



Bone Vanitas Rosary Bead Carved With Four Heads. French, 16th Century.



4 500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bone

Description

A bone vanitas rosary bead carved with four heads. French, 16th century. Measures 3.3 x 3.2 x 3.1cm. The quadrifron bead is carved with the heads of Christ, a skull, a youthful woman and a man. Originally part of a rosary, this bead features the head of Christ as a focal point for personal devotion, while the youthful man and woman symbolise vitality and the fleeting nature of youth. The skull serves as a solemn reminder of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for humanity's sins and a meditation on our own mortality.

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