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## Antique Sculpture Depicting A Saint, Made Of Polychrome And Gilded Wood--baroque Period



750 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

### Description

This work is a religious sculpture carved from wood, polychromed, silver-plated, and gilded, typical of European and Italian devotional art from the Baroque period, dating from the 17th to the 18th century. A visual analysis of the iconographic and structural elements reveals the following main characteristics: **The Crucifix:** The figure holds a processional cross or a raised crucifix in his left hand. **The Hand on the Chest:** The right hand resting on the heart expresses deep devotion, submission to the divine will, repentance, or ardent love for Christ. **The Rays on the Head (The Three Beams):** A silver element on the head. This is not a classic circular halo, but rather three beams of light radiating outward, a typical symbol in Baroque depictions of saints or the blessed to indicate the illumination of the

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Holy Spirit and heroic virtue. Style and  
Craftsmanship Clothing: The drapery of the  
garments features deep, thick, and geometric  
folds, with large sections embellished with gold  
and silver leaf (a technique reminiscent of  
Spanish and Italian decorations of the era, such as  
estofado de oro). The dominant colors are  
lacquered red, brown/black, silver, and gold. The  
Base: The statue rests on a hexagonal base,  
molded and lacquered in shades of dark green and  
gold, a recurring element in private altar or  
processional statues. The construction of the  
sculpture's reverse side and the condition of the  
polychromy suggest high-quality artisanal  
craftsmanship linked to a workshop in central or  
southern Italy (such as the Neapolitan or Sicilian  
regions) or to the Central European  
tradition. Dimensions: H 31 cm - W 13 cm - D 7  
cm