



Gilded Solid Silver Ciborium, Belgium (tongeren), Circa 1670-1695; Attributed To Jean De Newe



2 500 EUR

Signature : Jean de Newe

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 10 cm

Height : 27 cm

Description

A rare and remarkable liturgical ciborium made of solid silver, richly gilded on the interior and on its architectural elements. It rests on a wide, openwork circular base, finely chased with a relief design of acanthus leaves. The baluster shaft is adorned with bands engraved with foliage motifs and supports a hemispherical bowl topped by a domed lid crowned with a gilded silver Latin cross. Based on its style, the quality of its craftsmanship, and the crowned master's mark "NI," this work can be attributed with a high degree of certainty to Jean de Newe, a Liège-based master goldsmith active between 1660 and 1695. He completed numerous commissions for parishes and religious communities in the Hesbaye region, particularly around Tongeren. The absence of a city hallmark

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is a particularly interesting detail. This can be explained either by the piece having been made specifically for liturgical use--and thus exempt from municipal inspection--or by its production during the turbulent period following the Great Fire of Tongeren in 1677, when certain pieces were delivered outside the usual oversight of the goldsmiths' guild. Weight: 390 grams