

Sacramentals

BALTIMORE CATECHISM #3 LESSON 27 - ON THE SACRAMENTALS

Q. 1052. What is a sacramental?

A. A sacramental is anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin.

Q. 1053. How do the Sacramentals excite good thoughts and increase devotion?

A. The Sacramentals excite good thoughts by recalling to our minds some special reason for doing good and avoiding evil; especially by reminding us of some holy person, event or thing through which blessings have come to us. They increase devotion by fixing our minds on particular virtues and by helping us to understand and desire them.

Q. 1054. Do the Sacramentals of themselves remit venial sins?

A. The Sacramentals of themselves do not remit venial sins, but they move us to truer devotion, to greater love for God and greater sorrow for our sins, and this devotion, love and sorrow bring us grace, and the grace remits venial sins.

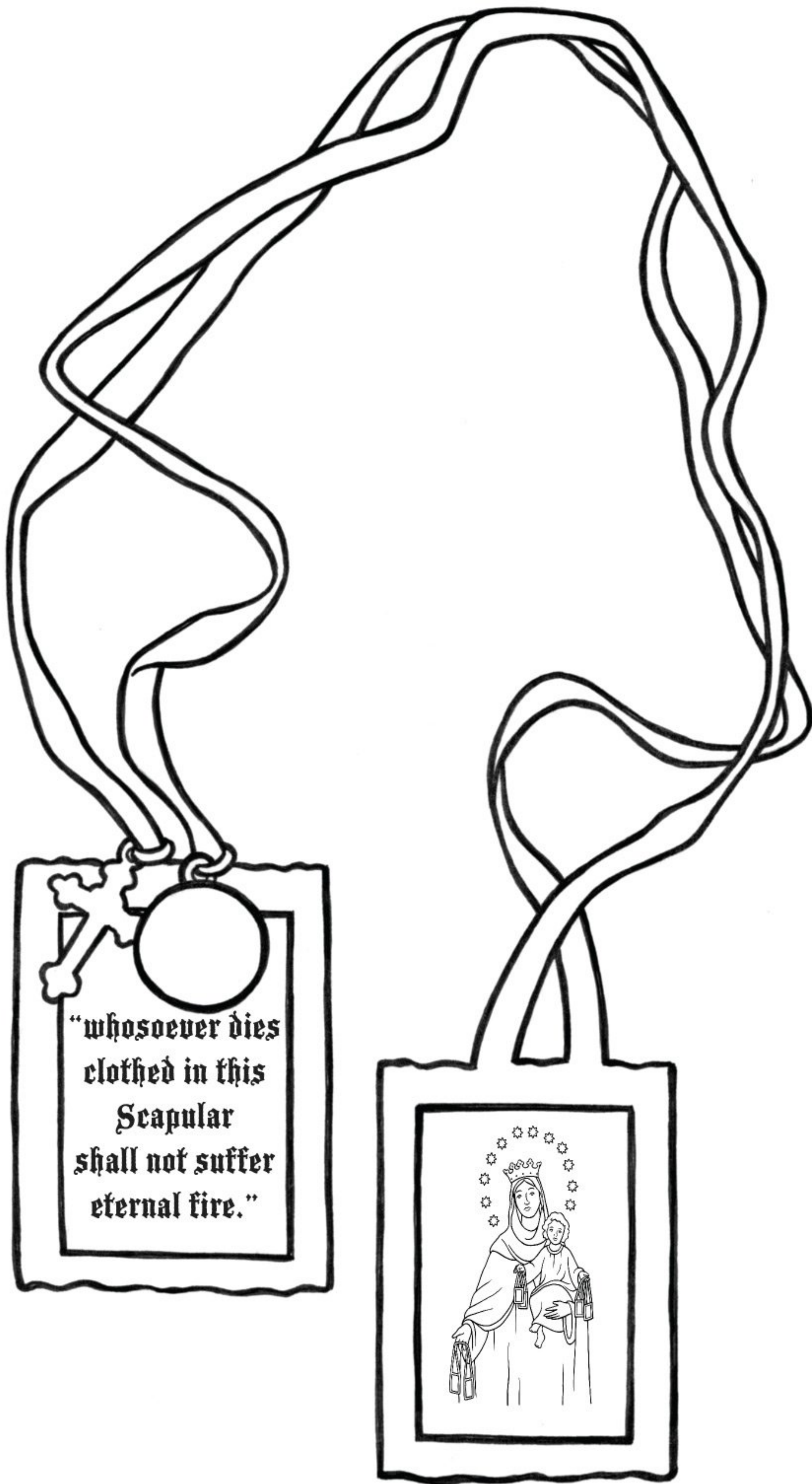
Q. 1055. Why does the Church use Sacramentals?

