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Polychrome Terracotta Virgin And Child, France, 18th Century



480 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Diameter : 10,8

Height : 31,5

Description

Polychrome terracotta Virgin and Child, France, 18th century. An elegant representation of the crowned Virgin Mary holding the Infant Jesus, this polychrome terracotta statue testifies to a folk art imbued with fervor and delicacy. The Virgin, draped in a blue mantle highlighted with yellow, wears a cross on her breast, a symbol of her sacred mission. The Child, dressed in a white tunic with green highlights, rests peacefully in her arms, embodying divine tenderness. The original polychromy, still partially visible, reveals a vibrant and contrasting palette, typical of 18th-century religious art. The work is distinguished by its original condition, without restoration or cracks, retaining a few minor chips due to its age, which in no way detract from its charm or authenticity. These marks of time attest

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to its devotional use and enhance the poetic quality of its patina. The base bears the naive inscription "Holy Virgin," adding a vernacular dimension to this work of domestic piety. The piece belongs to a regional artisanal tradition, probably originating from a workshop in southwestern or central France, where polychrome terracotta was commonly used for statues of private worship. Dimensions: Height 31.5 cm, Diameter 10.8 cm, Weight 1.1 kg.