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Large Capsule - Reliquary "saint John The Baptist" In Silver, Double-sided, Tyrol 18th Century



1 900 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 10,5 cm

Height : 13 cm

Depth : 1,5 cm

Description

This oval-shaped reliquary is a very beautiful typical example of the popular veneration of the German-speaking Alpine world, notably in the Austrian Tyrol, from the 18th century. The double-sided silver frame (without guarantee hallmark), protected by finely crafted bisotated (domed) glass, contains a refined arrangement of relics and sacred elements. First front view: In the center is a double-sided crystal glass relic in the shape of a coat of arms, housing tiny fragments "ex ossibus" bearing the inscription "Praecurs", a Latin word meaning "precurer", which refers to the relic of Saint John the Baptist, embedded on the other side. Around this central relic: "Praecurs - S.Ioannis Bapt." are arranged several relics identified by handwritten strips in Latin (see photos). Episcopal seals in red wax, attached to

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the relic of Saint John the Baptist confirming its authenticity. Very good original condition, Baroque period, from the end of the 18th century. Provenance: Private collection in Innsbruck (Tyrol). Innsbruck, the spiritual center of Tyrol, was renowned for the manufacture of such religious objects.