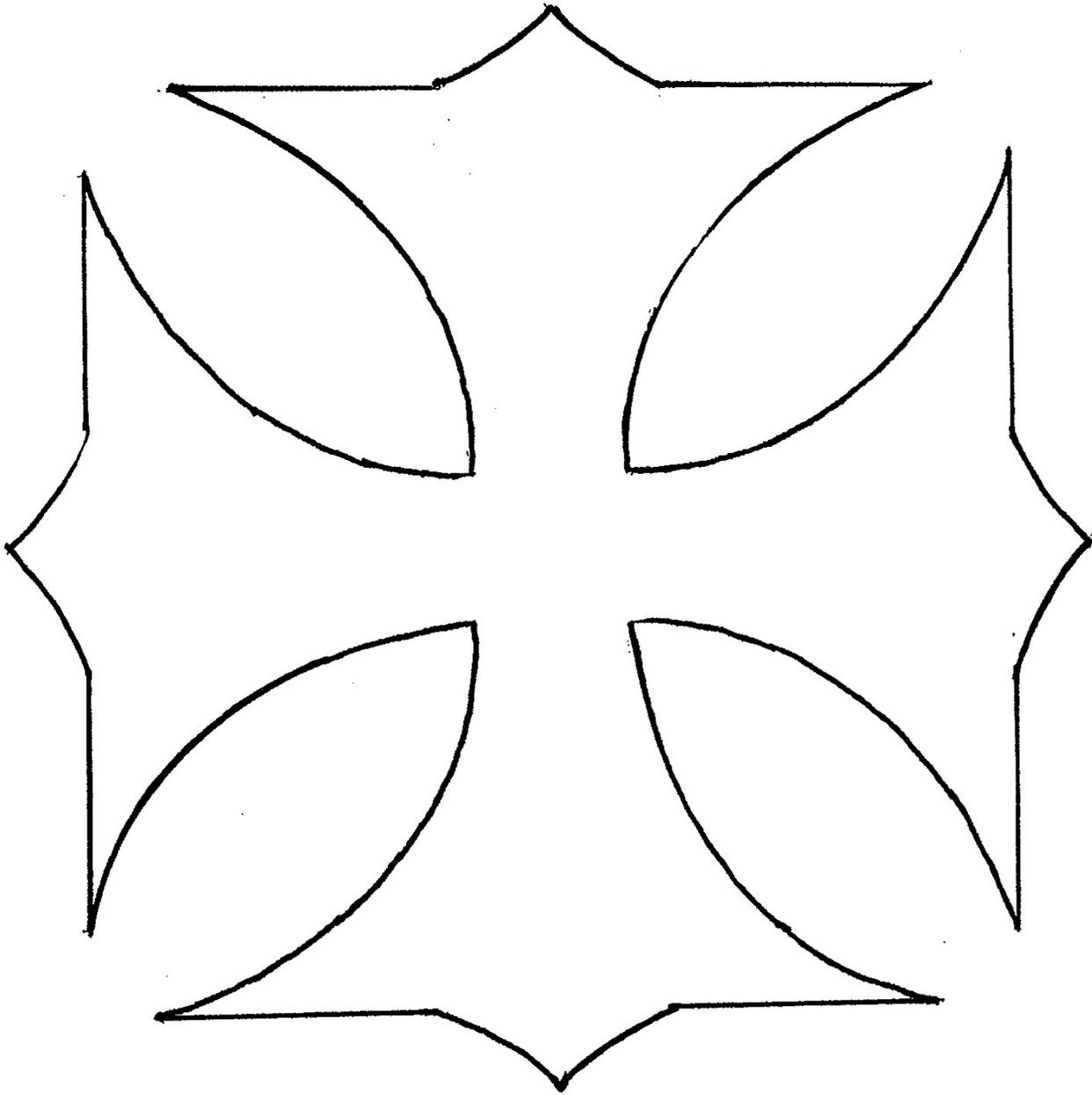
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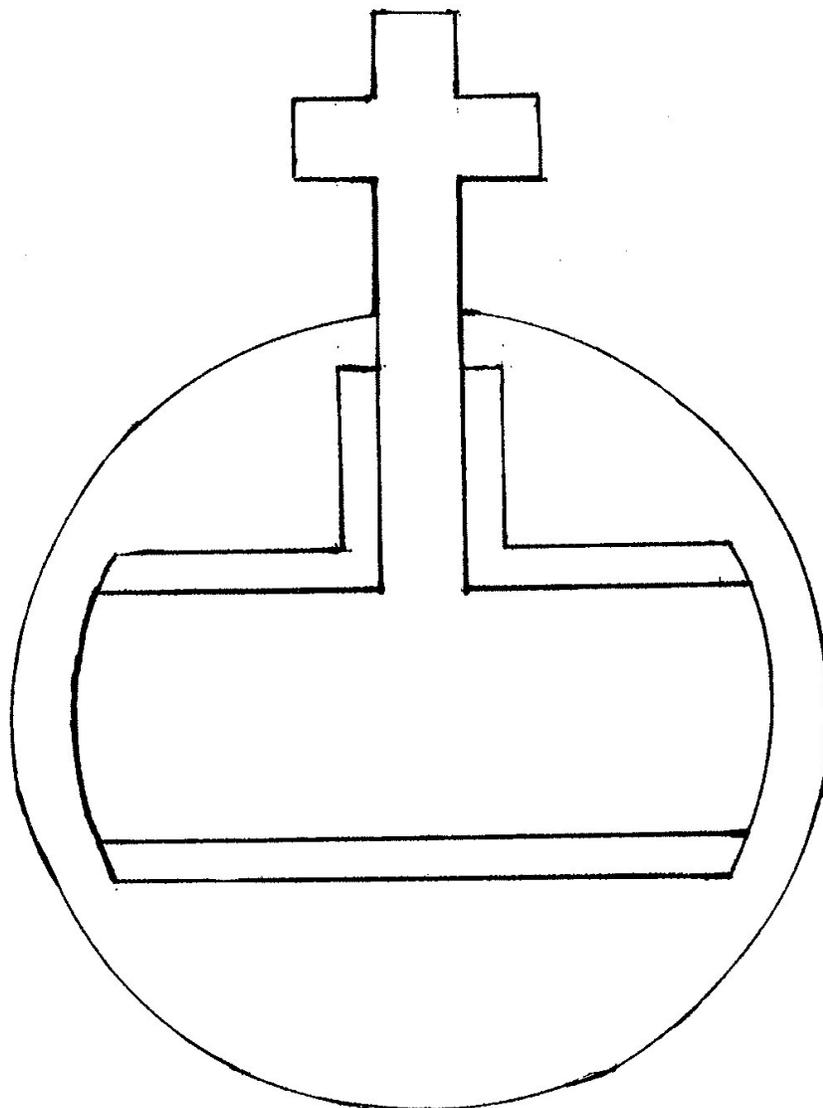
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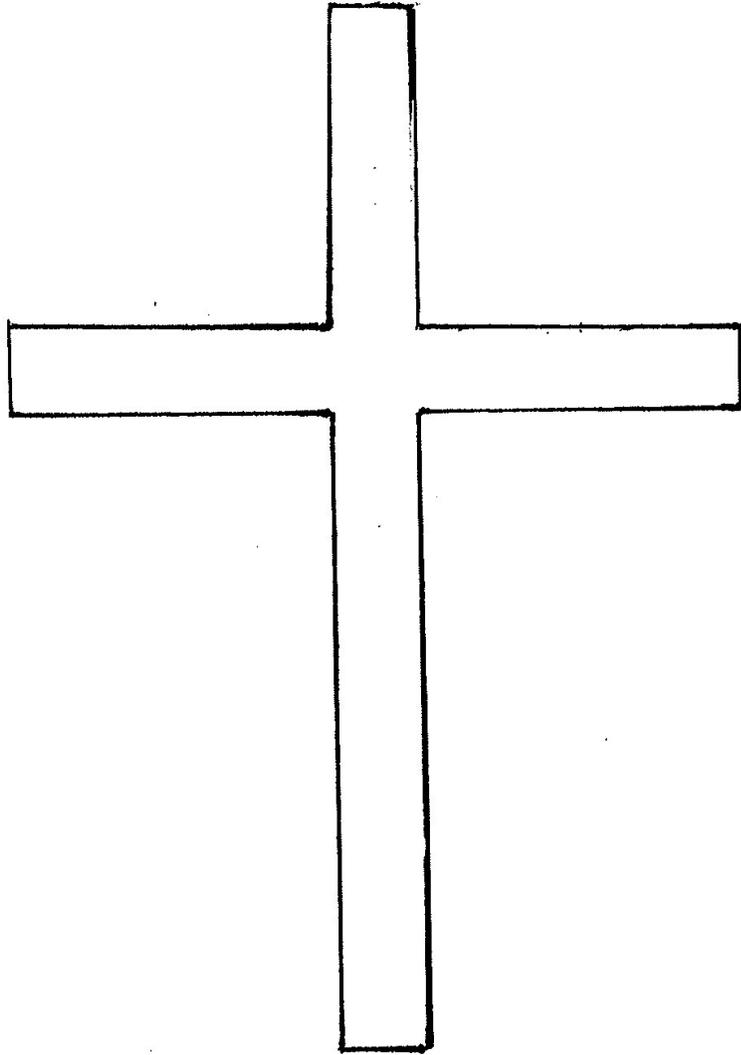
1. THE CROSS PATEE FITCHEE

This is one of the most beautiful and most widely used forms of the decorative cross. The four arms of the Cross Patee curve outward and the outer edges are straight. If points are added the cross is said to be fitchée. This form originated at the time of the Crusades. When knights were on their way to the Holy Land they carried small crosses with pointed lower arms, capable of being thrust into the ground at the time of daily devotions. This cross suggests the much loved Crusaders' hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus."



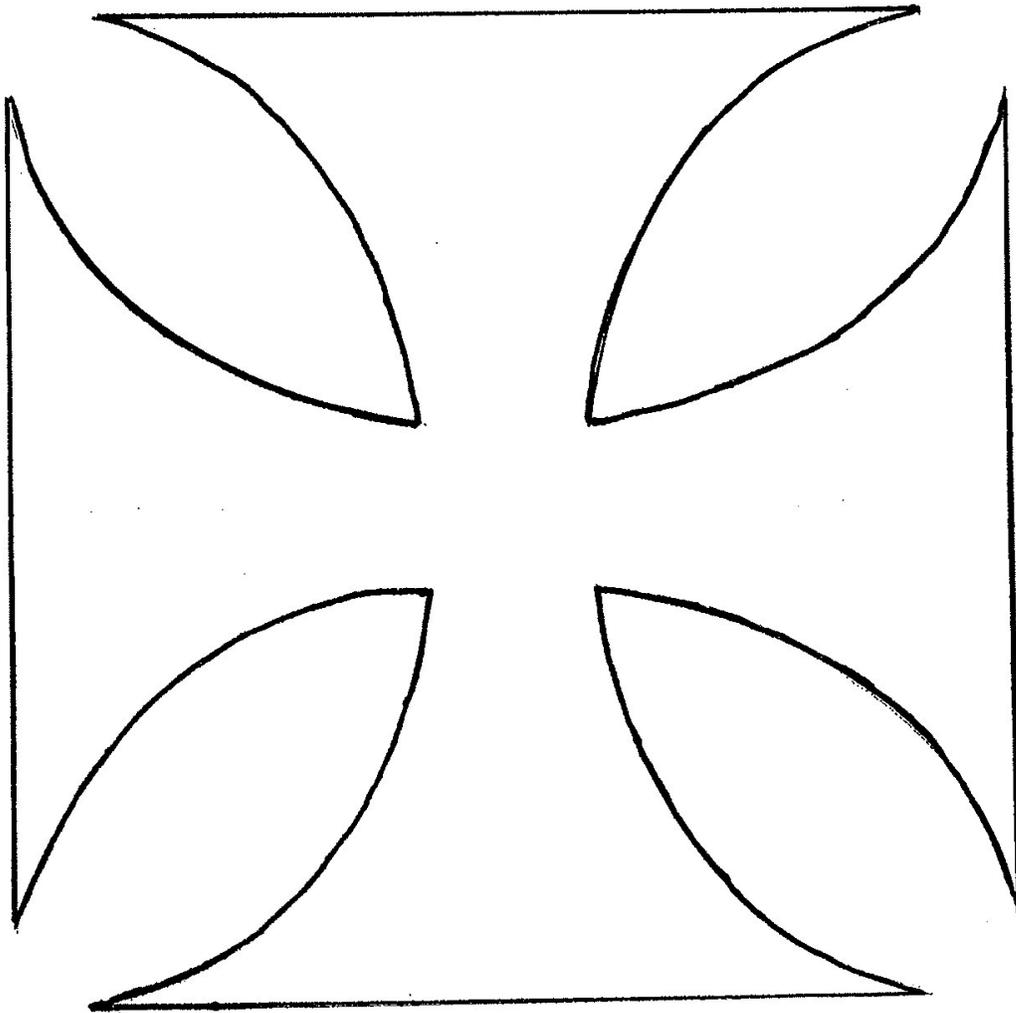
2. TRIUMPH ORB

The cross surmounts the globe in token of the triumph of the Gospel throughout the world through missions.



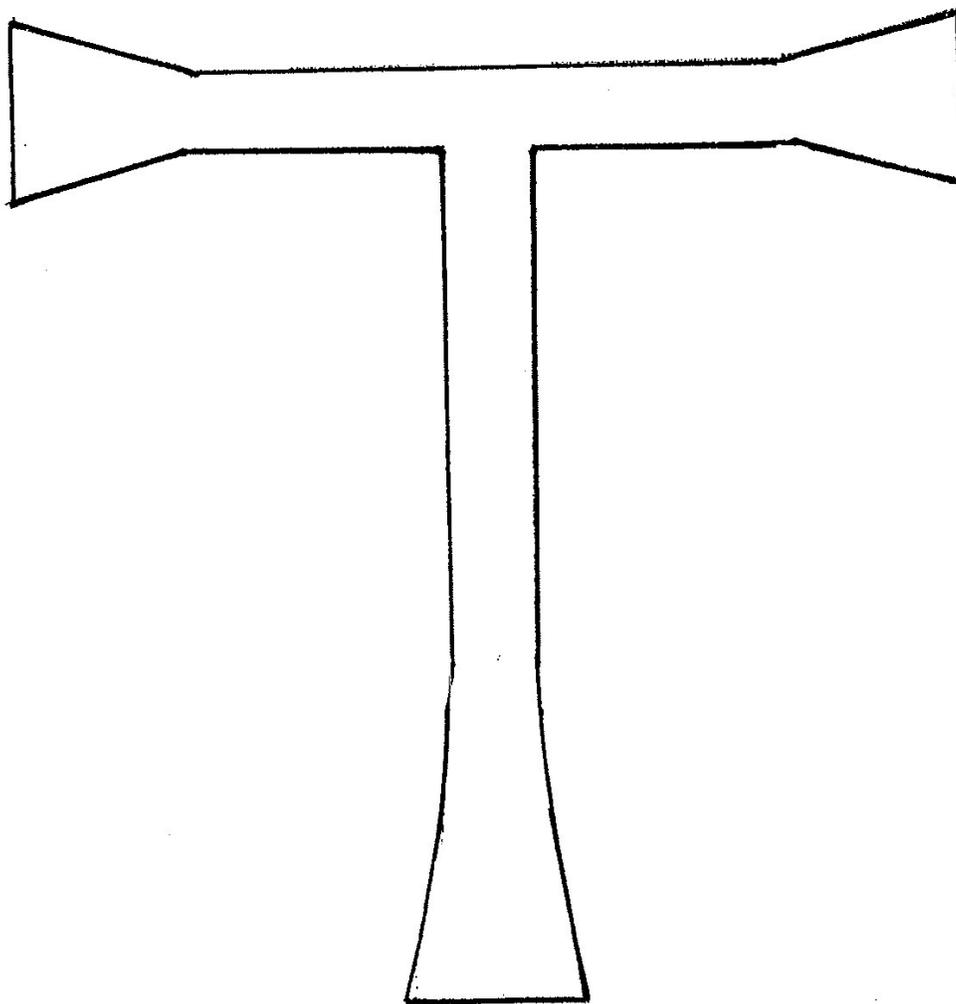
3. THE LATIN CROSS

This cross is used the world over by religious bodies who confess the Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning death. It is the actual form of the cross on which the Saviour died.



