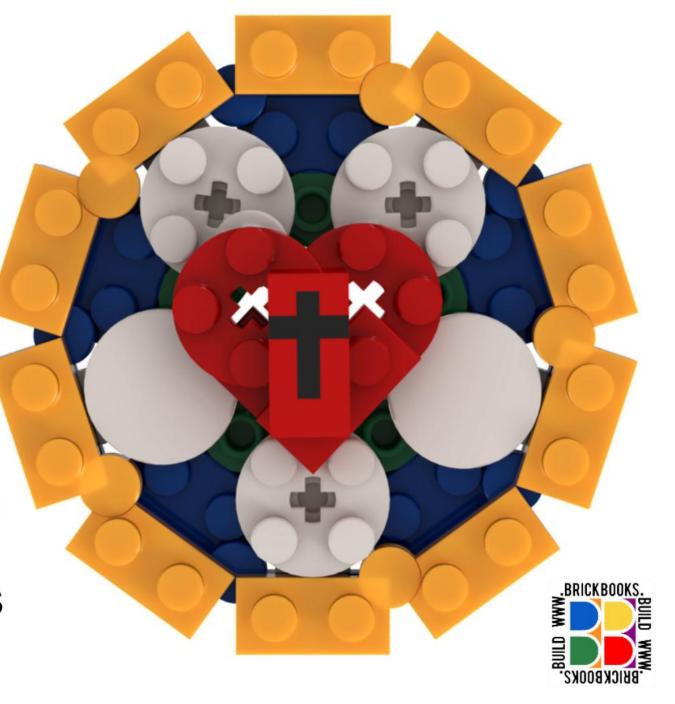
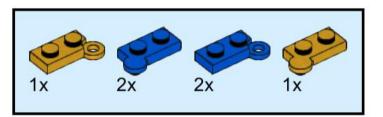
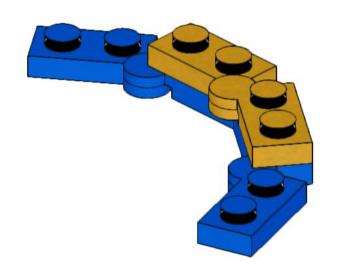
## Tini Luther Rose

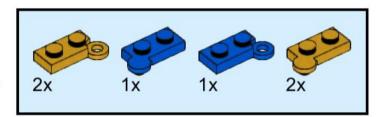
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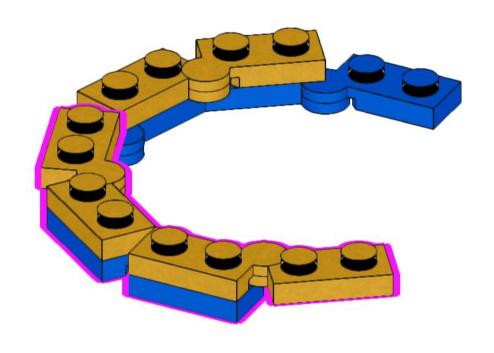




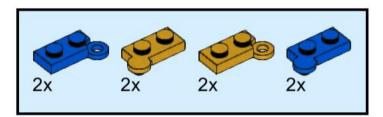


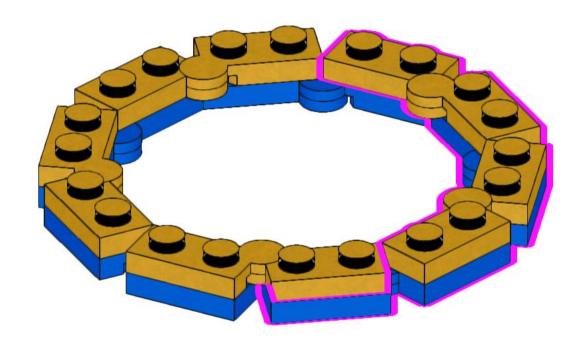
Grace and peace, honored dear sir and friend—



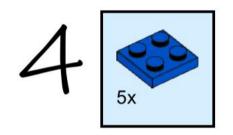


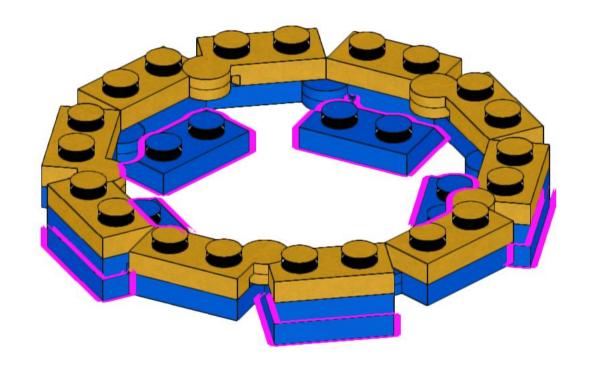
As you wished to know the real meaning of my seal, I shall write my thoughts on my coat-of-arms as indicative of my theology.