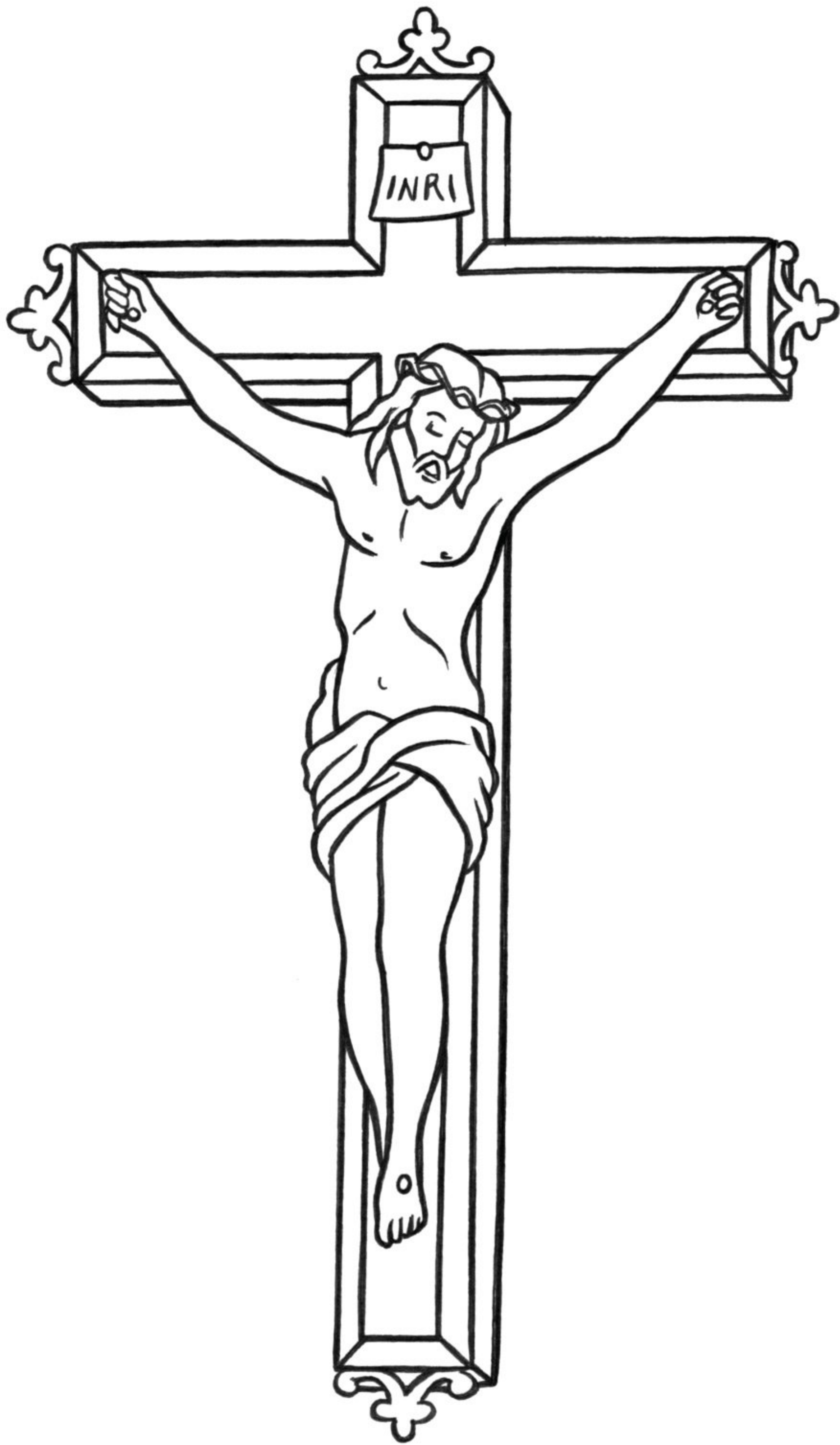
A. The Church uses Sacramentals to teach the faithful of every class the truths of religion, which they may learn as well by their sight as by their hearing; for God wishes us to learn His laws by every possible means, by every power of soul and body.

Q. 1056. Show by an example how Sacramentals aid the ignorant in learning the truths of faith.

A. Sacramentals aid the ignorant in learning the truths of faith as children learn from pictures before they are able to read. Thus one who cannot read the account of Our Lord's passion may learn it from the Stations of the Cross, and one who kneels before a crucifix and looks on the bleeding head, pierced hands and wounded side, is better able to understand Christ's sufferings than one without a crucifix before him.

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8. Repeat each decade (steps 5, 6 & 7) starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

7. On the chain before the next decade, pray the Glory Be & The Fatima Prayer.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller beads.

9. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

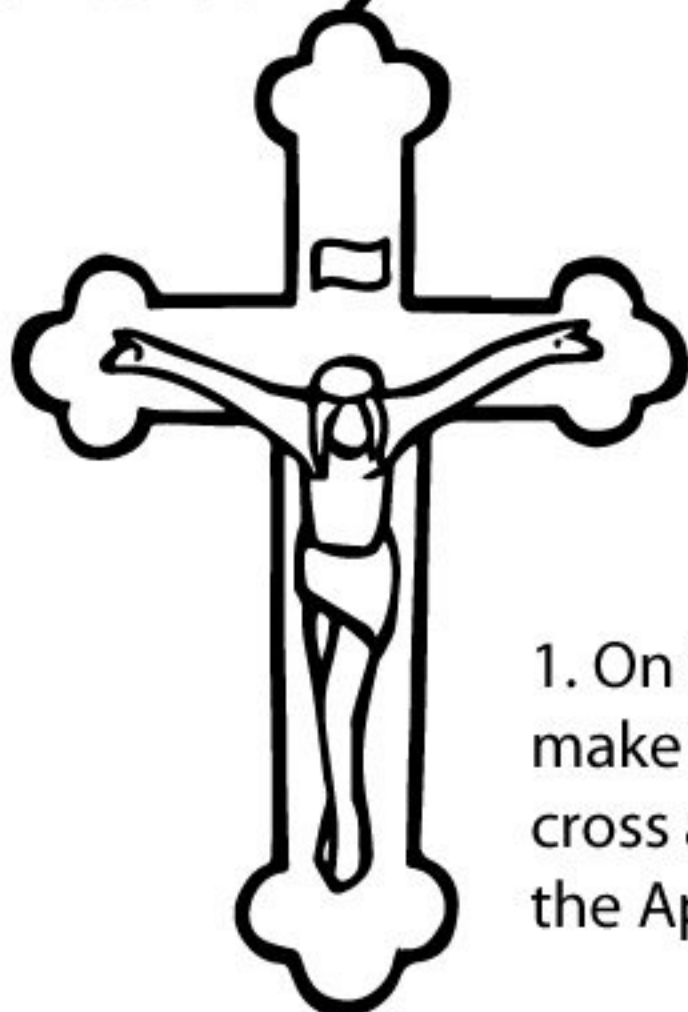
5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.