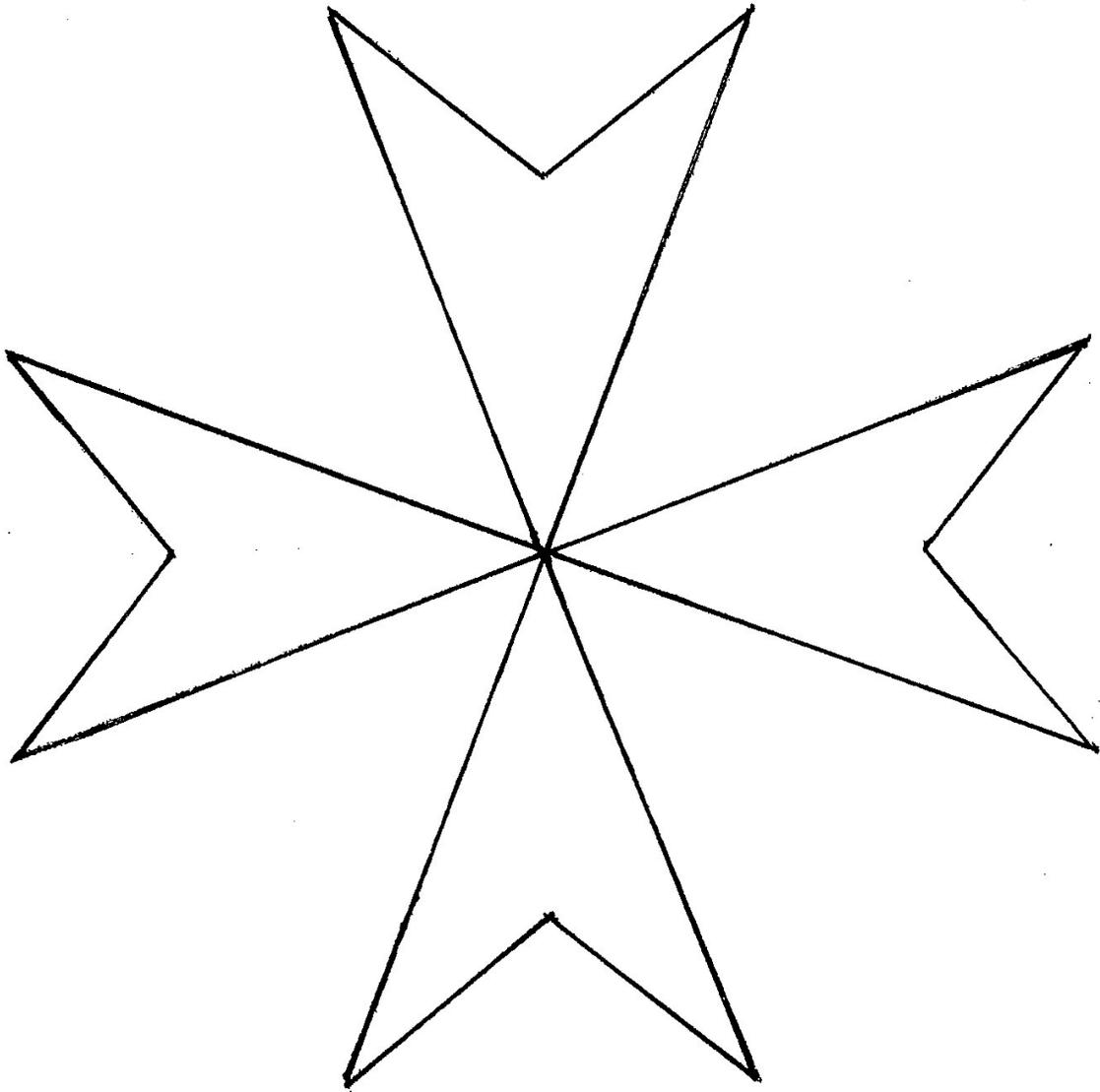
4. THE CROSS PATEE

This is a decorative cross from heraldry. Patee means paw shaped.



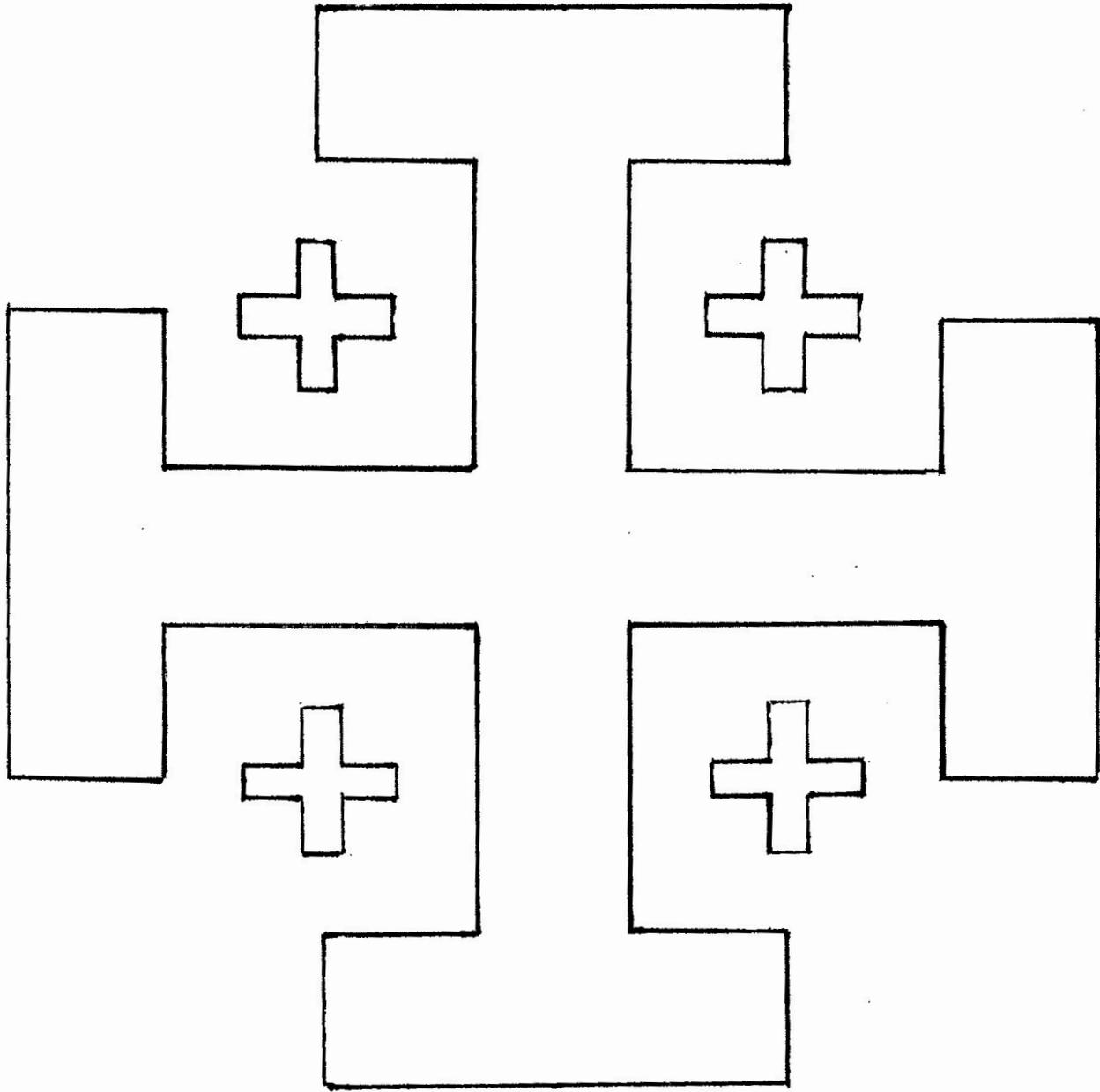
5. THE TAU CROSS

The Old Testament Cross on which Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness is in the form of the Greek letter Tau. It is the symbol of the prophecy of the Advent of Christ.



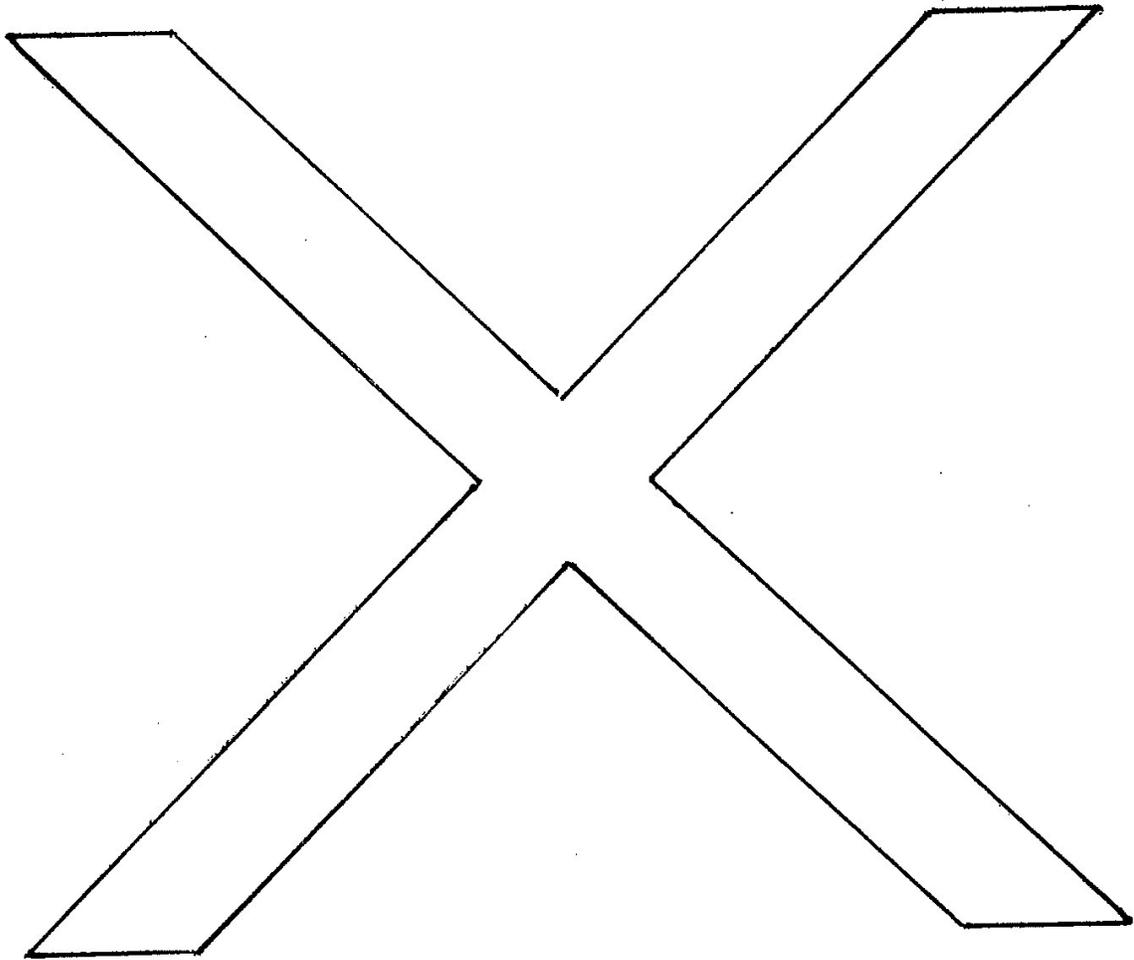
6. THE MALTESE CROSS

This cross resembles four spear heads with the points touching. It is often confused with the Cross Patee. The eight points of the Maltese Cross are equidistant from one another and stand for the Eight Beatitudes. It also comes from the Crusades where it was worn by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.



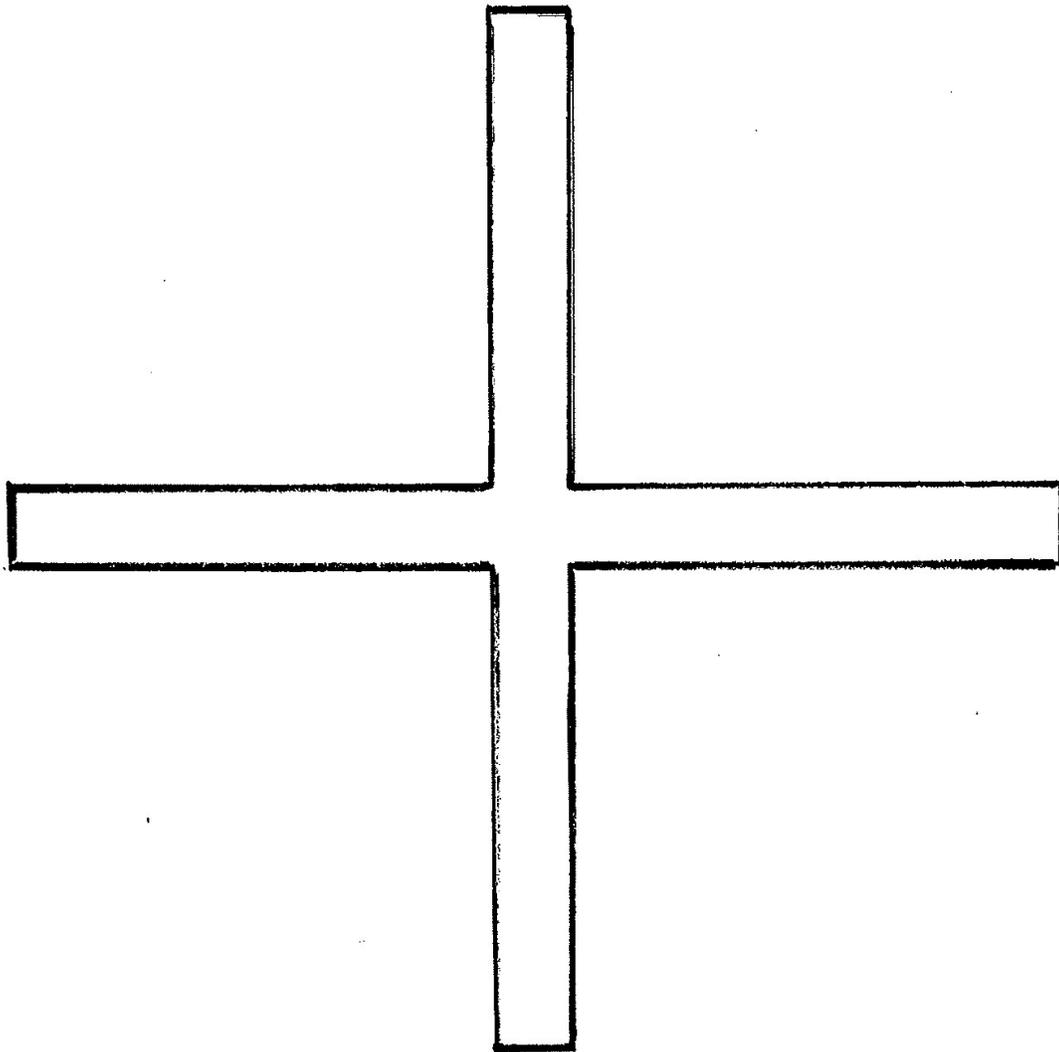
7. THE JERUSALEM CROSS

This cross is made of four Tau crosses whose limbs are joined. It comes from the Crusades. It is a missionary cross and the four small crosses refer to the four corners of the earth to which the Gospel must be taken.



