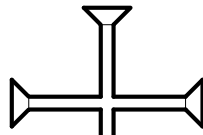
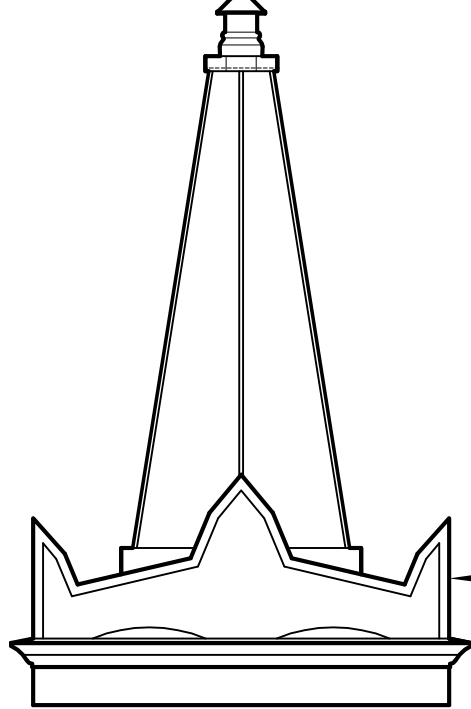


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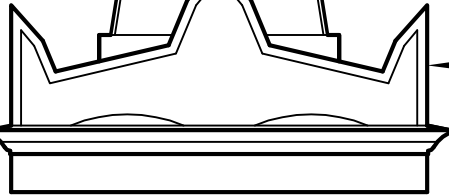


THE "CROSS OF THE ORDER OF CHRIST" REPRESENTS JESUS AND IS ABOVE ALL ELSE.

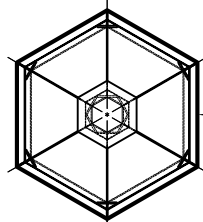
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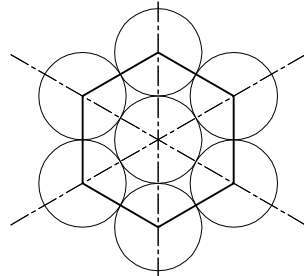
TWELVE APOSTLES



THE SKIRT HAS THREE POINTS PER SIDE, THUS YIELDING TWELVE POINTS IN ALL. THESE TWELVE POINTS SYMBOLIZE THE TWELVE APOSTLES SURROUNDING JESUS.



THE SPIRE IS A HEXAGON SYMBOLIZING "CREATION": THE HEXAGON IS DERIVED FROM THE "SIX AROUND ONE" PRINCIPAL ILLUSTRATED BELOW. THE "SIX AROUND ONE" THEME IS WHAT GENESIS OPENS WITH: GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE IN SIX DAYS AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE RESTED, WHICH IS THE SABBATH.



"SIX AROUND ONE"

# THE SYMBOLISM IN ST. BERNARD'S STEEPLE

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