3. Pray the Hail Mary on the following three small beads.

4. On the chain before the next bead, pray the Glory Be.

2. On the first large bead, pray the Our Father.

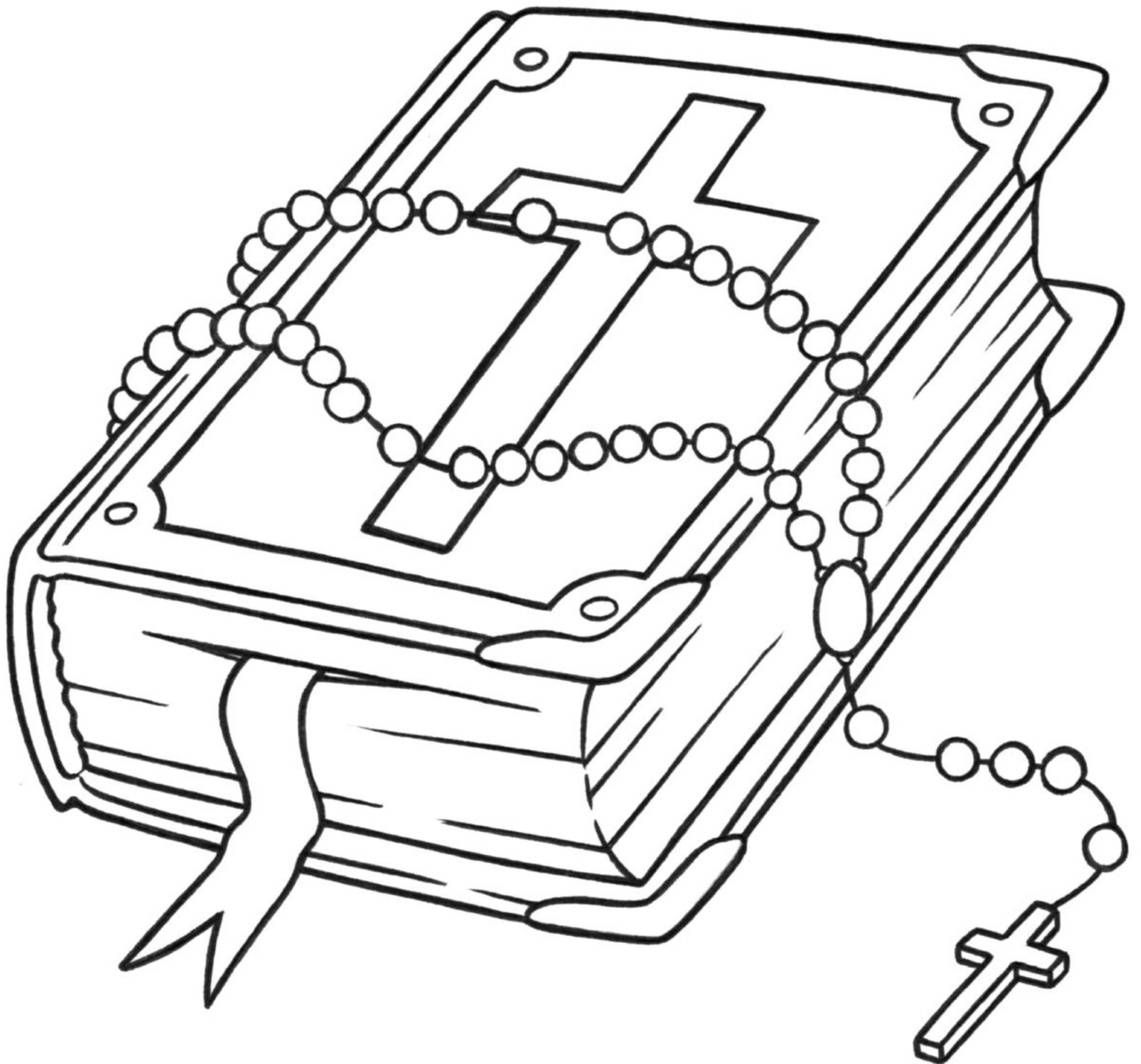


1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.

The Holy Rosary

For Kids





Miraculous Medal

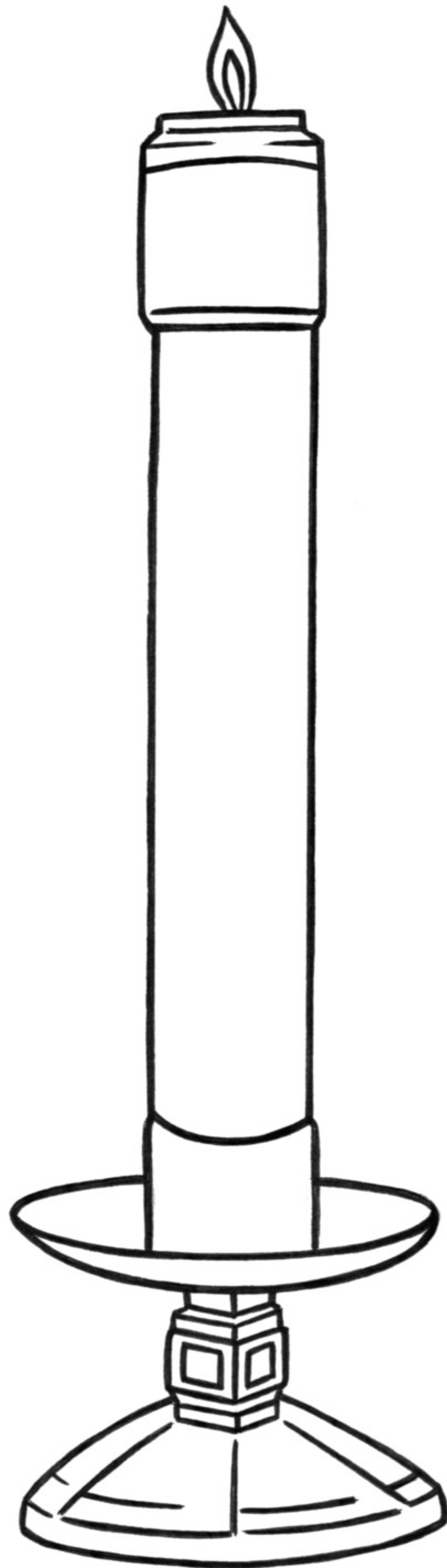


O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, We dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward you. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. O Most Powerful Virgin, Mother of Our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of Heaven forever. Amen.

