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The four arms relate to the four cardinal virtues :

PRUDENCE – The habit of referring all matters to divine guidance - Wisdom, Impartiality and Tact.

TEMPERANCE – Self-control, for the highest development of human nature and also for personal and social ends - Purity, Humility and Patience.

JUSTICE – The habit of giving to everybody, including God and Man, their due. Applies to all the duties of Religion, Obedience, Gratitude, Integrity and Goodwill.

FORTITUDE – The Spirit which resists, endures and triumphs over the trials and temptations of life. Courage, Industry and Self-discipline.

The eight points are in turn associated with the eight beatitudes in which Our Lord Jesus Christ blesses the poor in spirit, the meek, they who mourn, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and they who suffer persecution.



THE SECULAR SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS

To render the skilled assistance required, the First Aider should be:

OBSERVANT, that he may note the causes and signs of injury.

TACTFUL, that he may, learn the symptoms and history of the case, and secure the confidence of the patient and bystanders.

RESOURCEFUL, by using to the best advantage whatever is at hand to prevent further damage and assist Nature's effort to repair the mischief done.

DEXTEROUS, that he may handle the patient without causing unnecessary pain, and use appliances efficiently and neatly.

EXPLICIT that he may give clear instructions to the patient or the bystanders on how best to assist him.

DISCRIMINATING, that he may decide which of several injuries should be treated first.

PERSEVERING, by never giving up, even if not successful first time.

SYMPATHETIC, that he may comfort and encourage the suffering.

