French School, 18th Century, The Holy Family, Oil On Canvas

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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

FRENCH SCHOOL, 18TH CENTURY: THE HOLY FAMILY. Oil on canvas. A beautiful and sensitive representation of the Holy Family, depicting the Virgin Mary holding the Infant Jesus, accompanied by Saint Joseph, shown in the background in a protective and benevolent pose. The composition encourages an intimate and contemplative interpretation, characteristic of 18th-century French religious painting, where spirituality is expressed through gentle gestures and delicate gazes rather than dramatic emphasis. The Virgin, with her oval and idealized face, is rendered with great finesse. The flesh tones are luminous and subtly nuanced, and the modeling of the flesh is distinguished by its softness and continuity. The Infant Jesus, lifelike and natural, brings a harmonious balance to the whole. This

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work is fully in keeping with the tradition of 18th-century French religious painting, heir to the great classical models but adapted to the taste of a more intimate and sensitive century. The refinement of the drawing, the sobriety of the composition, the clear and balanced palette as well as the elegance of the figures distance this work from Italian productions or academic interpretations of the 19th century, to link it to a French sensibility, close to the Parisian and provincial workshops of the 18th century.