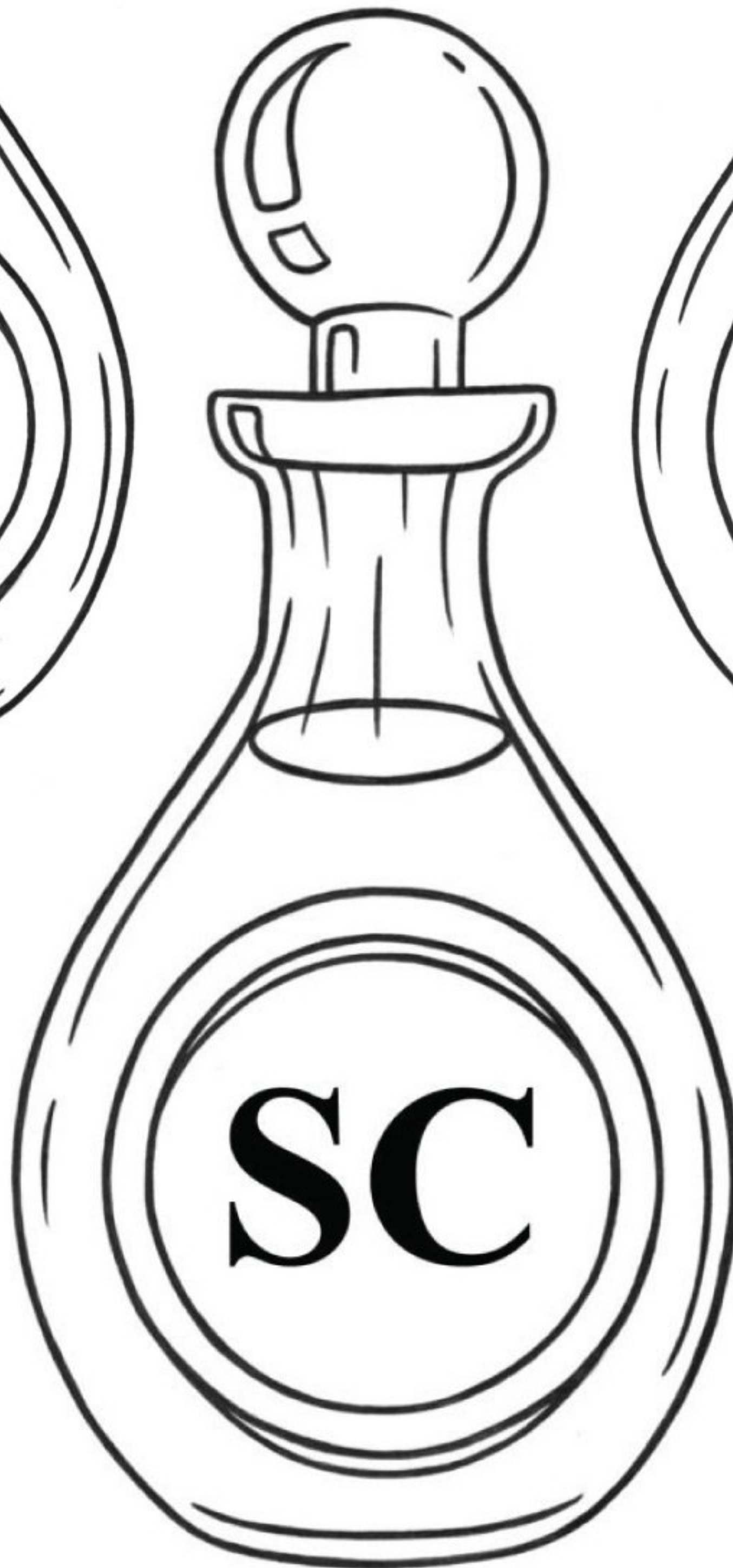


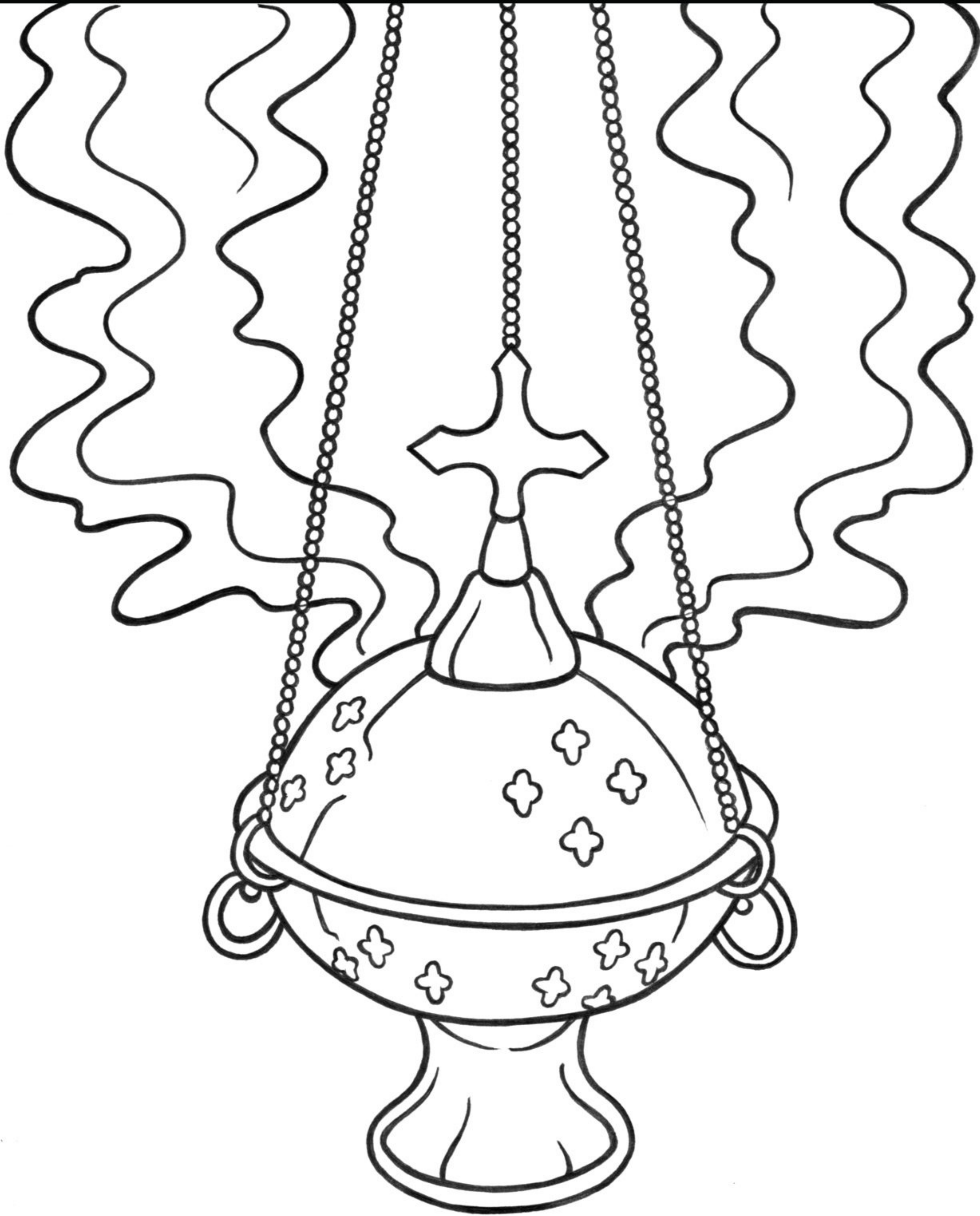


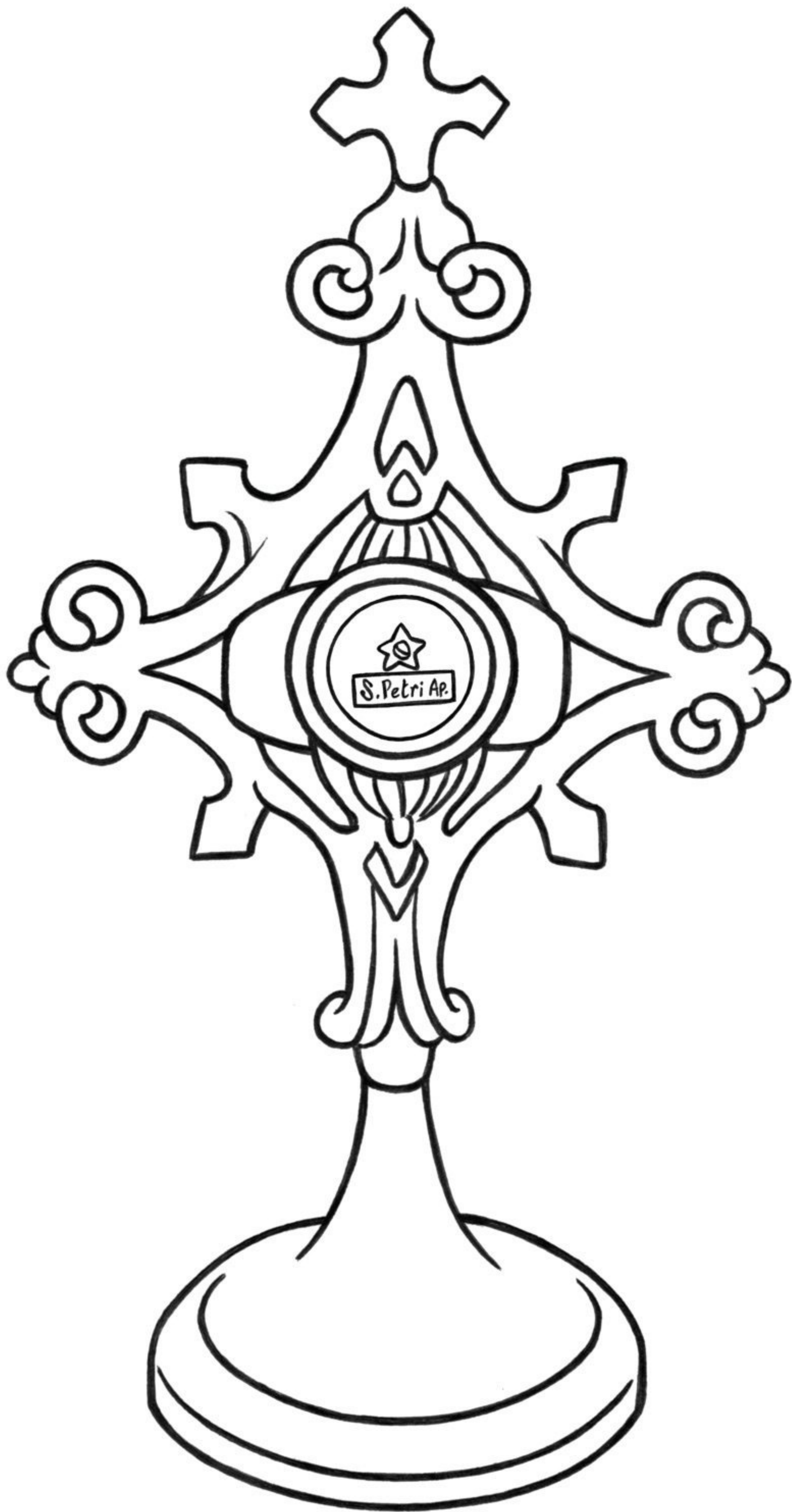