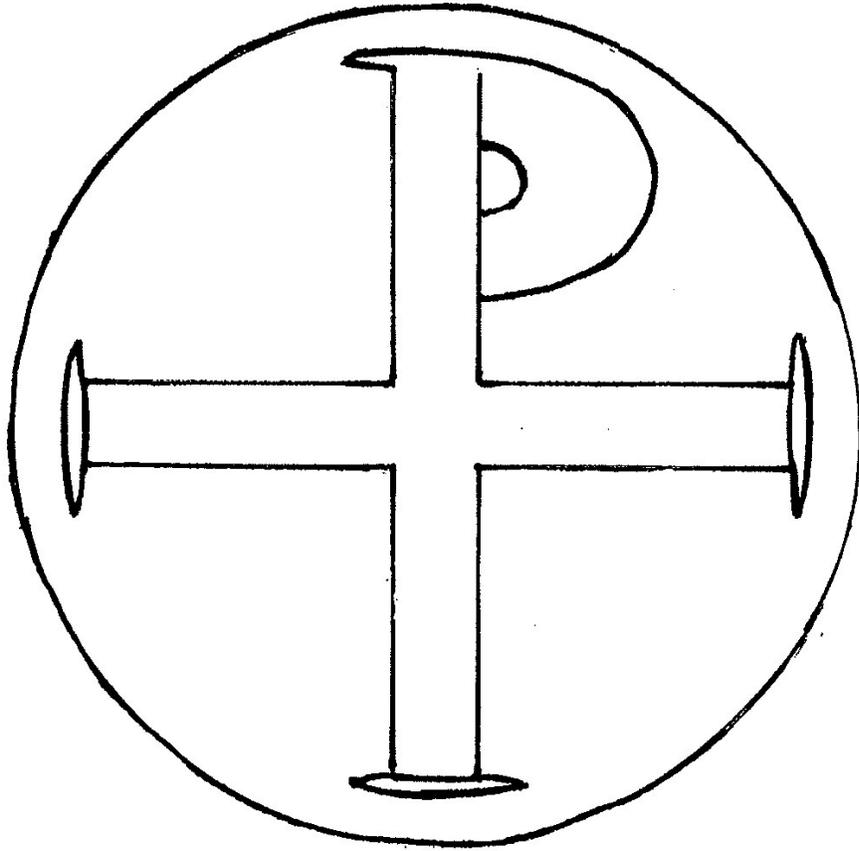
8. ST. ANDREW'S CROSS OR CROSS SALTIRE

This diagonal cross is much loved in Scotland. St. Andrew, the Apostle, died on this form of the cross. It stands for martyrdom and humility and was used on the Scottish flag before its union with England. It is now a part of the Union Jack.



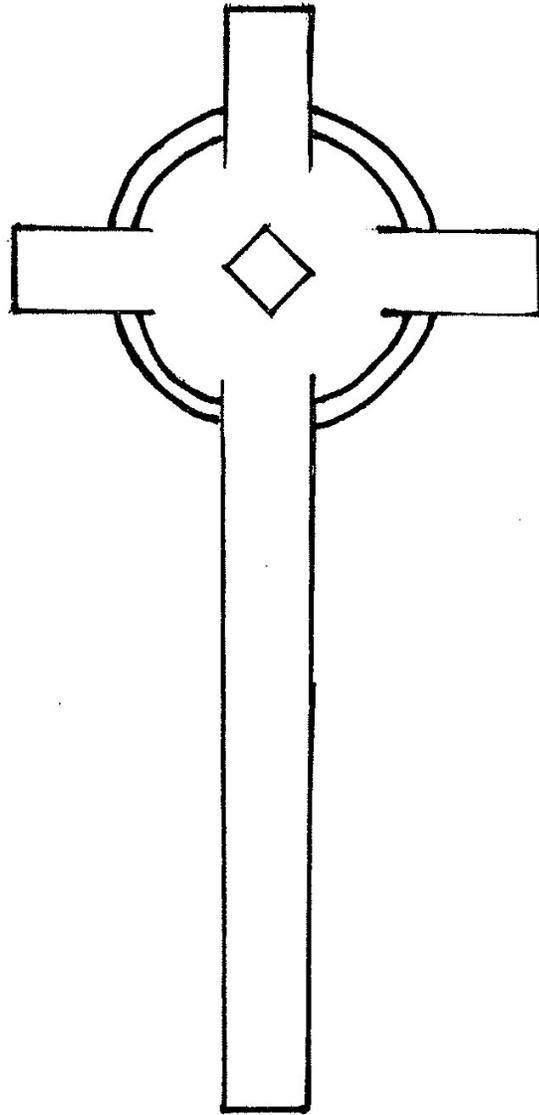
9. THE GREEK CROSS OF THE CROSS OF ST. GEORGE

This cross has four arms of equal length. It is much loved by the peoples of England and Greece. It was common on the shields of Crusaders, and is now used on the flags of Switzerland and Greece.



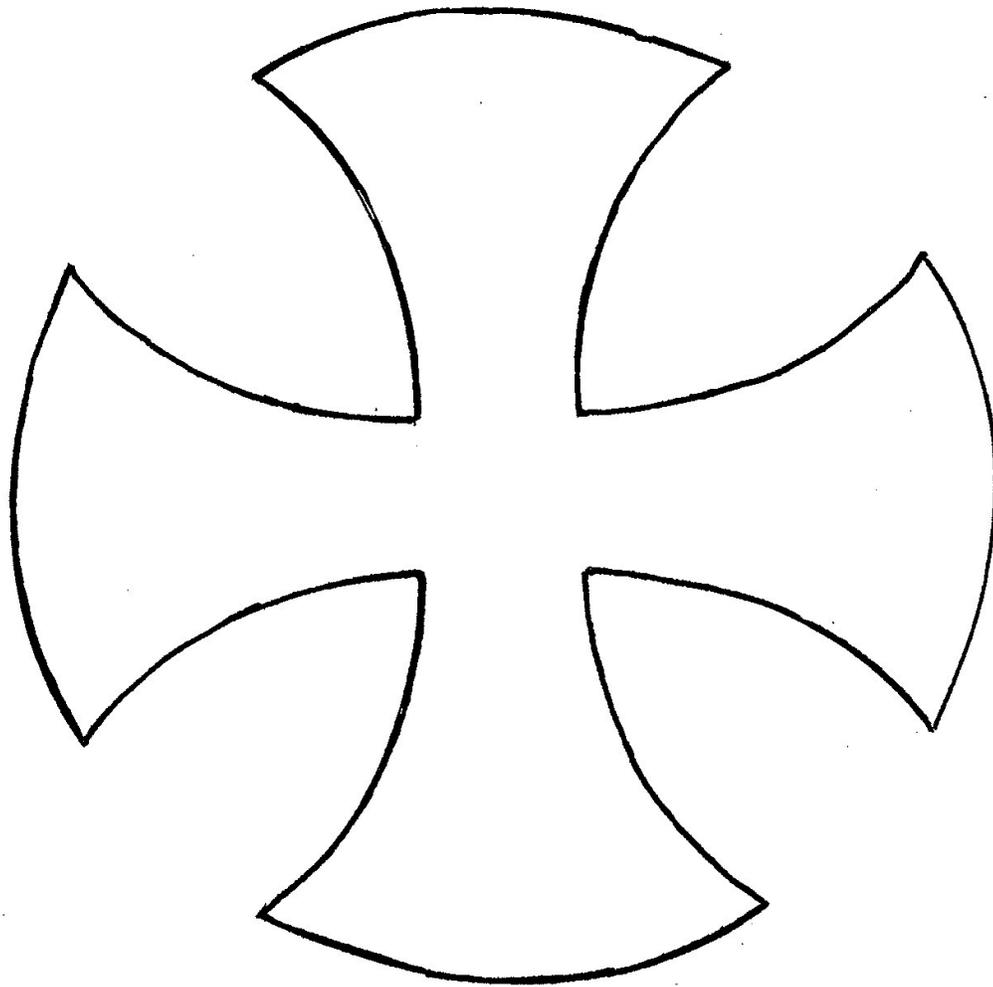
10. THE CHI RHO CROSS

This is a monogram formed from the first two letters of the sacred name of Christ in Greek.



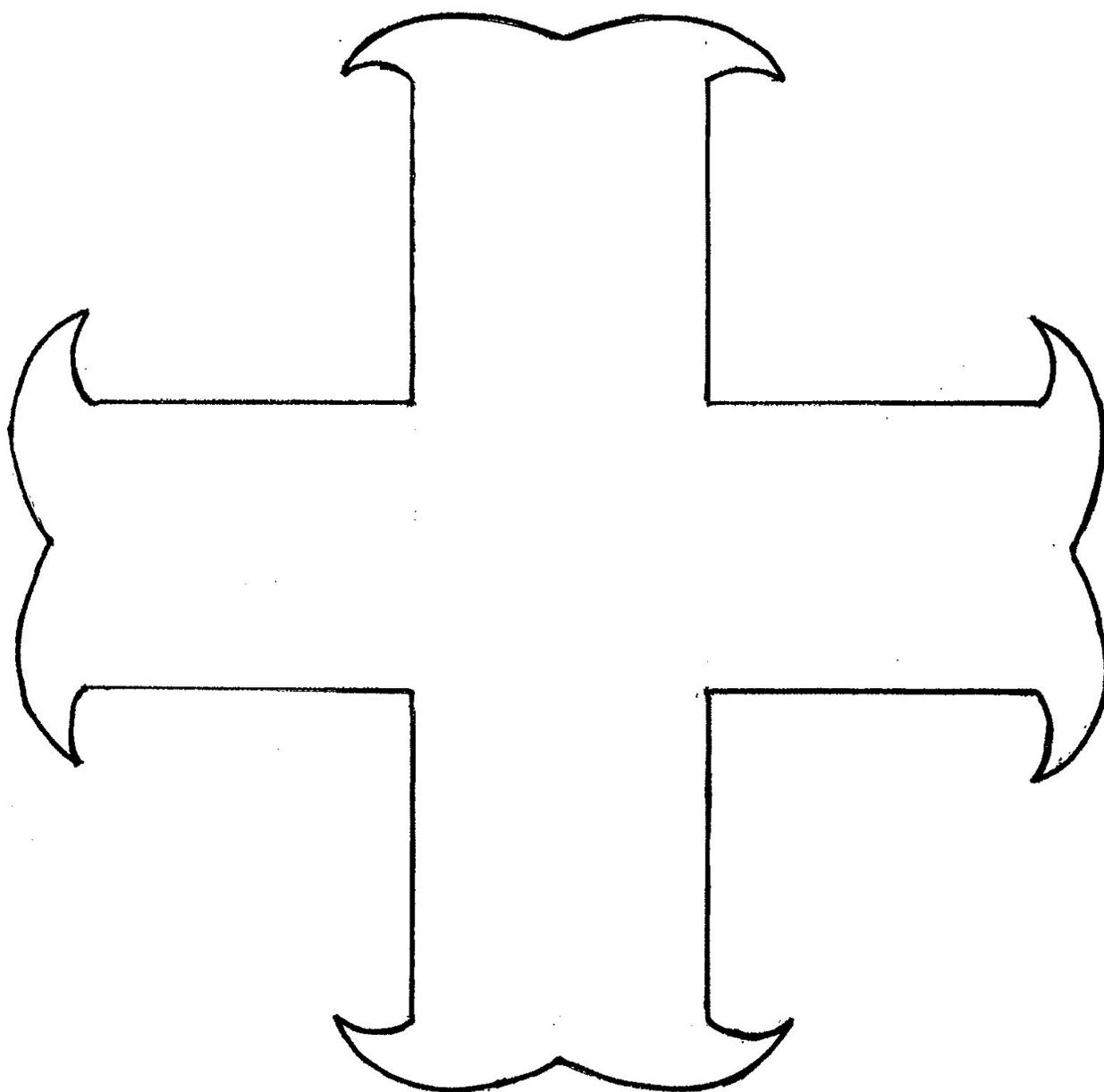
11. THE CELTIC OR IRISH CROSS

The circle is a symbol of eternity.



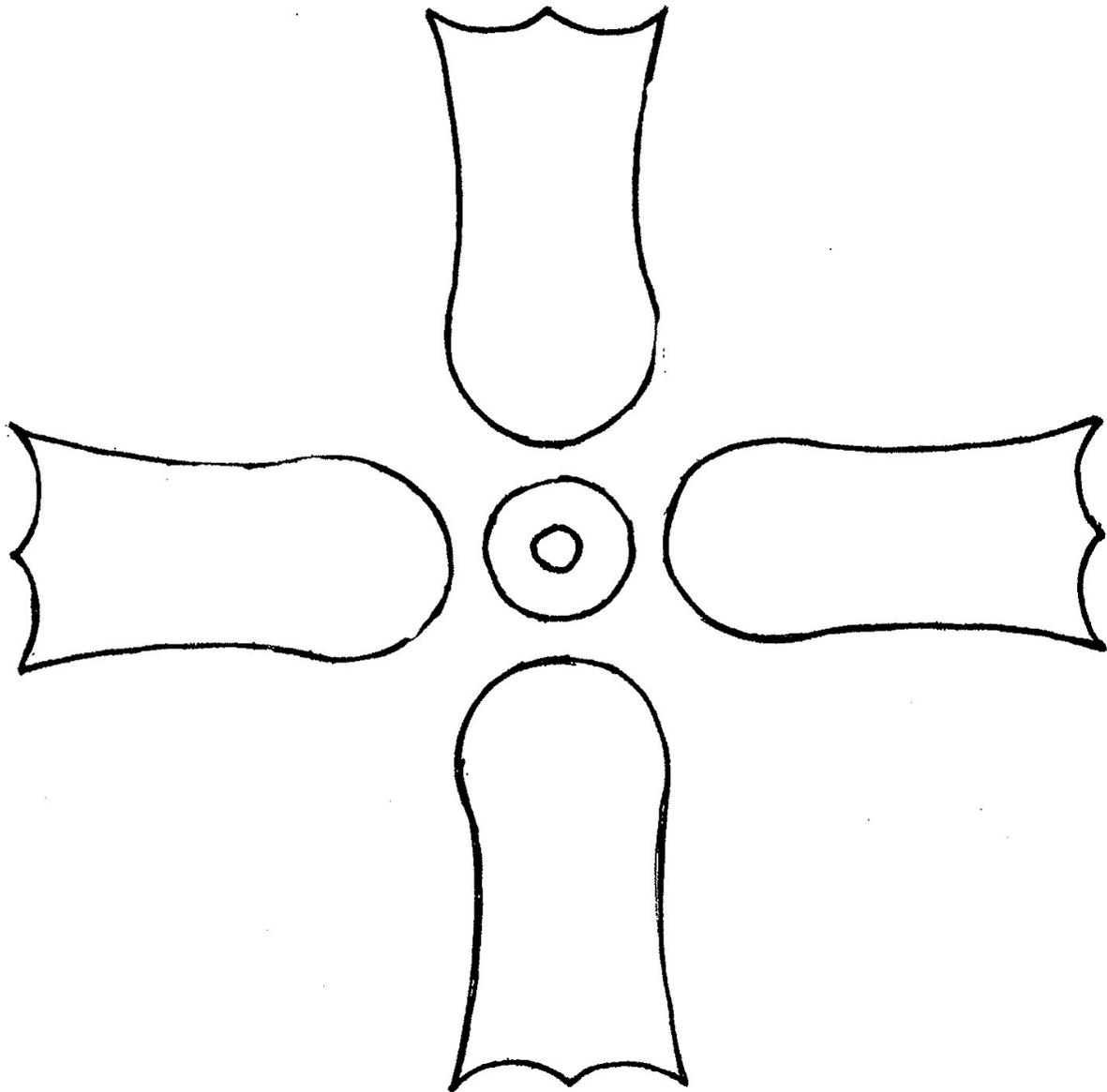
12. THE CROSS ALISEE PATEE

This is the Cross Patee encribed in a circle.



