



Holy Water Font - Reliquary "of The Crown Of Thorns" Surrounded By Cherubs, Carved Wood, Gilded



2 900 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 29 cm

Height : 43,5 cm

Depth : 11,5 cm

Description

Unique holy water stoup - reliquary carefully carved in wood (roundbosse) and gilded with gold leaf. The base consists of a small holy water stoup basin in the shape of a shell, still containing its original tin insert. This basin is supported by three putti, whose bodies and arms curl in a volute fashion like a rocaille element. The central part, framed on each side by a large acanthus leaf, the rectangular center houses an oval reliquary capsule (10 x 8 cm), glazed at the front and sealed at the back. It contains a sacred and extremely rare relic: a fragment of the crown of thorns of Jesus Christ. Above the relic, two winged putti float in the air. They are crowned by a floral garland, which underlines the sacred celestial character of the object. Italy, probably Venice from the Rococo period, 18th century. As is

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(small re-gluing and small chips).