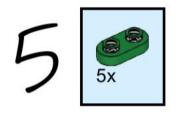


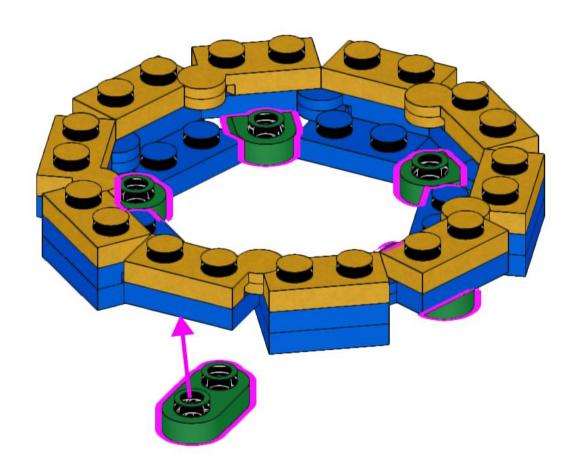
Heaven's joys and possessions are far above all earthly pleasures, even as gold is the most precious of metals.





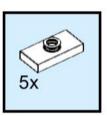
On a field there is a golden ring, to show that the bliss of heaven endures forever.

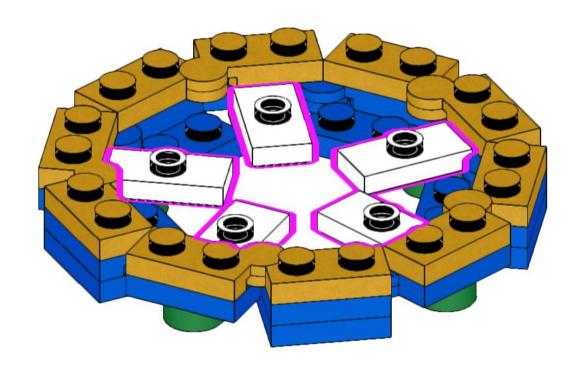




The field is tinted with the hues of heaven.

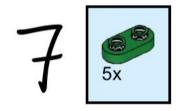


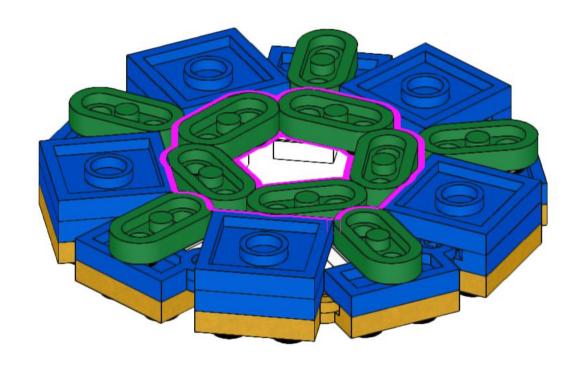




This signifies that the joy and faith of the world to come have already begun to bloom here below.



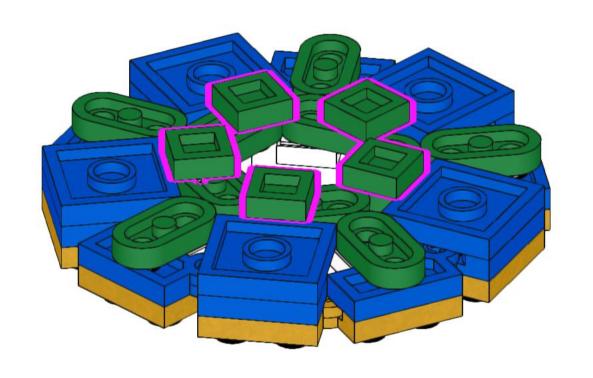




Through hope we are even now in possession of that which is only manifest to the eye of faith.



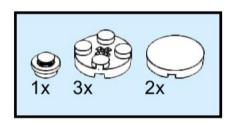


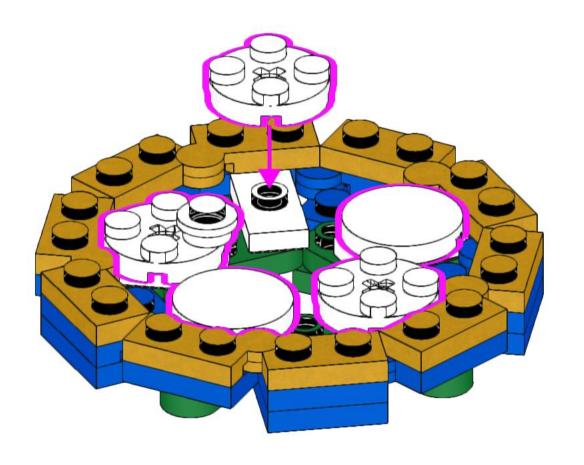


A rose will be placed in the field to show that faith yields joy, consolation, and peace, and not the peace and joy of the world.



