

Processional Cross

Artist/Maker

Unknown, Ethiopian

Medium

Silver alloy

Description

Processional cross with a central cross in diamond shape with small diamonds in the corners surrounded by interlace patterns. Maltese crosses appear at the top and two sides. In the main diamond, engraved on one side is a Madonna and Child and on the other an angel head with wings crossed behind it and a small cross below. Six full-length angels appear around the cross: two near the top, two under the arms of the cross, and two with wings outstretched and traces of red paint at the bottom. The shaft of the cross has three areas of perforations, most of them triangular with a single quadrilateral in the central group and two in the top group.

Dimensions

15 5/8" H x 7 7/8" W

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