

Parade Arrangement

1. Methuselah

2. Reina Banderada

- a young lady dressed in a long red gown carrying a yellow triangular flag. She represents the coming of Christianity.

3. Aetas

- represent the state of the country before the coming of Christianity. These are the unconverted Filipino pagans. He is bearded, curved with age, riding a cart looking preoccupied with toasting some grains of sand in a pan over a fire. This is a reminder that all that glitters will end up as dust like what he is toasting.

4. Reina Mora

- represents the dominant religion before Christianity (feminine of Moro from the Islam religion).
source: http://www.philippinecountry.com/philippine_festivals/santacruzsan.html

5. Reina Fe

- symbolizes the virtue of faith - the first of the theological virtues. She carries a cross.

6. Reina Esperanza

- symbolizes the virtue of hope - the second theological virtue. She carries an anchor.

7. Reina Caridad

- symbolizes the virtue of charity - the third theological virtue. She carries a red heart.

8. Reina Abogada

- the defender of the poor and the oppressed. She wears a black graduation cap (toga) and gown and she carries a big book

9. Reina Sentenciada

- has her slim hands bound by a rope. She is the symbol of the innocents who have been convicted. She is escorted by two Roman soldiers. source:
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10. Reina Justicia

- an image of the "mirror of justice". She carries a weighing scale and a sword.

11. Reina Judith

- representing Judith of Pethulia who saved her city from the Assyrians after she beheaded the cruel holoferns. She carries the head of the beheaded man on one hand and a sword on the other.

12. Reina Sheba

- who visited the famous King Solomon and was overwhelmed by his wisdom, power and riches, she carries a jewelry box.

13. Reina Esther

- the biblical Jewish woman who secured her countrymen from death and destruction through timely intervention with the King Xerxes. She carries a scepter.

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14. Samaritana

- the woman whom Christ spoke to at the well. She carries a jug on her shoulder.

15. Veronica

- the woman who wiped the face of Jesus. She carries a bandana printed with the three faces of Jesus.

16. Tres Marias

- a. Mary of Magdala - she carries a bottle of perfume.
- b. Mary, Mother of Christ - she carries a handkerchief.
- c. Mary, mother of James - she carries a bottle of oil.

17. Marian

Celebrating the many titles of the Virgin Mary.

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A-v-e--M-a-r-i-a -- represented by eight (8) girls all Wearing long white dresses with wings to make them look like angels. Each one carries a letter to complete the word "AVE MARIA."

- a . Divina pastora (Divine Shepherdess) - she carries a shepherdess' staff.
- b . Reina de las Estrellas (Queen of Stars) - she carries a wand with a star.
- c . Rosa Mystica - she carries a bouquet of roses.
- d . Reina Paz (queen of peace) - she carries the symbol of peace.
- e . Reina de las Propetas - she carries an hour glass.
- f . Reina del Cielo (Queen of Heaven) - she carries a flower. She has two (2) angels.
- g . Reina de las Virgines - she carries a rosary and is surrounded by two (2) little angels.
- h . Reina de las Flores (Queen of Flowers) - she carries a bouquet of flowers.

18. Reina Elena (Queen Helena)

- She is the highlight of the procession, the legendary founder of the true Cross, represented by the small cross she carries. She is escorted by her son, Constantine, under a huge canopy of May flowers. Immediately behind her is a float carrying the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.