



## Antique Silver Chalice With Gilt Cup, Córdoba, Spain, 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

### Description

Antique Spanish chalice made of silver, from Córdoba and datable to the 18th century, circa 1760-1770. A liturgical piece of great presence due to the purity of its lines, the contrast between the white silver exterior and the gilding of the cup, and that serene elegance typical of fine antique religious silverwork.

The cup has both the interior and exterior in gilt silver in very good condition. The lower cup, in white silver, creates a very attractive transition between the gold of the rim and the luminous tone of the rest of the chalice. The stem is turned, with moulded knops and a baluster-shaped profile, of a clearly eighteenth-century taste. The circular, broad and stepped base provides visual

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and physical stability to the whole, with concentric mouldings that catch the light and reinforce that sense of a noble, well-proportioned piece made to endure.

On the base it preserves the hallmarks of the city of Córdoba from the 18th century and the mark of the silversmith Bartolomé de Gálvez y Aranda, active in the last third of the 18th century. It is not merely an antique silver chalice, but a hallmarked piece, with identifiable Spanish origin, legible punches and a direct connection with Cordovan silverwork of the 18th century. The reading of the hallmarks allows it to be placed around 1760-1770.

Bartolomé de Gálvez y Aranda belongs to the sphere of Cordovan silverwork of the 18th century, a tradition especially linked to the production of liturgical objects for churches, parishes and convents. His mark gives this chalice historical identity, as it allows it to be related to a city, a period and a documented silversmith, which reinforces its interest for collectors, priests and lovers of Spanish sacred art.

The state of conservation is magnificent. For a piece around 250 years old, the chalice presents especially attractive preservation, with a very good overall presence, clean surfaces, intense shine and very well-preserved gilding in the cup. The slight signs proper to time do not detract from the beauty of the whole; on the contrary, they accompany its authenticity and its historical journey without altering the nobility of the piece.

This chalice does not stand out for an ornate decoration, but for something much more difficult to find: the authenticity of a Spanish liturgical

piece with nearly 250 years of history. For generations it has passed through the hands of priests, has been present on the altar and has probably accompanied countless celebrations of the Eucharist. That silent history is precisely what gives it a special strength.

It is an ideal piece for a priest, a parish or a religious community wishing to celebrate Mass with a truly antique chalice, made of silver, with a gilt cup, legible hallmarks and excellent state of conservation. It is not a modern object inspired by antique models, but a historical chalice that preserves the dignity, beauty and presence necessary to continue fulfilling its function.

After more than two and a half centuries, this piece seems to be looking for a new home, a new church or a new community where it can continue its legacy. Its value lies not only in the silver, in the Cordovan hallmarks or in the mark of the silversmith, but in the possibility of returning to the altar an antique, beautiful and well-preserved chalice, full of history and ready to continue being part of liturgical life.

A piece especially recommended for someone who is not simply looking for a beautiful chalice, but for a truly antique chalice, Spanish, from the 18th century and made entirely of silver, with a gilt cup, visible hallmarks and a liturgical history of more than two centuries. It is the type of piece that can move a priest or a community wishing to celebrate with an object full of tradition, continuity and spiritual meaning.

Measurements: Height: 22.7 cm (8.94 in).

Diameter of the cup: 7.8 cm (3.07 in). Diameter

of the base: 14 cm (5.51 in). Weight: 467 g.

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