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Reliquary "ex Ossibus S. M. Incogniti," Italy, 18th Century



2 200 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Width : 29,5 cm

Height : 25 cm

Depth : 20,5 cm

Description

Glass-fronted reliquary made of blackened wood, Italy, 18th century. In the center is a fragment of a skull bearing the original inscription "Ex Ossibus S. M. Incogniti" ("from the bones of an unknown holy martyr"). This designation refers to the relic of a saint from the catacombs whose name has not been preserved. The relic is surrounded by floral decoration, metal trimmings, and handcrafted ornaments.The wax seals preserved on the reverse attest to the ecclesiastical authentication of the entire piece.

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