



The Nursing Virgin (madonna Lactans), 17th Century



3 400 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting on copper

Length : 24 cm (30 cm avec le cadre)

Width : 18,5 cm (24 cm avec le cadre)

Description

Nursing Virgin, oil on copper, dimensions 24 cm x 18.5 cm, with its antique frame 30 cm x 36 cm, 17th century. The composition depicts a half-length Virgin Mary dressed in a deep red cloak and a blue garment, holding the Infant Jesus whom she is nursing. Depictions of the Nursing Virgin experienced a resurgence of interest in the 17th century within a context of intimate, domestic piety. She symbolizes spiritual nourishment, maternal tenderness, and the Incarnation (God made man). Small-format works on copper were intended for the private devotion of wealthy families or convents. Our painting is a fine example of 17th-century devotional art, likely from a school in northern Italy or Flanders, executed on copper--a sought-after medium for delicate and precious works. The quality of the

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frame and the tenderness of the scene make it a work consistent with art produced for private life.