



## 9/11 Memorial Cross Stops at Micro Metal Etching

**I**t was this time last year when I met sculpture/artist Jon Krawczyk at a radio frequency trade show and gave him one of my metal business cards. John kept that card and when he was commissioned by the Church of Saint Peter in New York to design and sculpt a cross in memory of the 9/11 victims, he called us and asked if we could produce a stainless steel "book" with all the names of those who perished in that tragedy that would be permanently mounted at the base of the cross.

Wow! What an honor. Of course I immediately said "yes" and began work on the design.

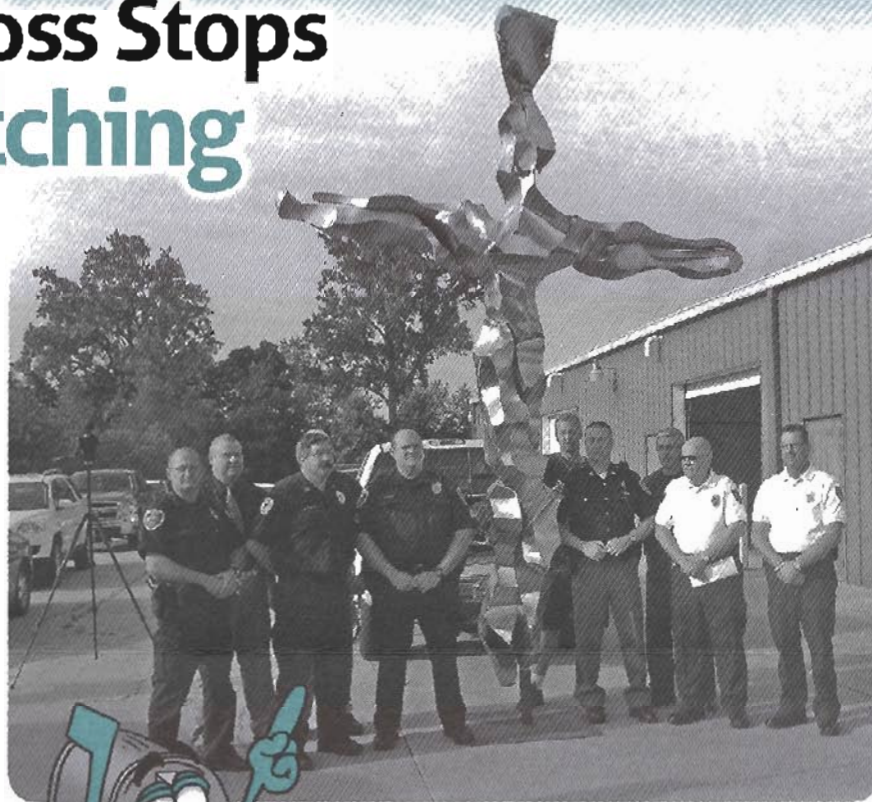
The Church of Saint Peter is just a half block from where the tragedy occurred in New York and when the dust settled that day, to everyone's amazement there was a metal cross coming up from the rubble. It became a symbol of hope in the midst of tragedy and was moved to stand in front of the church.

Now, 10 years later, that cross is being moved to the 9/11 museum.

But the parishioners of Saint Peter still wanted a cross to memorialize those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so they commissioned John to sculpt a new - and permanent - cross for the front of the church.

Standing 12 foot tall and measuring 9 foot wide, John fabricated the hollow cross from polished stainless steel and left a 5" x 4" hole in the cross bar and as he travels from California to New York to deliver it, stops along the way for people to put messages, mementos or anything else they want into that hole.

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Local fire and police members with 9/11 cross artist, John Krawczyk



Local school children get to see the cross up close and personal and hear the story from the artist



The 9/11 memorial cross is 12 ft tall and 9 feet wide



The stainless steel 9/11 book with all the names of the victims



We will never forget



A piece of steel from the trade center rubble



A film crew shoots footage for a 9/11 cross & metal book documentary



The 9/11 memorial cross is being transported from California to New York by the artist



Leanne is interviewed by local television station about the 9/11 metal book story

What is your favorite place to eat in your area?

A Constant Spring.

**What do you do when you're not working (hobbies/passion)?** I really enjoy playing guitar and playing in bands.

**What is the most unusual thing about you that most people don't know?**

I really enjoy home brewing beer.

**Top 3 favorite movies:**

The Departed, Anchorman, and The Blues Brothers.

**Words that describe you:**

Easy going I guess. I can get along with just about anyone who's honest.

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In New York he will close the hole with a perfectly sized steel piece from the 9/11 rubble. Steel rusts and as it does, will look like it is bleeding from a heart position on the cross.

One of his stops in the cross's journey was at Indiana Micro Metal Etching here in Elkhart, Indiana to show our community the cross and to see the metal book we have nearly finished.

Fireman, policemen, city officials, media, school children, and local business people all gathered to see the cross, the book and pay honor on this 10th anniversary year.

Thank you, John, for allowing Indiana Micro Metal Etching, Leanne, our employees, our vendors, local donors and myself the privilege of donating this metal book for such a great project.

*Dan Brekke*



*Dan shares some of the details of the 9/11 metal book with local police officers*



*Dan with the cross artist John Krawczyk*



*Dan shares with more visitors how the stainless steel memorial book was created*



*Leanne welcomes local celebrities for the 9/11 metal book reveal*