



Cephalophore Representing Saint Denis Carrying His Head, Solid Silver

850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 13,5 cm



Description

A rare and striking cephalophore depicting Saint Denis dressed as a bishop and carrying his own head; Restoration period, solid silver, mounted on a blackened fruitwood base. Height with base: 13.5 cm. Made of solid silver, the Saint Denis cephalophore stands as a work that is both sacred and fascinating. In medieval Christian imagination and certain hagiographic legends, a cephalophore is a saint who, after being beheaded, rises and walks carrying his own head in his hands. This motif, both macabre and symbolic, often illustrates the perseverance of faith and the victory of the spirit over death. The most famous cephalophore is undoubtedly Saint-Denis, the first bishop of Paris, who, according to tradition, walked six kilometers carrying his head in his hands after his

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decapitation on the hill of Montmartre, before collapsing on the site of the present-day Basilica of Saint-Denis. This theme, blending miracle and martyrdom, has inspired numerous works of art, particularly in medieval sculpture and painting, where these saints are depicted with an almost supernatural serenity. Whether an object of devotion or a collector's item, this solid silver representation transcends time, intertwining history, art, and spirituality.