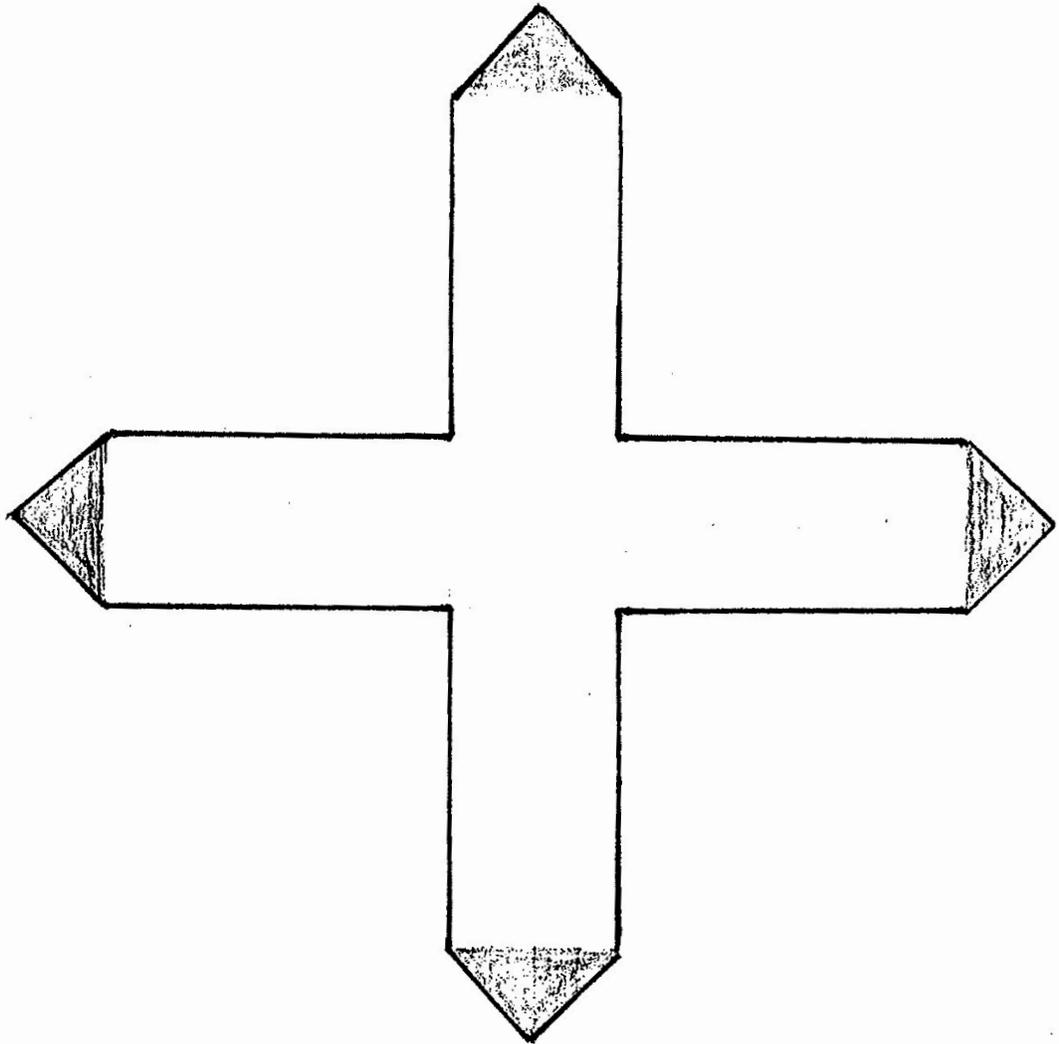
13. THE ANCHORED CROSS

This cross is formed of four anchors. The anchor is the symbol of the Christian virtue of Hope.



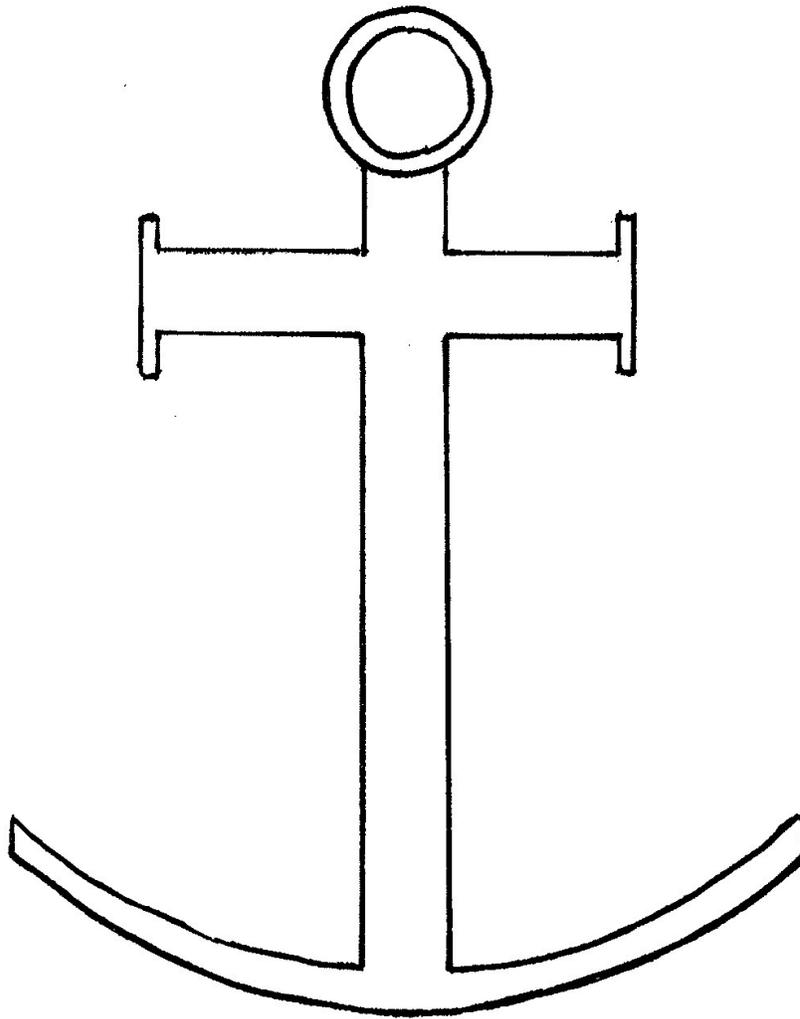
14. THE CROSS AVELLANE

This cross is formed from the four husks of the hazelnut. It surmounts the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



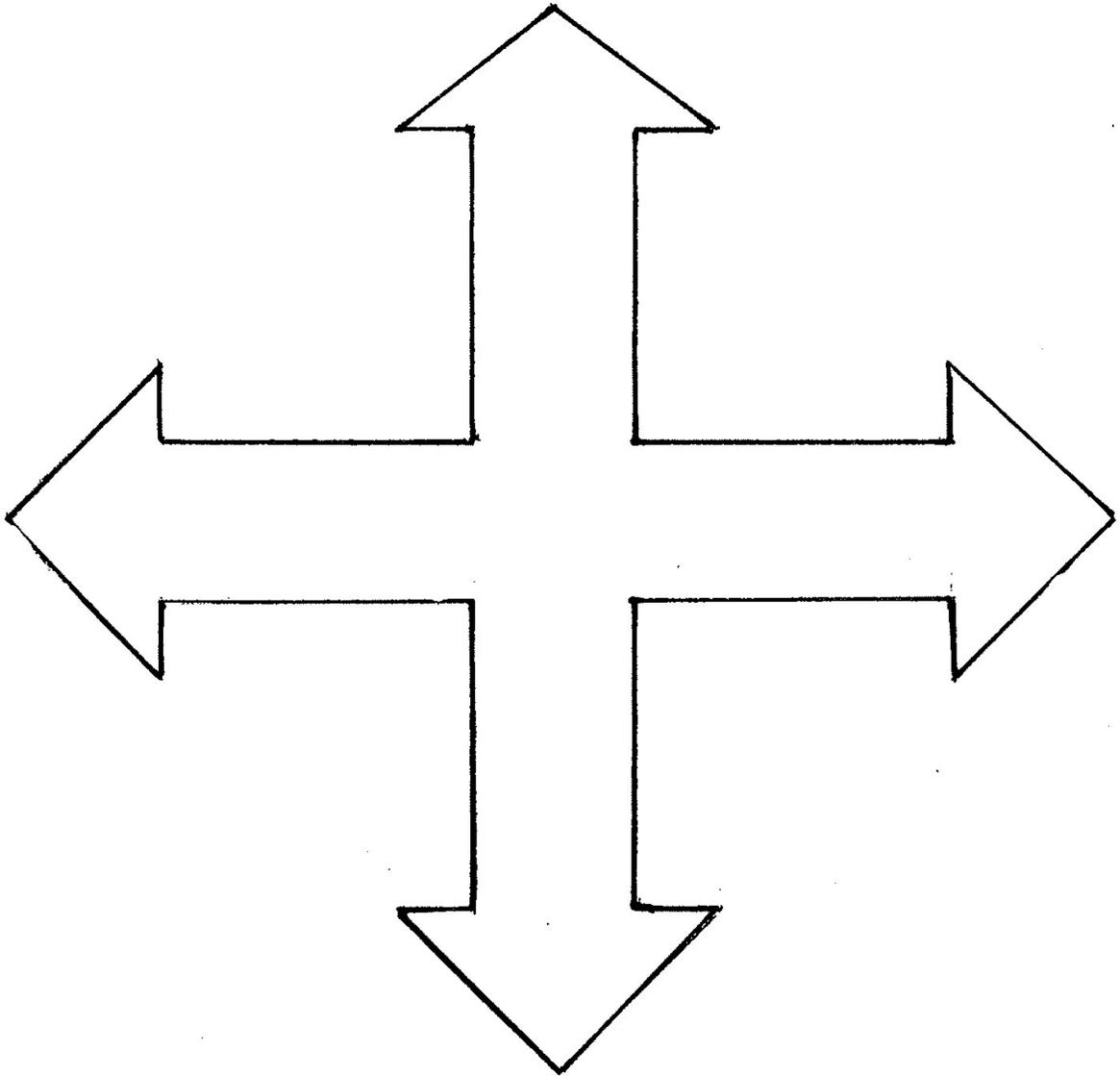
15. THE CROSS AIGUISEE

This is a decorative cross with sharp ends - a symbol of the Passion of Christ.



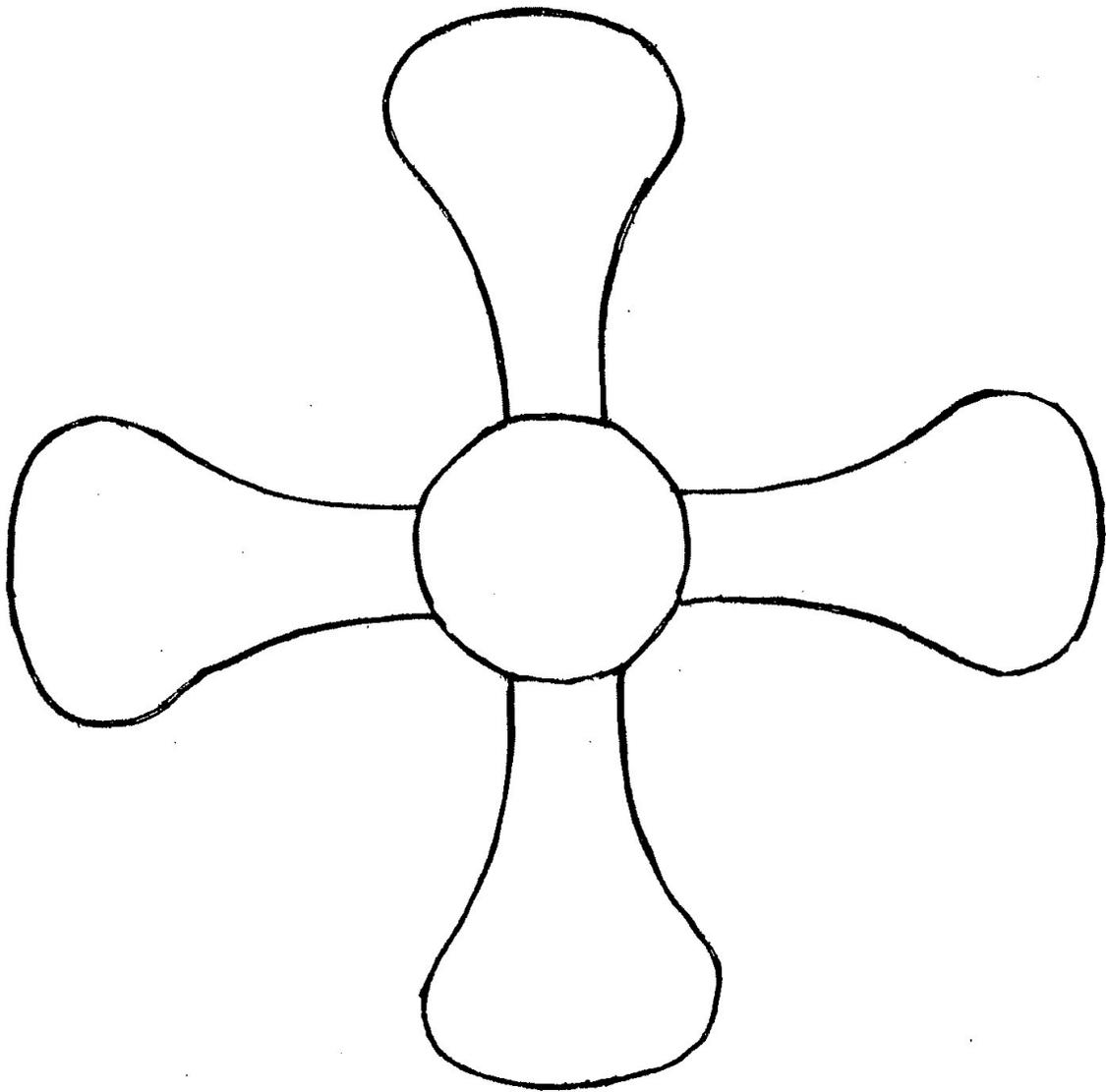
16. THE ANCHOR CROSS

This is one of the earliest Christian symbols found anywhere. From the Canterbury Cathedral in England.



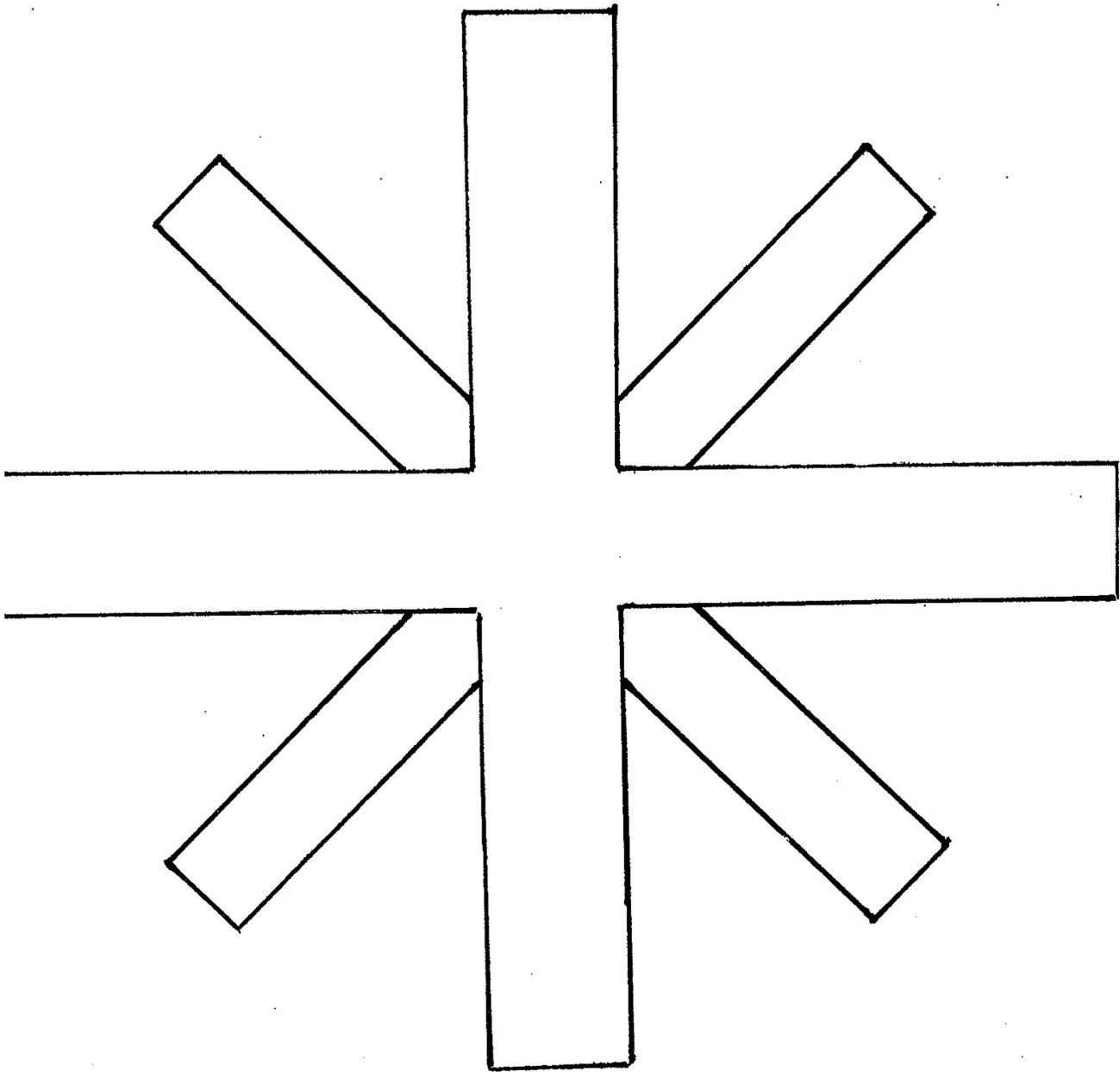
17. THE CROSS BARBEE

This is so-called because the points resemble fish hooks - reminiscent of the fish as one of the earliest symbols . It recalls our Lord's promise to make us "fishers of men."



