



Pair Of 18th-19th Century Spanish Or Portuguese Colonial Bone Carvings - Cleric And Nun



650 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bone

Height : 12 cm

Description

This item was manufactured before 1947 and therefore complies with European Union regulations on the trade in ivory. A finely hand-carved pair of religious figures in bone, depicting a male cleric and a nun, dating to the late 18th or early 19th century. Likely produced in colonial-era territories such as the Philippines or Goa, these devotional objects reflect the strong influence of European ecclesiastical traditions on local craftsmanship under Spanish or Portuguese rule. Each figure stands approximately 12 cm tall and displays classic colonial attire: the male figure wears a tricorn hat and holds a book, evoking the image of a priest or missionary, while the female figure wears a veil and cross pendant, clearly identifying her as a nun. Both exhibit

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charming folk-style proportions, simplified features, and static devotional postures typical of colonial religious sculpture. Notable age-related cracking is visible on the male figure, particularly on the right side of his hat and face--consistent with natural bone shrinkage over time. The surfaces have developed a rich, creamy patina with characteristic bone grain and flecking, confirming the material is bone (not ivory). These rare carvings are fine survivors of early colonial Christian craftsmanship and would make an excellent addition to any collection of Spanish and Portuguese colonial art. Period - 18th-19th century. SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY. It is possible to pay in installments. On parle français. Wij spreken Nederlands. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. Any questions will be answered promptly. **MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.** I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing - I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment- Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available please ask.