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Ex Voto: Oil On Panel, Scene Of Healing



360 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Length : 29,5 cm

Width : 25,5 cm

Description

A beautiful ex-voto, an oil painting on wood dated 1897, depicting a woman praying at the foot of her sick child's bed; the Virgin Mary with the Child appears and grants her request for grace: the healing of her child. The Virgin appears to be holding a pouch in her right hand, presumably for the healing of the sick child. A genuine tradition of folk art (Mediterranean region, mainly in Spain and Italy) linked to Christianity, the ex-voto is a votive offering made in response to a request or in thanksgiving for a grace received following a prayer or a vow (votum) made for such purposes as healing, childbirth, good health of livestock, a prosperous agricultural year, etc. The ex voto was commissioned from an artist, often one who traveled from town to village. The notation

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"V.F.G.R." preceding the date 1897 refers to the votive formula signifying the fulfillment of a vow and gratitude for a grace received (Voto Fatto, Grazia Ricevuta). Dimensions: 29.5 x 25.5 cm
Good condition, with some cracking in the oil paint due to the passage of time and the expansion/contraction of the wood (a seasonal hygrometric phenomenon). Wood is sound. Colors are fresh. From a fine collection of ex-votos.