



The 15th IAWC logo is based on Magellan's Cross, the symbol of Cebu and its most important historical landmark.

In 1521, the Portuguese navigator, Ferdinand Magellan, erected the original large wooden cross at the place where Cebu's Rajah Humabon, his wife Juana, and 800 followers were baptised on April 14, 1521. On this day, the first Catholic mass in the Philippines was celebrated.

The original cross gradually deteriorated as over the years the faithful took little pieces of the cross as mementos. In 1845, another cross was placed at the same spot. The new cross was made of *tindalo* wood. Splinters of the original Magellan's Cross are preserved inside the hollow of the new cross.

Today, a tiled pavilion shelters the cross and a ceiling mural depicts the scene of the first mass which commemorates the conversion of the first Filipinos to Christianity.

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