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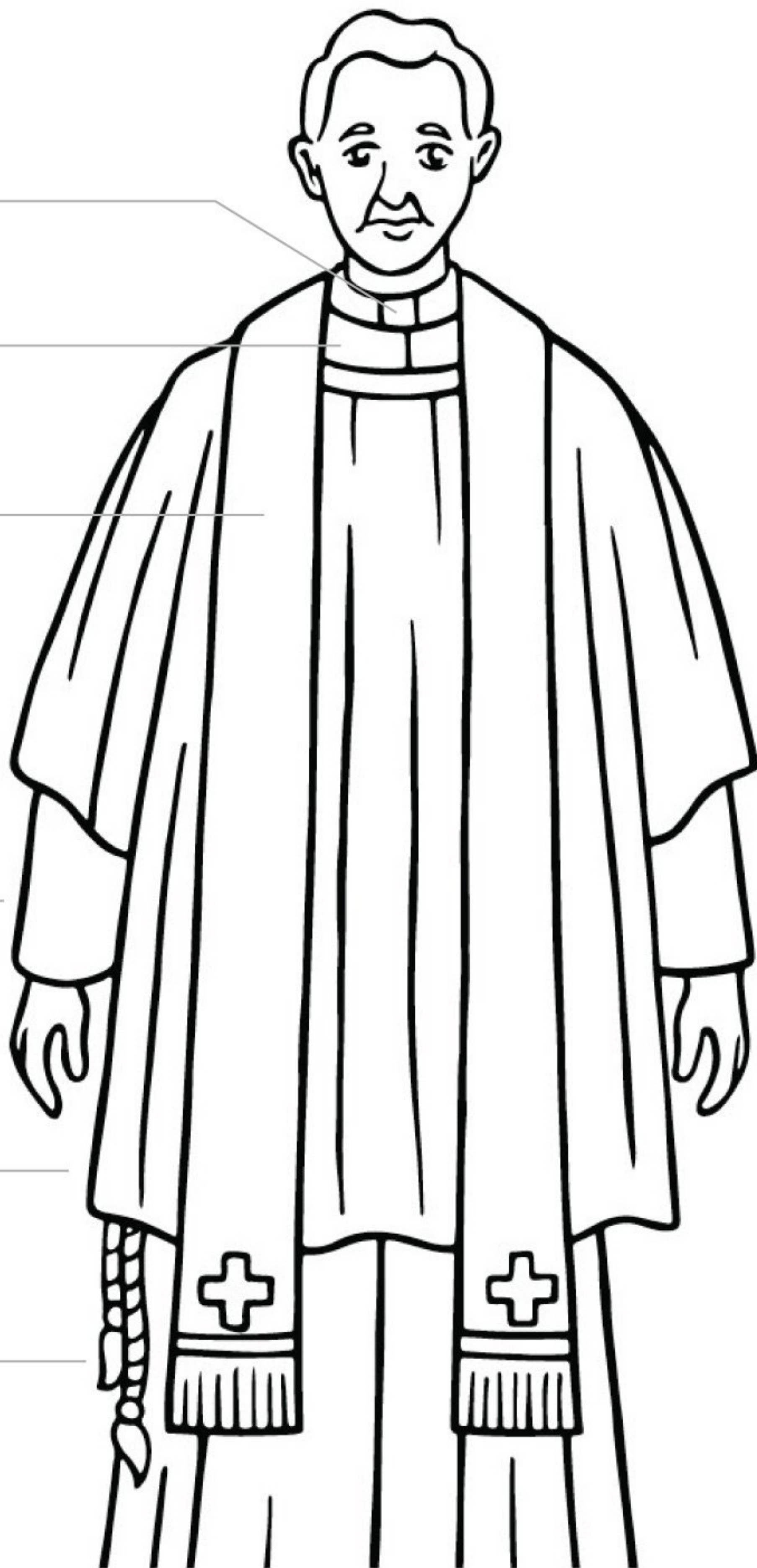
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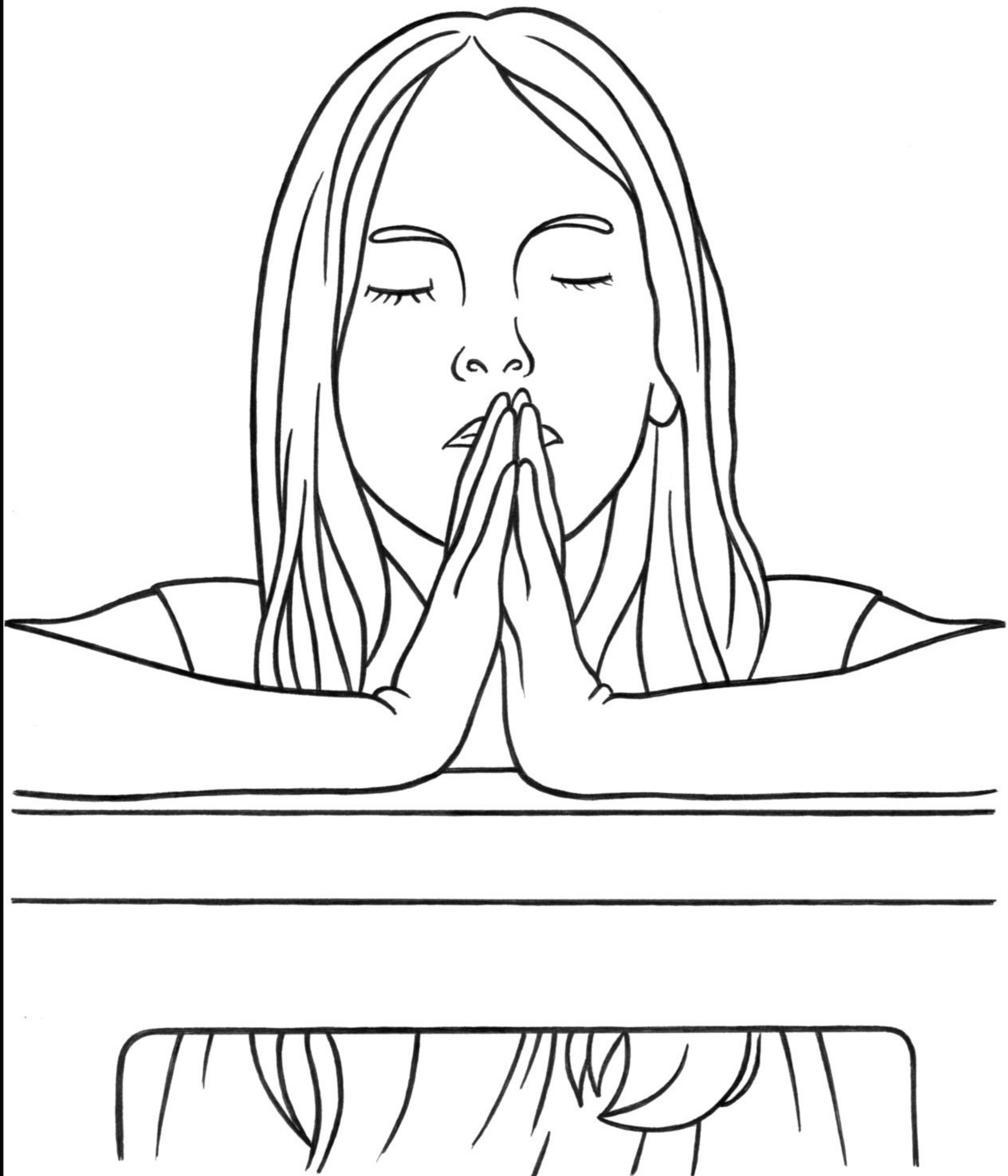
Cincture











The Sign of The Cross



1. With your right hand, touch your forehead and pray, "In the name of The Father."



2. Touch the center of your chest and pray, "and of The Son,"



3. Touch your left shoulder and pray, "and of The Holy..."



4. Touch your right shoulder and pray, "Spirit, Amen."