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Important Liturgical Chalice In Gilded Silver With Enamel And Micromosaic 19th Century



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Signature : Évellin, Fournisseur d'Église, Paris

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Vermeil

Height : 25.5 cm

Description

19th-Century Silver-Gilt Chalice with Enamel and Micromosaic Decoration

Period and Origin

French chalice from the 19th century, produced during the Gothic Revival movement in sacred art. This stylistic renaissance drew inspiration from medieval ecclesiastical forms and was widely embraced by the Catholic Church.

Materials and Hallmarks

Crafted in solid silver (.950 fineness), with gilding to the interior of the cup (vermeil). Bears the French Minerva hallmark for first-standard silver and the engraved maker's mark beneath the base: "Évellin, Fournisseur d'Église, Paris", a renowned Parisian ecclesiastical silversmith active from 1822.

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Richly decorated with:

Polychrome enamel medallions depicting sacred figures (including Christ and Saint Peter).

Micromosaic panels framed in red enamel, depicting architectural scenes of religious or historic significance, likely holy sites.

Fine repoussé and chased silverwork, with neo-Gothic motifs such as trefoils, pinnacles, and Gothic arches.

Iconographic Program

The medallions alternate between miniature portraits of saints and finely executed micromosaics of architectural landmarks, echoing the didactic and devotional aims of 19th-century liturgical art.

Liturgical Use

Designed for the celebration of Mass, with gilded cup interior in accordance with liturgical rules.

The ornate decoration suggests it was reserved for major feast days or solemn high Masses.

Condition

Excellent condition for its age. Gilding is well-preserved; enamels and micromosaics intact.

Minor surface marks consistent with historical use.

Dimensions

Height: 25.5 cm

Weight: 515 g

Silver Standard: .950 (Minerva hallmark)