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Cross Barbe'e- A cross with designs like arrows on its tips. The arrows represent barbs found on fish hooks. The cross symbolizes being fishers of men. It also reminds us that Jesus' death repairs both our relationship with God (vertical) and our fellow man (horizontal).

Paternoster Cross- A cross, made up of attached circles or beads is symbolic call to prayer.

Anchor or Hope Cross- One of the oldest Christian symbols, this cross represents Christ's ability to hold our lives steady through the storms of life. This was used as a clandestine marker for Christian graves in the catacombs of Rome.

Celtic Cross- An ancient form originating from the British Isles, the circle represents eternity.

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Graded Cross- A cross standing on three graduated platforms, the platforms represent faith, hope and love and the greatest of these, the largest platform, is love.

Chain Cross- Made of any number of chain links, this cross reminds us of the power of Jesus to break the chains of sin.

Triparted Cross- A cross, made up of three lines interwoven in the center. The lines represent God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They are woven together to indicate the Trinity's joint participation in the plan of salvation.

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