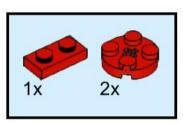


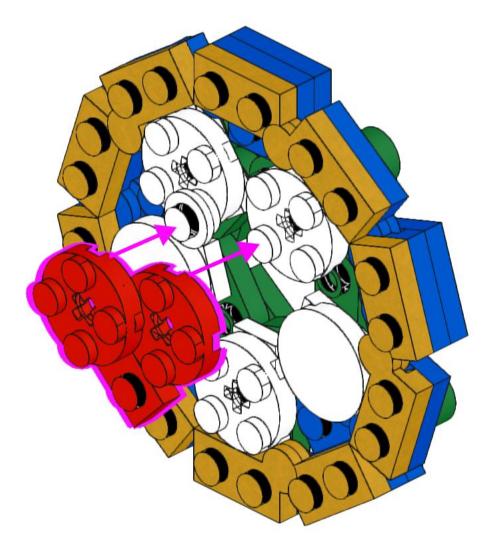




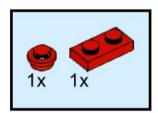
The rose is white and not red, for white is the color of the angels and the spirits.

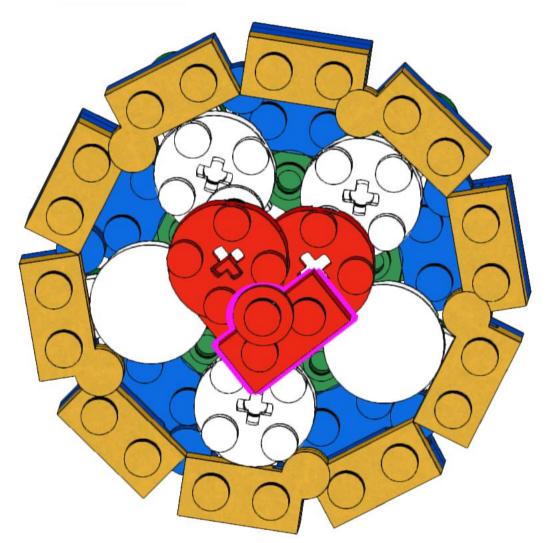




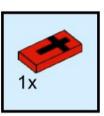


A heart is placed on the rose, to remind me that the blood of the Crucified One makes us blessed.

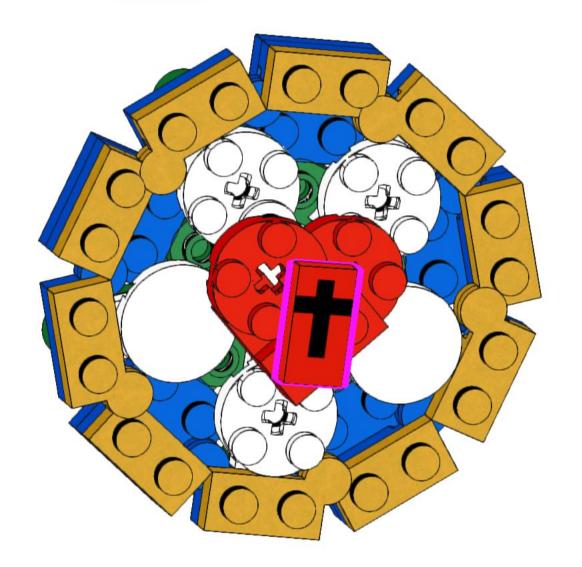




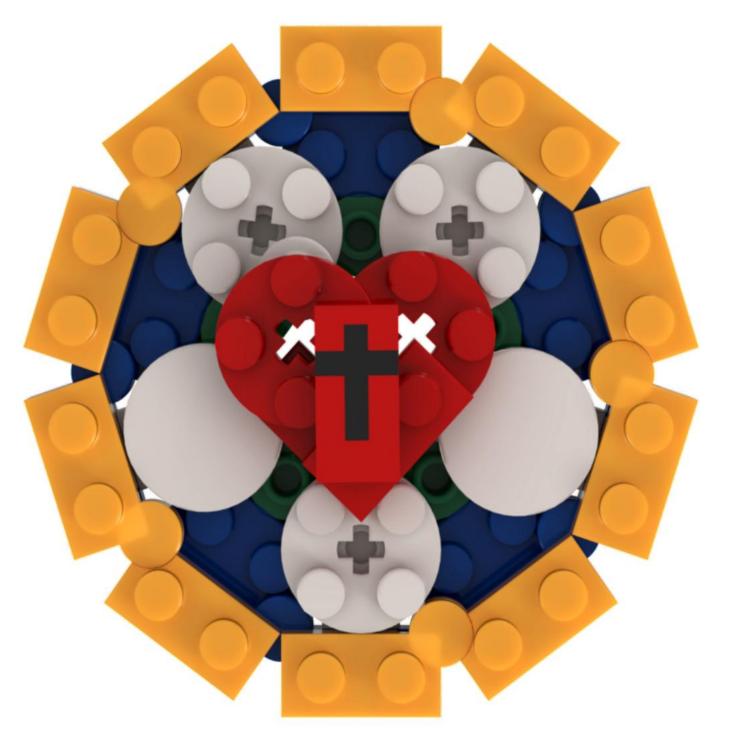
Whoever believes this is justified.



## Add the cross sticker.



The greatest thing is a cross, and although it inflicts pain, it does not kill, but rather makes alive.



May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit till it attain to this life.

