

Sport & the Spiritual Life Program / Institute / Foundation / All Proceedings Logo & Explanation
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- The rounded-Cross is typically used in Benedictine spirituality and is a classic symbol of monasticism. The monastic tradition, especially Benedictinism, emphasizes a synthesis *ora et labora* – of both prayer and work. The aims of Anthony Maranise’s *Sport & the Spiritual Life* teachings and program invite athletes to seamlessly weave together both their spiritual lives – those of prayer – with their physical dedication to and pursuit of sport – likened to work. Furthermore, the rounded-Cross, apart from being an iconic symbol of the Lord’s Crucifixion and a symbol for Christianity, expresses a circular (or unending) cohesion between the sacred (the spiritual life) and the profane (the sporting or physical life) of human persons.
- The symbols in the four arms of the Cross represent the sporting world as a whole, even though the four identified are specific to (from top moving clockwise): swimming, running, golf, and soccer / Futbol. These four sports were chosen to be represented in the logo because of their universality in knowledge and existence across all world continents and cultures. Some sports (e.g.: basketball, baseball, American football) are more unique to specific areas without a global reach. Just as the spiritual experiences of Christianity are global and universal in scope, the experience of sports and the discipline involved in their pursuit are also.
- Finally, the eye is immediately drawn to the center of the logo wherein the silhouette / outline of the Risen Christ is prominently featured. This emphasizes and reminds those that view this logo that while sporting experiences indeed unite us, and as *Sport & the Spiritual Life* teachings demonstrate, provide abundant opportunities for holistic growth and human development, they remain merely earthly pursuits bound to those who dwell temporally in our present bodies. In Christ’s Resurrection, His body was glorified and made eternal, as we are also promised to become in our own share in His Resurrection. At that time, hopefully, the spiritual richness of our human lives, so nurtured by our participation in sports in our earthly lives, will have, with God’s grace and blessing, allowed for us to reach our eternal home, “the New Jerusalem,” wherein we will receive no more perishable trophies, but rather “the crown that lasts forever” (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:25).