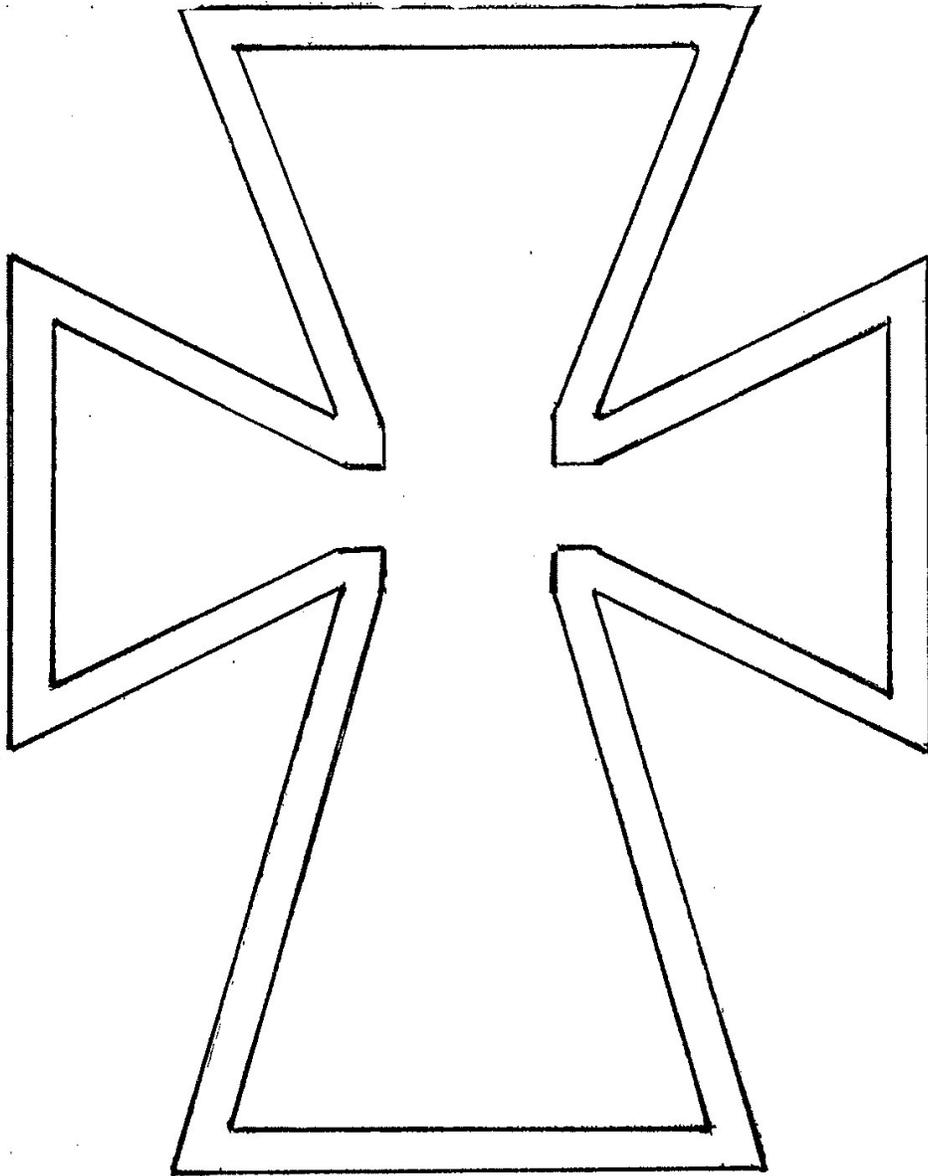
18. THE CANTERBURY CROSS

This cross recalls Wesley's early training in the Church of England. Taken from the Canterbury Cathedral in England.



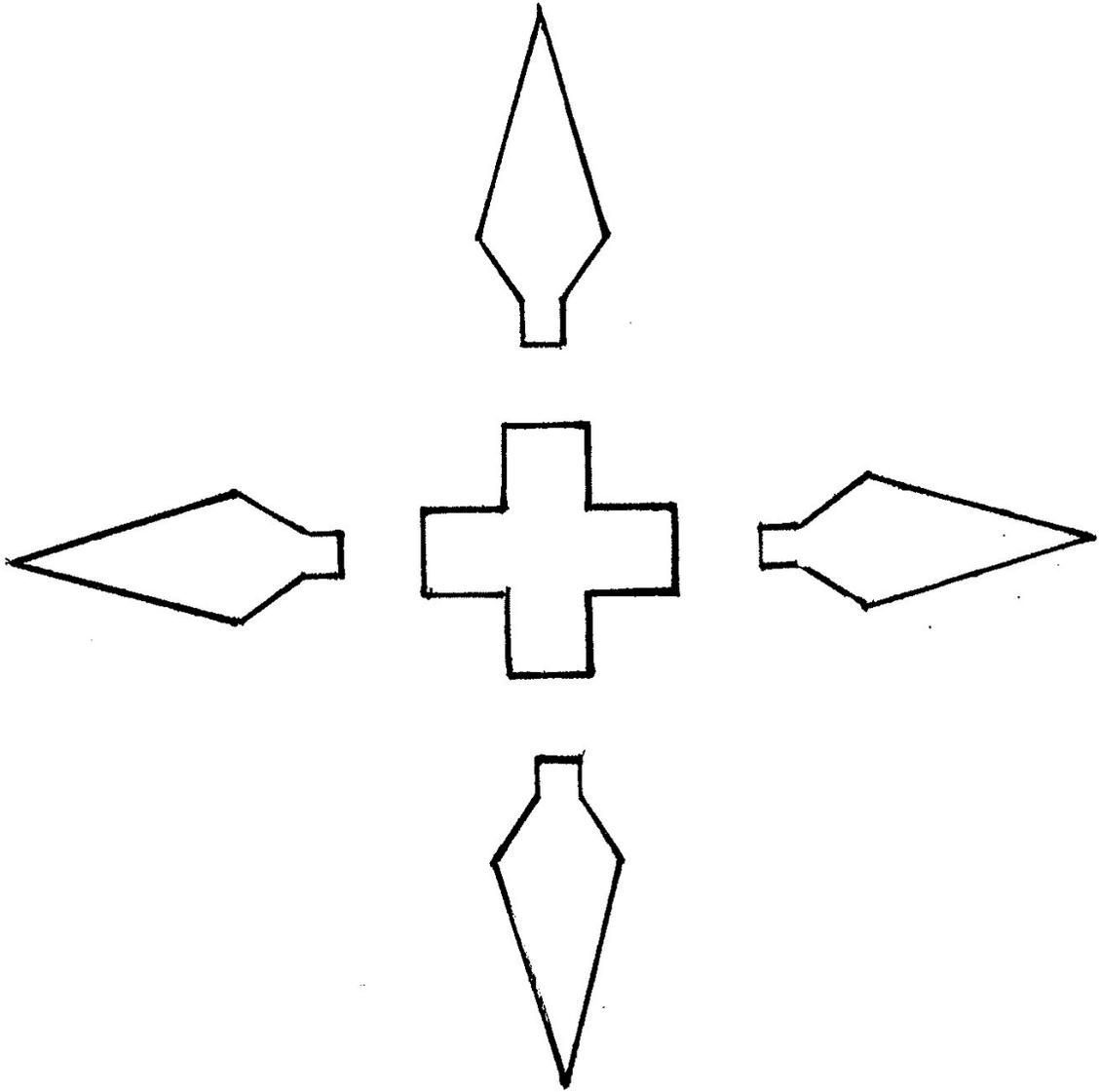
19. THE CROSSES OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. ANDREW

These crosses were combined when King James of Scotland became also King of England. He gave us the King James translation of the Holy Bible. Here is represented the transcending of the word of God, reminding us that under the flag of England which bore these crosses, John Wesley brought Methodism to the English colonies in the New World.



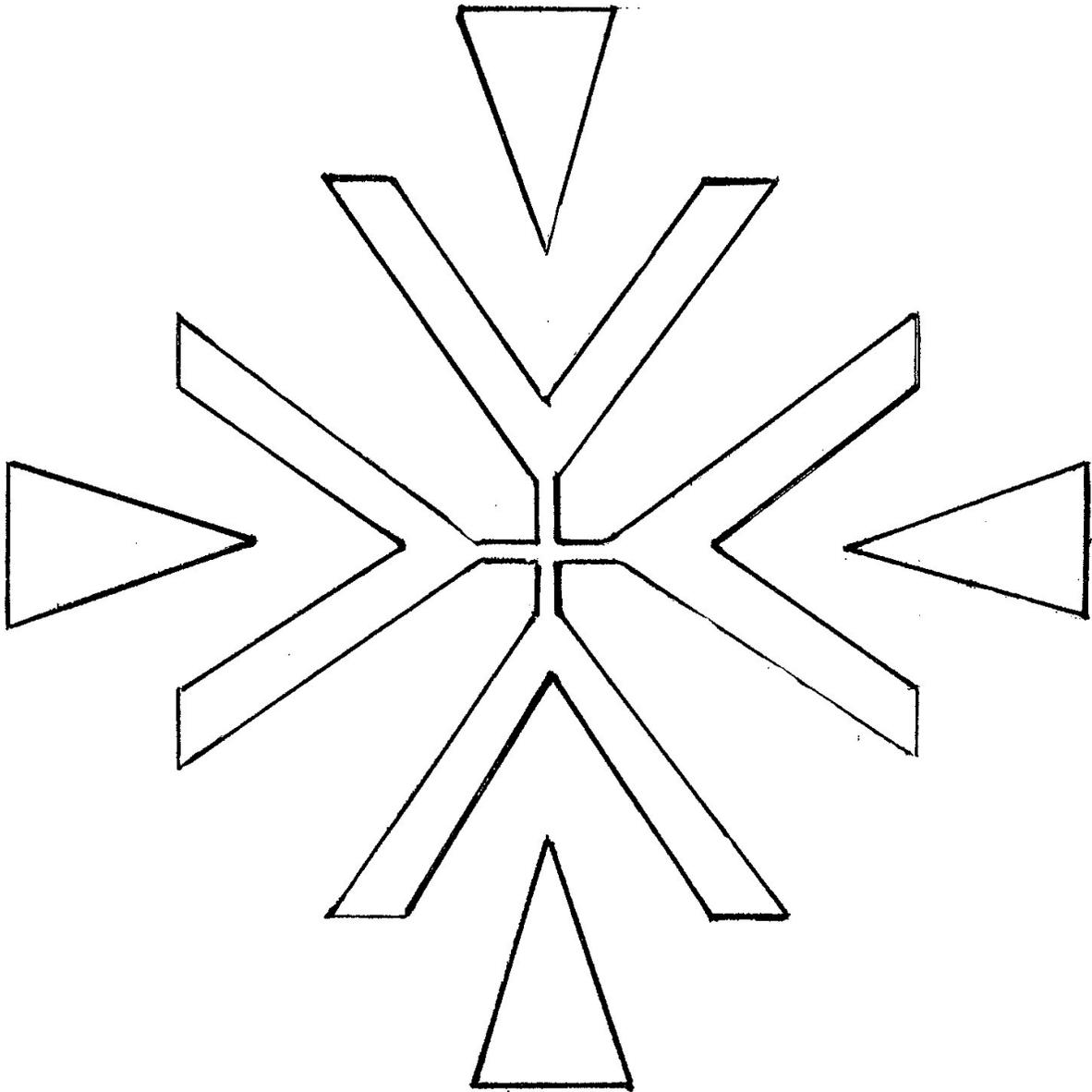
20. THE CROSS PATEE EXTENDED

This is a modern form of the Cross Patee, one of the most beautiful and decorative of all crosses.



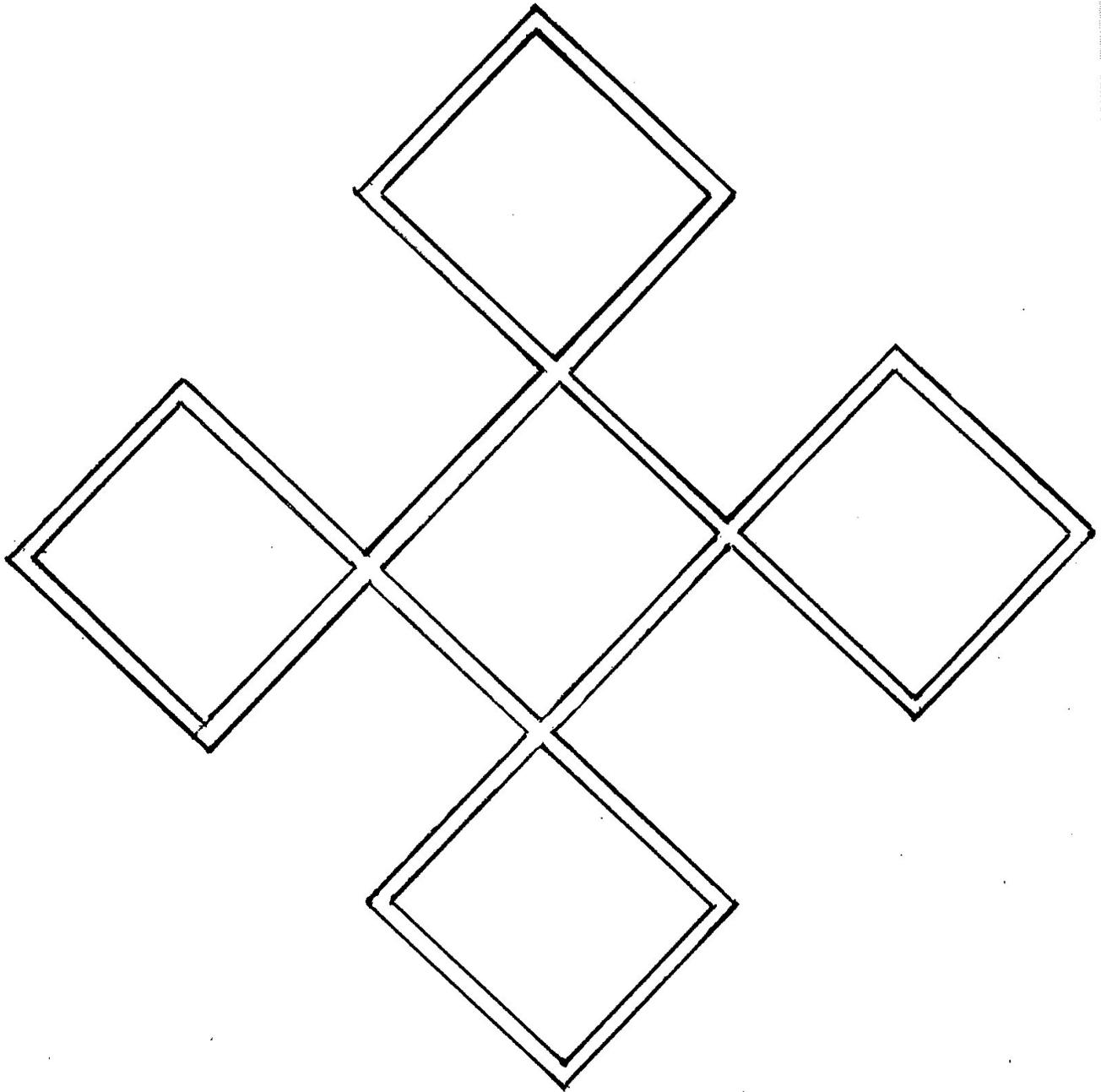
21. FOUR ERMINE SPOTS

A decorative cross, formed from the markings of ermine, a sign of royalty, reminds us of the "King of Kings." The four squares in the center are the heraldic markings of royalty.



