



## French School (xviii) - Portrait Of A Priest



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

### Description

Oil on panel. Traces of inscription on verso. In this portrait of a mid-18th-century French abbot, the painter's mastery transcends the simple representation of an ecclesiastical habit, to venture into a prodigious psychological exploration. Beneath the neatness of the powdered wig and the sobriety of the white collar, a face of exceptional intelligence and vivacity is revealed; the piercing, slightly elusive gaze possesses an almost unsettling transparency, as if the model were not only allowing himself to be observed, but was actively analyzing the viewer with the critical acuity characteristic of the Enlightenment. A discreet smile, barely sketched with subtle, worldly irony, suggests a man at ease in theology as in the salons of the court, a refined mind where devotion seems to give way

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to humanistic curiosity and penetrating intelligence. The lighting, which emphasizes the warmth of his cheeks and the firmness of his expression, completes a portrait that does not seek a frozen immobility, but rather the latent complexity of a person who exudes the freedom of thought of his time.- Image size unframed: 18 x 24 cm / 27 x 33 cm with exclusive custom frame.