



## Painting, Oil On Canvas "transit Of Saint Joseph" - Early 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Oil painting

Width : cm. 31,5

Height : cm. 49,5

### Description

Painting, oil on canvas "Transit of Saint Joseph" - early 18th century Oil painting on canvas depicting the traditional scene of the death of Saint Joseph, assisted by Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary. The saint is depicted on his deathbed receiving spiritual comfort, in accordance with devotional iconography that considers him the patron saint of a "happy death."

The composition is enriched in the upper section by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, surrounded by angelic figures that accentuate the mystical nature of the scene. In the foreground, a youthful figure in classical garb, likely interpreted as an angel or warrior saint, confronts the viewer, while the lower section depicts souls in Purgatory amidst flames, an iconographic element that emphasizes the theme

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of redemption. The work features a warm and luminous palette, with clear references to Italian devotional painting between the late Baroque and early 18th century. The soft treatment of the figures, the theatricality of the scene, and the contrasting chiaroscuro suggest a Central Italian cultural context. Conditions consistent with the period, with visible craquelure on the painted surface. Observing the composition, iconography, and pictorial treatment, the painting can most likely be dated to the second quarter of the 18th century (circa 1720-1750), within the context of devotional painting in central and southern Italy, with possible Roman or Neapolitan affinities. The figures of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary show soft, idealized faces, with measured, devotional gestures: a typical language of religious painting intended for private devotion in the early 18th century. Dimensions and iconography likely suggest: \* domestic devotional painting \* or a work for a private chapel or small oratory. Dimensions: 49.5 x 31.5 cm