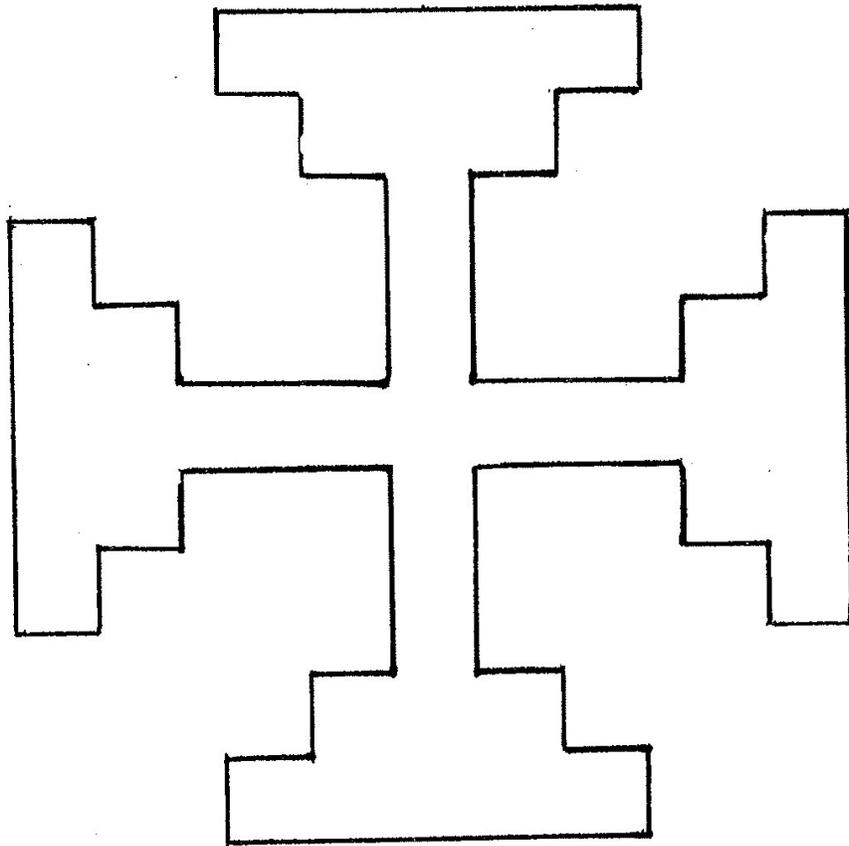
22. FOUR PHEONS

This is an heraldic cross made of the heads of four darts which touch. It suggests that the cross of Jesus empowers the Christian to resist "the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16



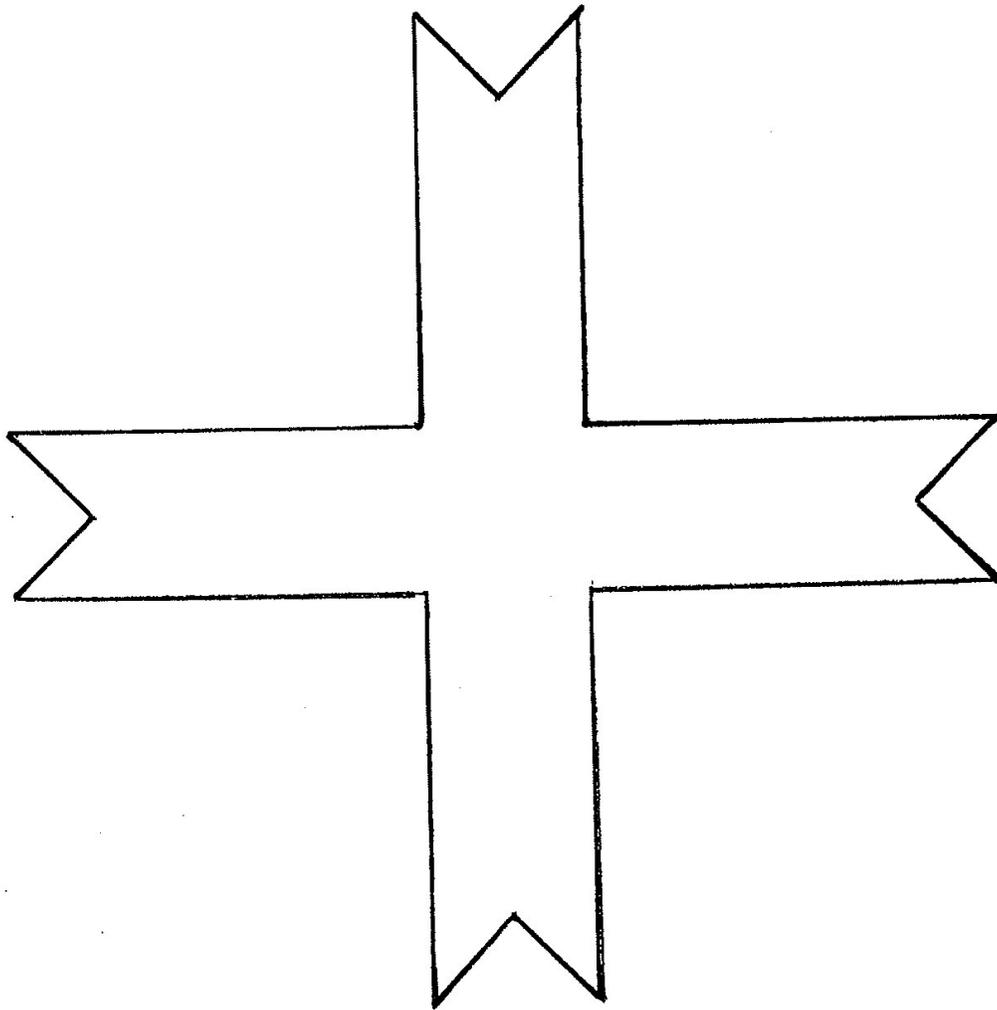
23. THE FRETTED CROSS

This is a decorative cross of heraldic origin. It is composed of interwoven bands which form five perfect squares. Also called the Cross of St. John.



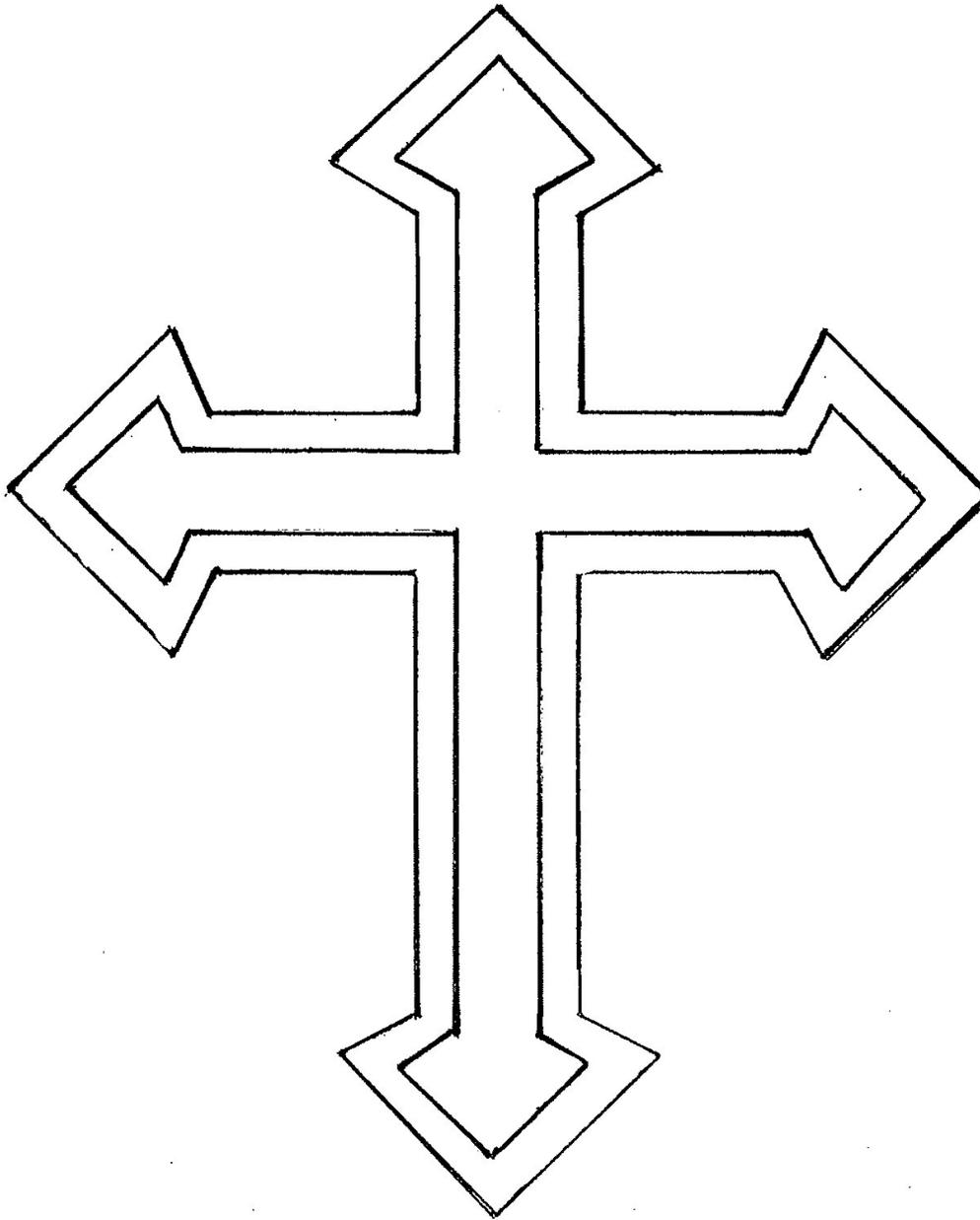
24. THE GRADED CROSS OR CALVARY CROSS

This is a Greek cross whose arms end in graded steps.



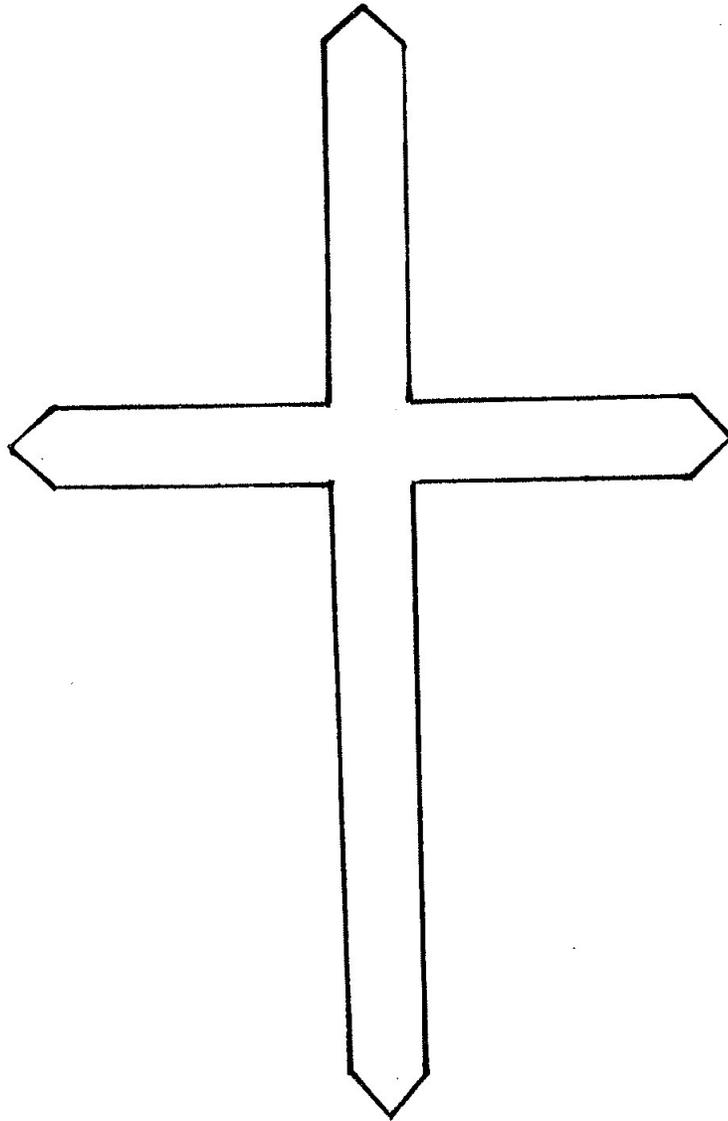
25. THE CROSS DOUBLE-FITCHEE

This cross has each of its arms ending in two points or fitchees.



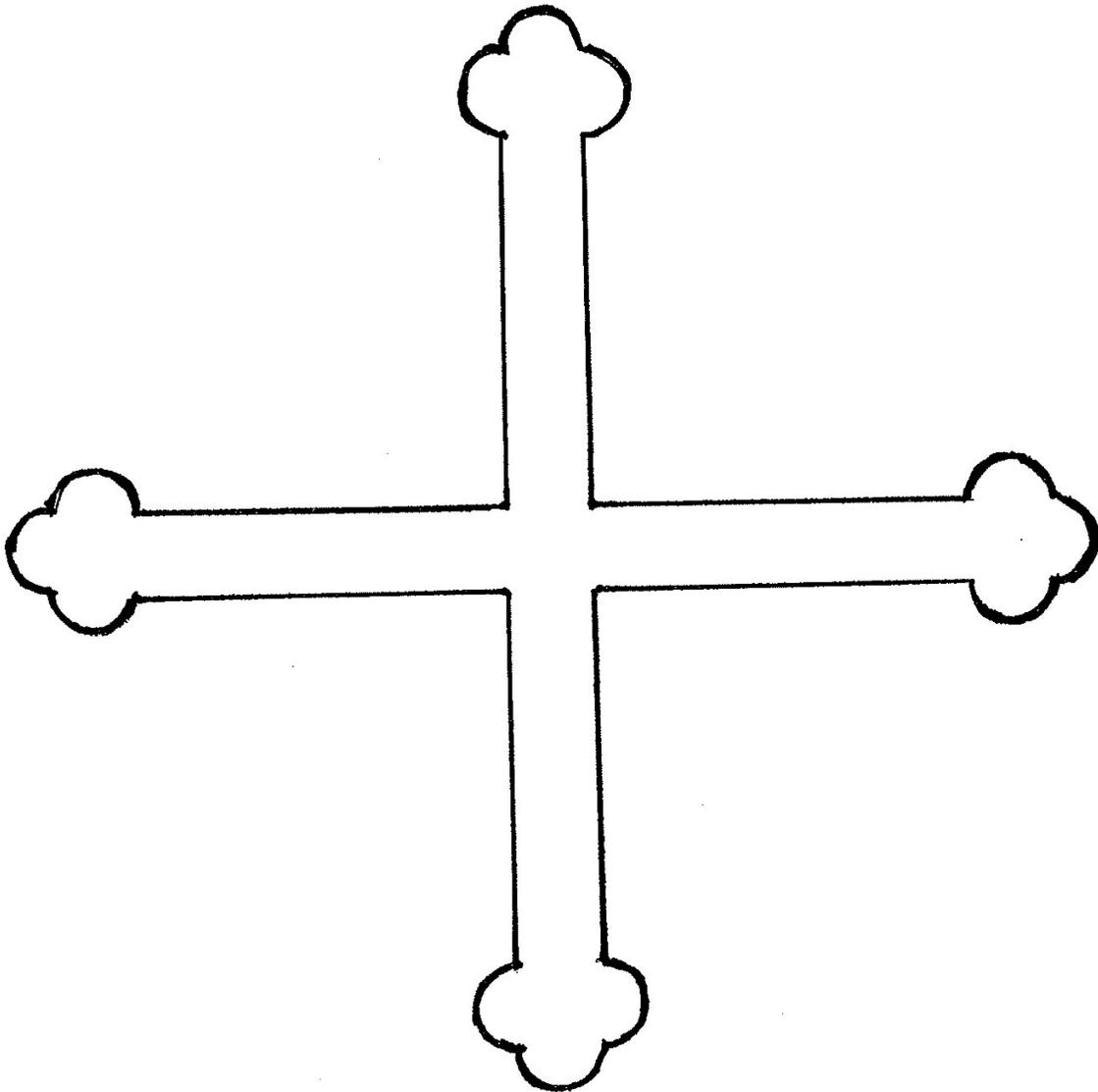
26. THE CROSS CLECHEE

This is a decorative form of the cross with spear-like ends having small knobs or loops. Also called the Arrow Cross symbolizing expansion of the church in all directions.



