



Large Bronze Processional Cross



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Period : 17th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Bronze

Width : 30 cm

Height : 54 cm

Description

Western Europe, late 16th-early 17th century (circa 1580-1620) A large cast-bronze processional cross, with a patte-shaped body and trilobed ends, resting on an elegant turned baluster knot designed to be fitted onto a processional pole. The main face is adorned with a separate bronze figure of the crucified Christ, featuring a deeper antique patina; its elongated form and solemn expression still evoke the Mannerism of the late Renaissance. The arms of the cross are highlighted by engraved fillets and a regular pattern of small circles made with a punch, characteristic of liturgical objects from this period. This design, inherited from the 16th century, is found on many European processional crosses. The reverse side retains an old mounting tab intended to hold the titulus ("INRI"), which is

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now missing. Three earlier restorations, carried out on the reverse side, attest to the cross's prolonged use in a liturgical context. They remain virtually invisible on the front and contribute to the object's history. With its generous proportions, substantial weight, beautiful patina, and the quality of its cast iron, this cross is a remarkable example of late Renaissance goldsmithing and liturgical furnishings. Dimensions: 54 × 30 cm Weight: 2.4 kg