



Mid-17th Century, Scagliola Panel



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 33

Height : 44

Description

Octagonal polychrome scagliola panel, "Saint Michael Slaying the Devil," Carpigia manufactory, mid-17th century. The panel, two-tone black and white, features insets of marbled polychrome elements and a central scene depicting Saint Michael slaying the devil. The decorative motif is inspired by the famous painting by the Bolognese painter Guido Reni, featuring the archangel Michael, leader of the heavenly armies and the one who weighs souls submitted to judgment. The archangel tramples the devil, depicted with human and faun-like features, a serpent's tail, and clawed hands. The wings still visible on the devil's body could be a vestige of his angelic past: the eternal struggle between Good and Evil. The term "scagliola" refers to the marquetry technique that, from the

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late 16th to the early 17th centuries, imitated marble and semi-precious stones using a mixture of plaster, natural glues, and colored pigments. Scagliola has a particular tradition in Carpi, where it is said to have been invented in the early 17th century by Guido Fassi. This art reached its peak in Carpi during the 17th century, primarily for the creation of religious objects. It then spread to Florence and the rest of Tuscany in the 18th century, with the creation of tabletops and decorative panels, and subsequently extended throughout Italy and Europe. Carpi mainly produces paliotti (altar frontals) for religious buildings; works created for private devotion like this one are rare. In very good condition, original wrought iron hook, minor signs of age consistent with the period. Dimensions: H 44 cm, W 33

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