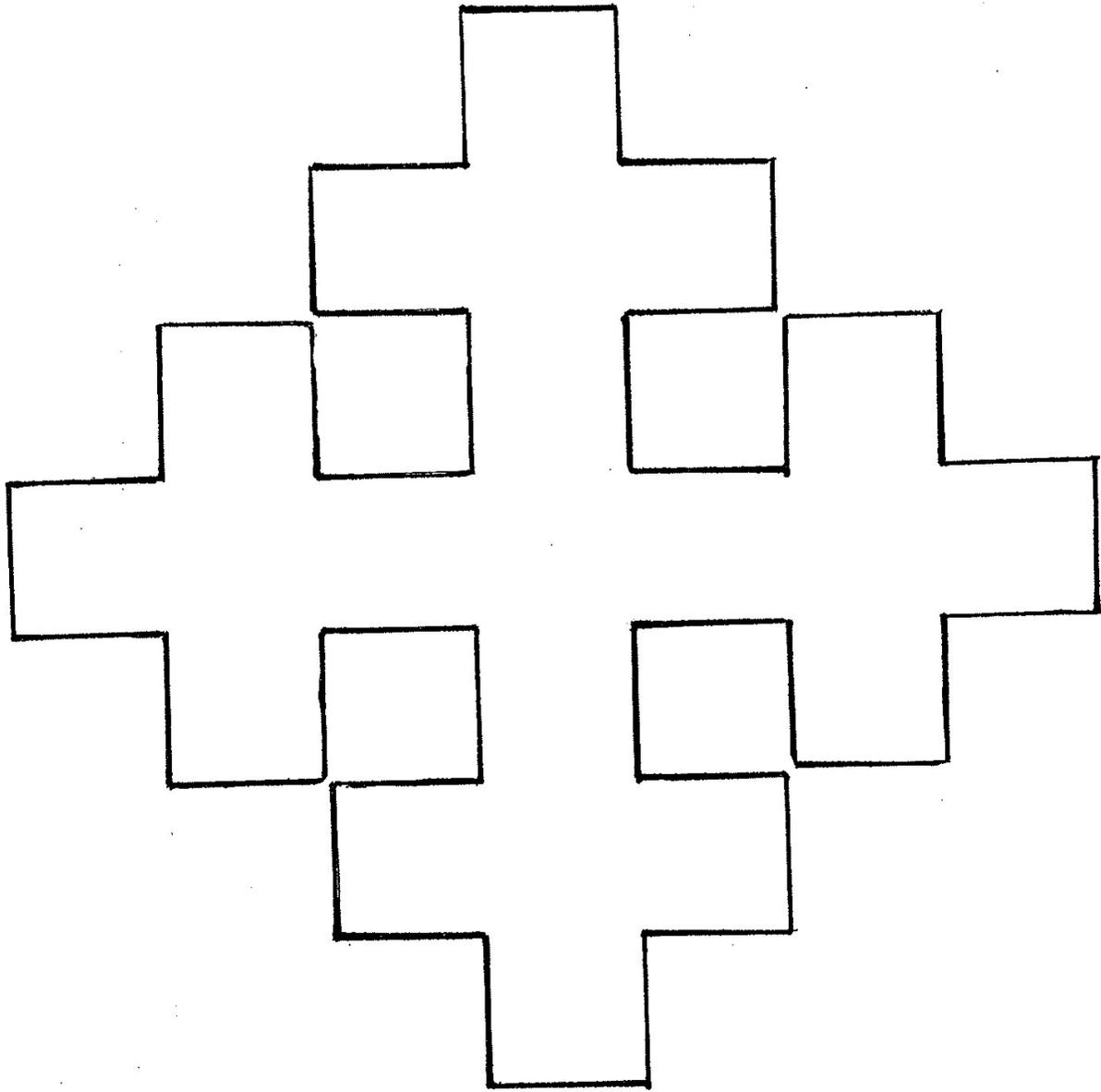
27. THE PASSION CROSS

This cross has ends pointed like a sword to remind us of the sufferings or passion of our Lord.



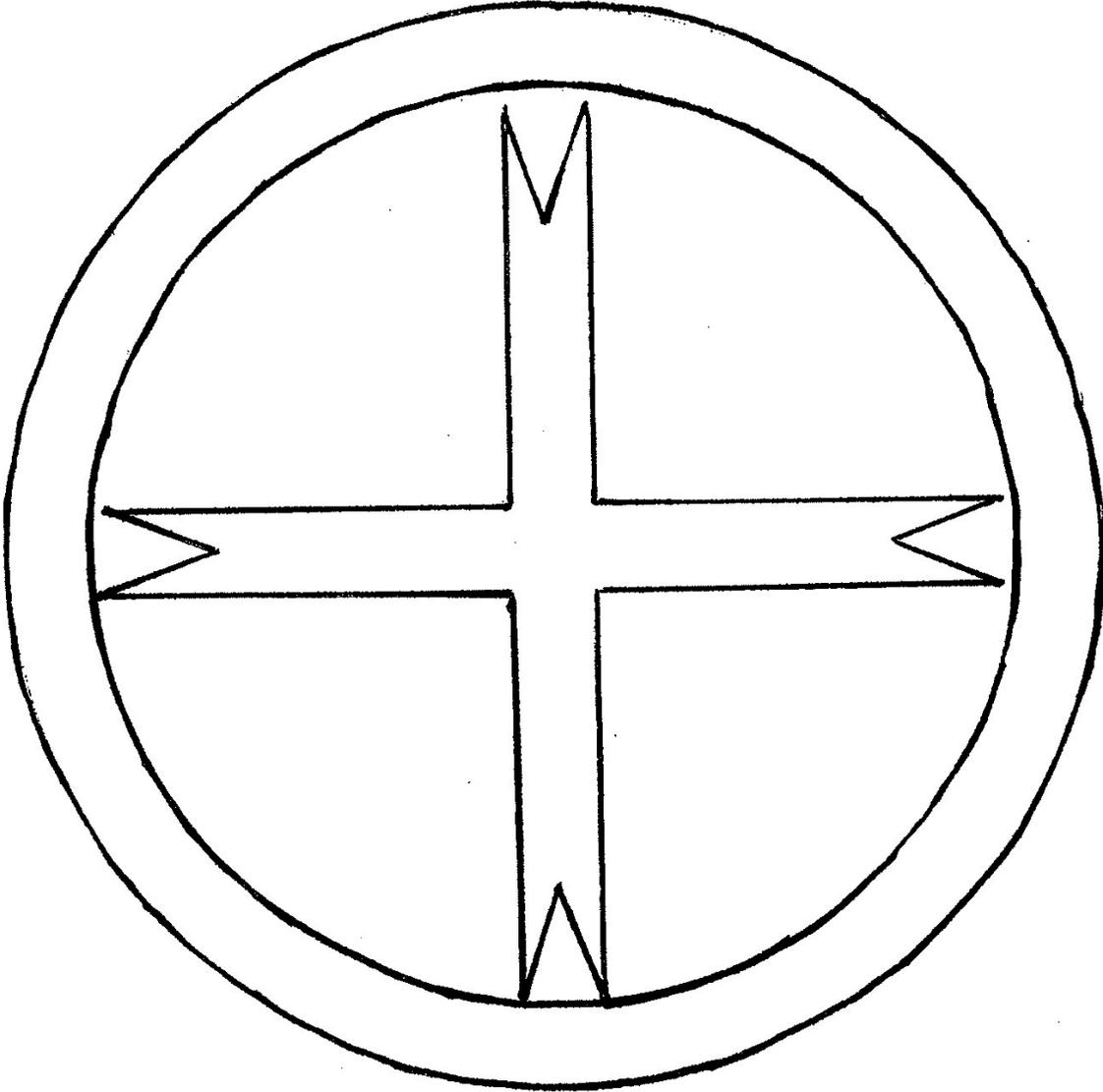
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The cross ends in trefoils, symbols of the Trinity. It is often stamped on hymnals and engraved on corner stones.



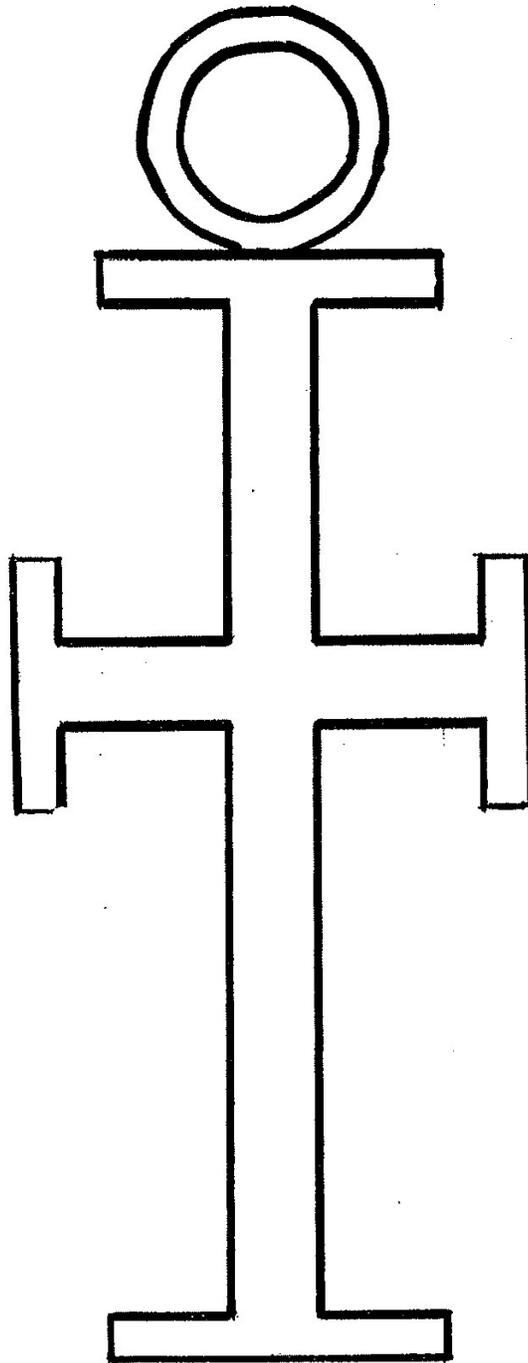
29. THE CROSS CROSSLET

Four small Greek crosses are arranged to form one large cross to represent the spread of Christianity to the four corners of the earth.



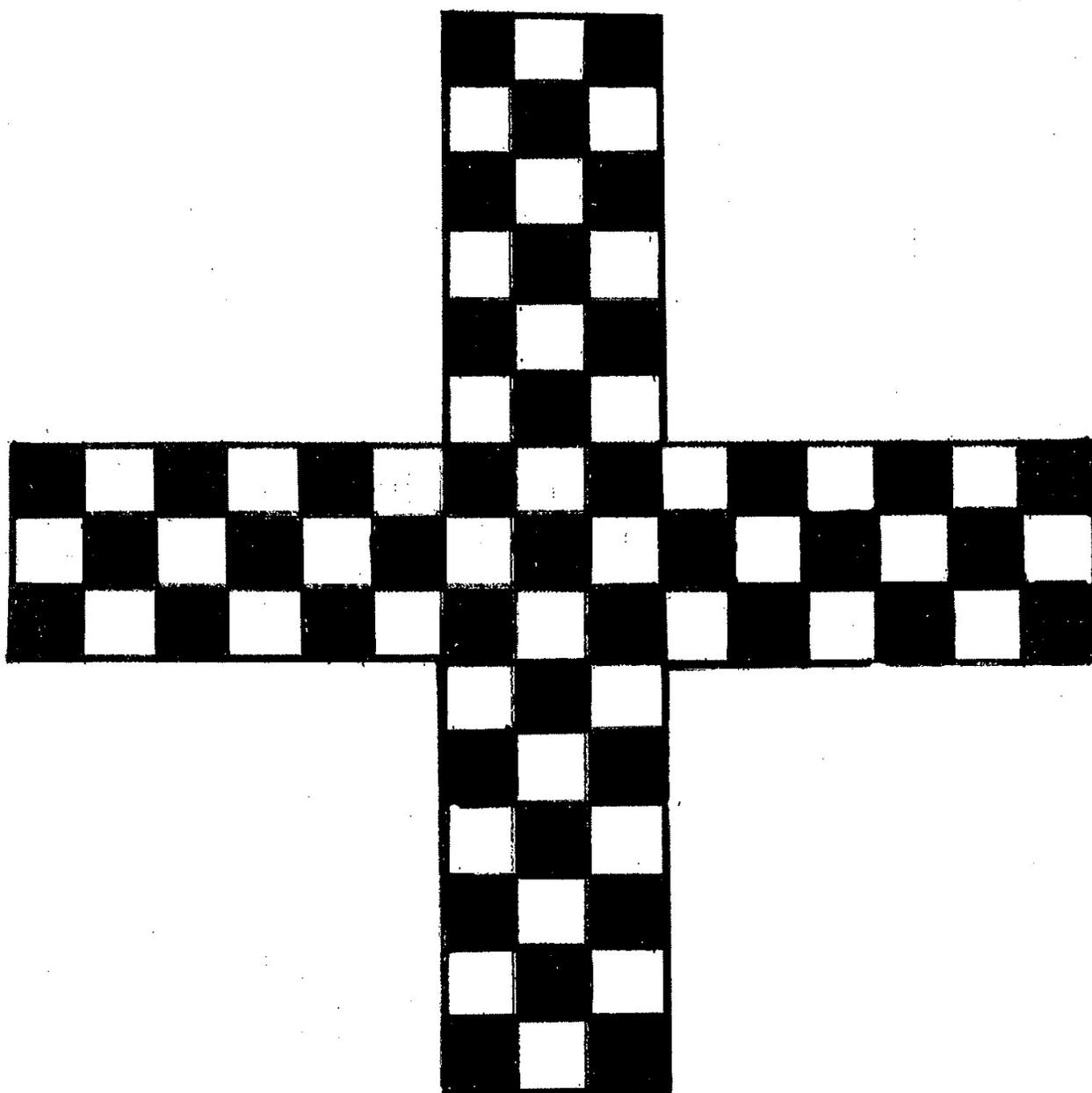
30. THE COMPASS CROSS

This cross is taken from old charts. It reminds us of the hymn, "Jesus Saviour, pilot me" ... "Thou my chart and compass be."



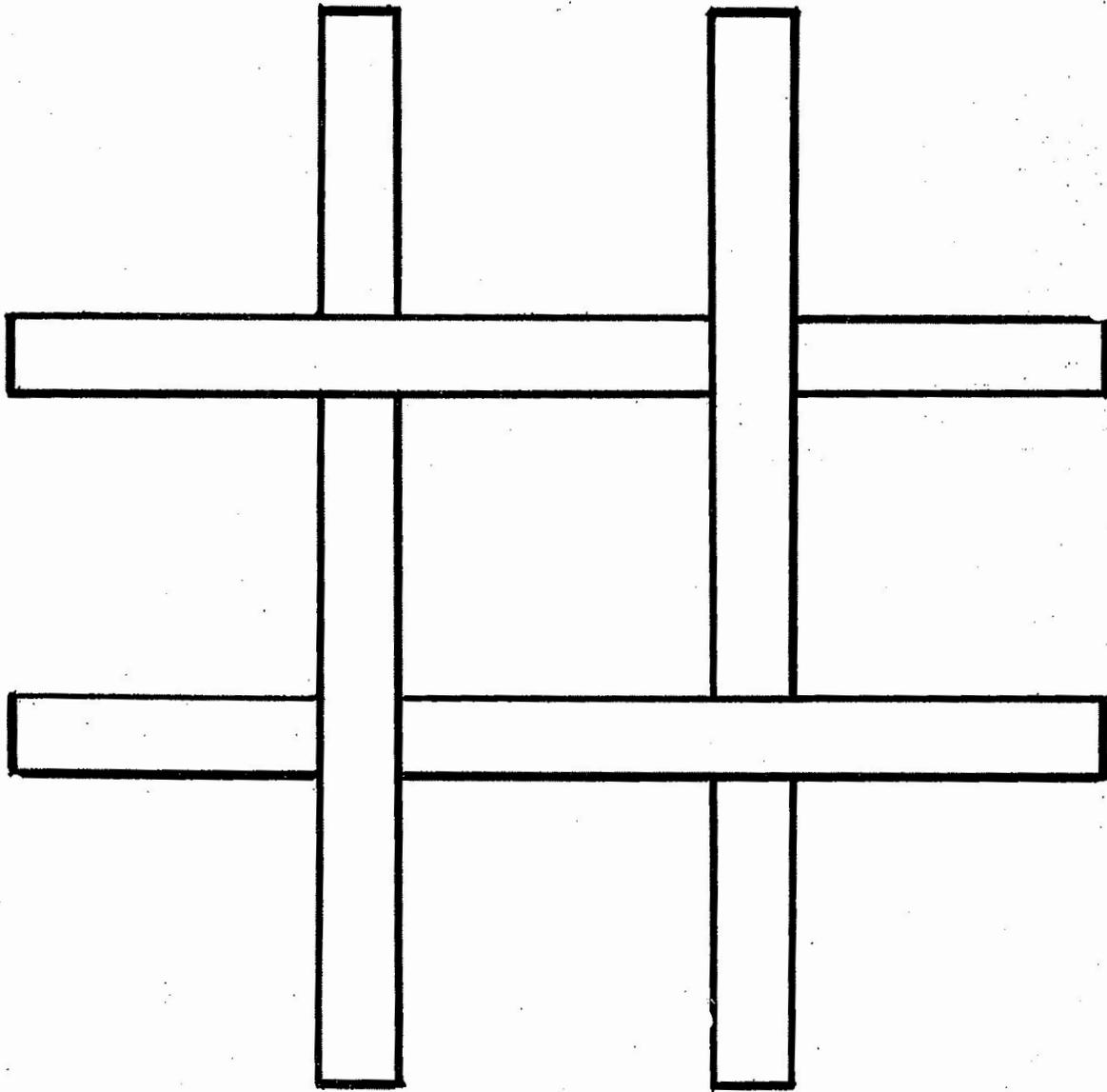
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This is a cross with a loop above it. It is supposedly of Egyptian origin, - a symbol of life.



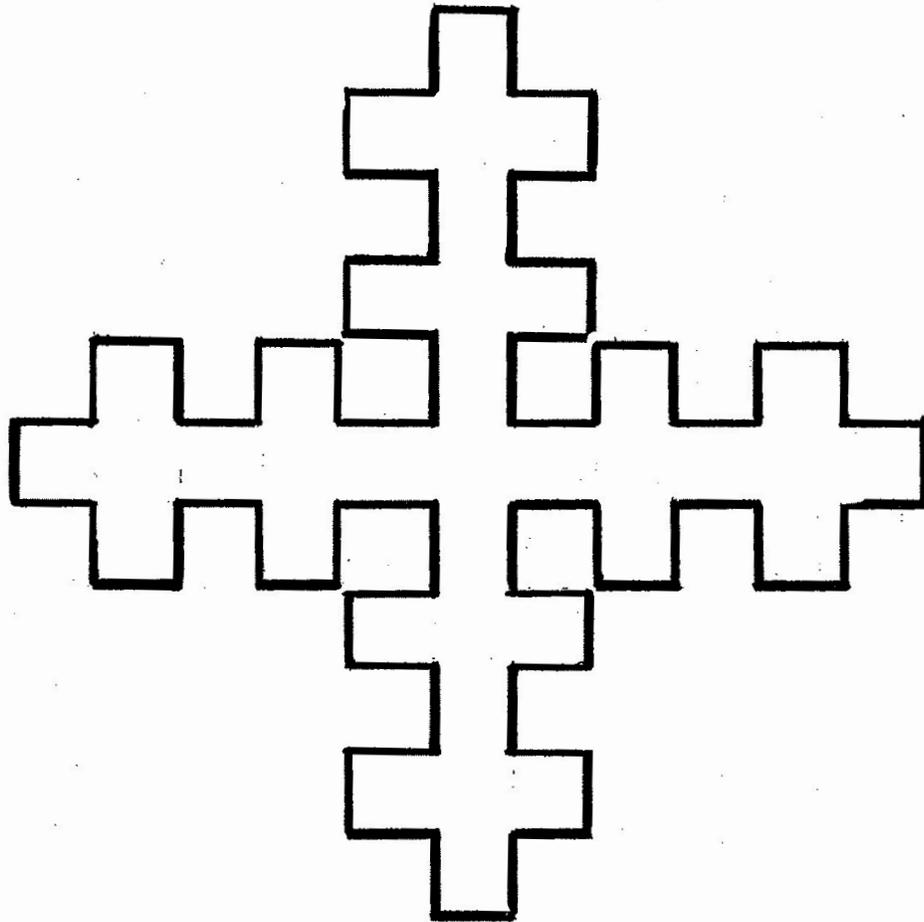
32. THE CHECKERED CROSS

This cross comes from heraldry. It is composed of three rows of squares of alternating spots. These stand for spots of sin for which the Saviour died.



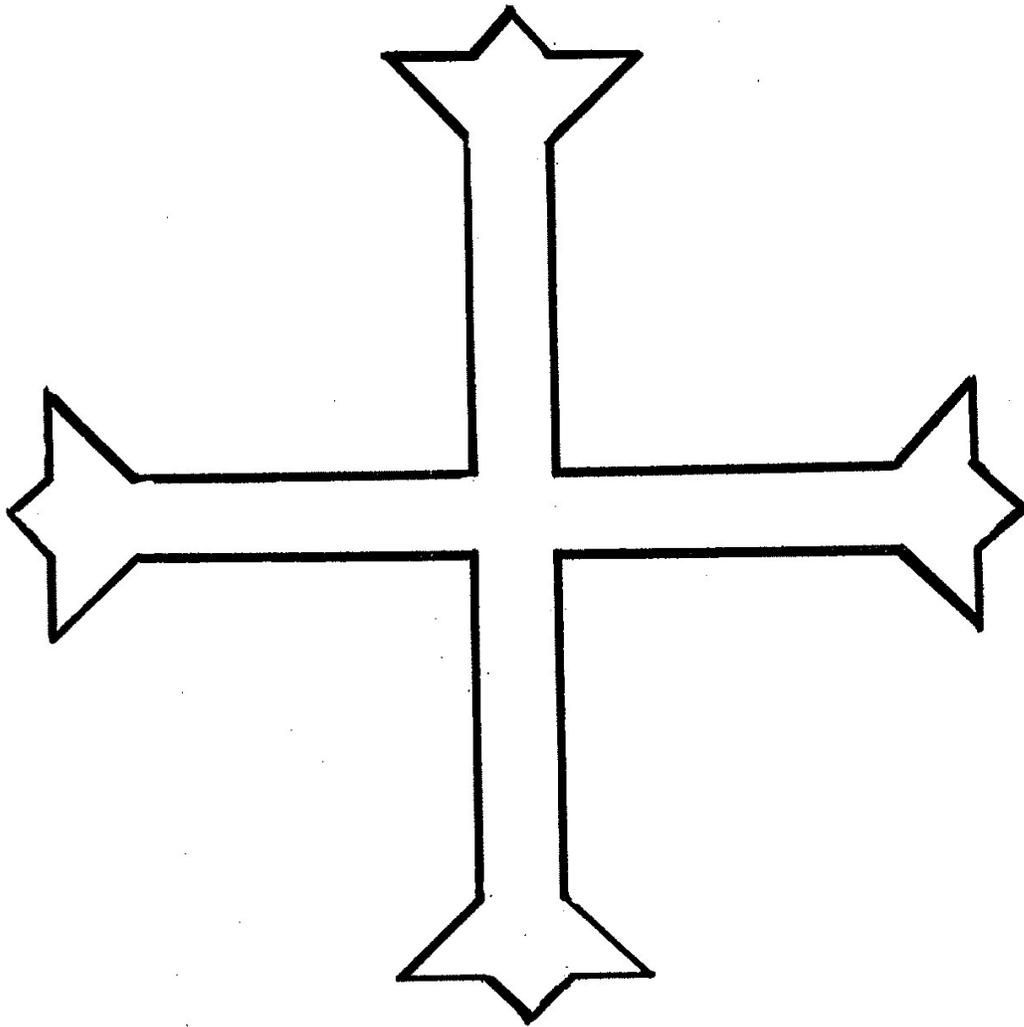
33. THE INTERLACED CROSS

This cross is composed of four members woven together. "We are members of His Body." Ephesians 5:30



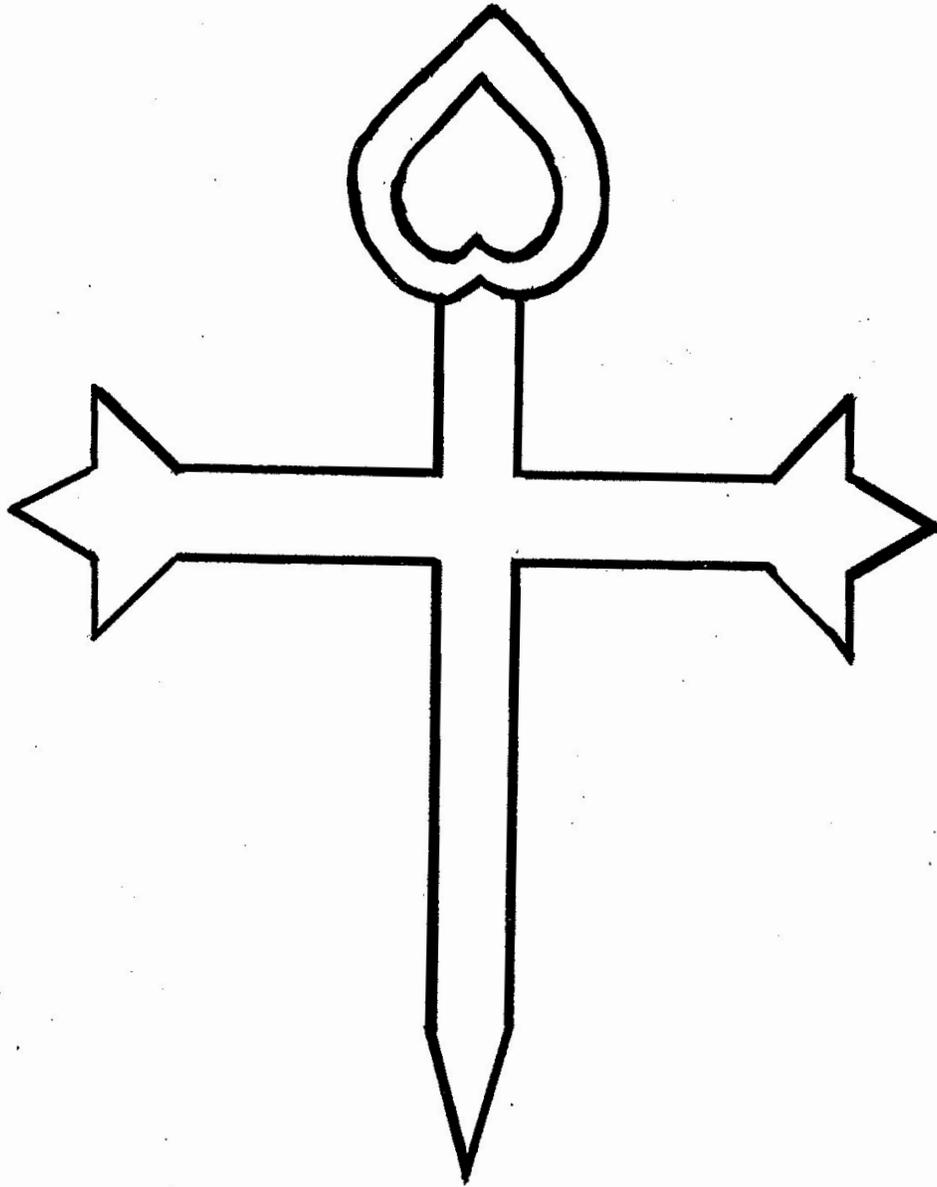
34. THE DOVETAILED CROSS

The sides of this cross are indented like the dovetail joint used by carpenters.
The boy Christ worked in a carpenter shop.



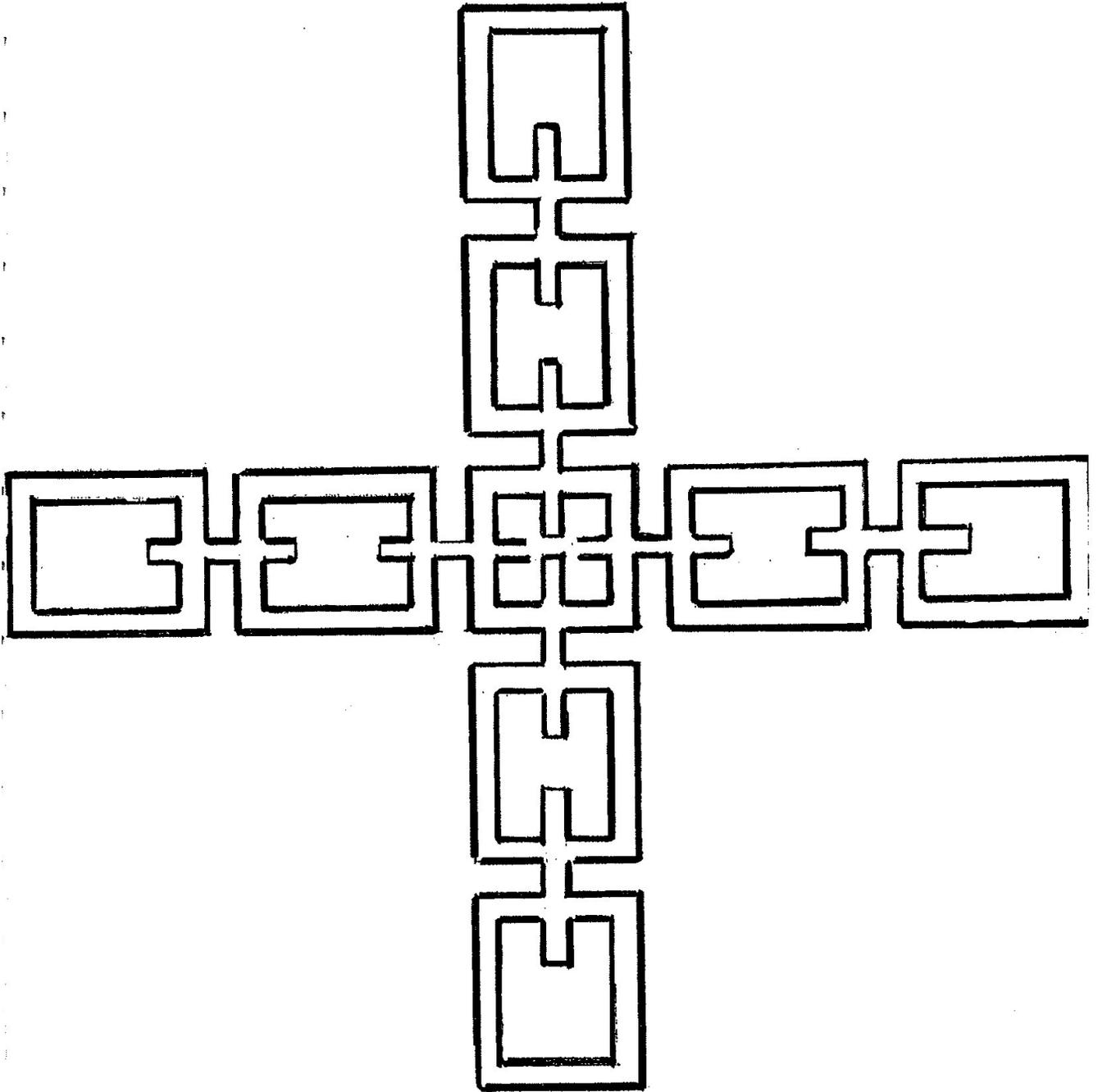
35. THE FLOWER CROSS

This is a decorative cross. Each end is adorned with three petals of the Biblical lily (fleur de lys).



36. THE CROSS OF ST. JAMES OR THE SPANISH CROSS

St. James is the patron saint of Spain. We recall that Spain brought Christianity to the California missions.



37. THE CHAIN CROSS

This cross represents the fetters of sin which can be broken by the power of the cross of Calvary.