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## Polychrome Wooden Sculpture Depicting A Saintly Deacon Or Monk, Dating From The 18th Century



650 EUR

Signature : Anonyme

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Height : 86 cm

### Description

This work stands out for its remarkable height of 86 cm, giving it a strong and highly decorative presence. The rendering of the face is particularly meticulous, revealing features of great finesse, light-colored eyes painted in an expressionist style, and a gaze imbued with profound inner depth. The figure is dressed in a red dalmatic embellished with gold braiding featuring geometric motifs and a white alb with deeply sculpted folds. This traditional iconography evokes the figure of a martyr saint or a young deacon of the Church, such as Saint Stephen or Saint Lawrence. As was customary for sculptures of this period, the precise identity of the artisan or sculptor remains unknown, as these works of sacred art were created by regional master image-makers or guild workshops. The back of

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the statue is flat and carved with a gouge in a rougher style, indicating that it was originally intended to be placed against an altarpiece or displayed in a church niche. In terms of its state of preservation, this piece has survived the centuries while retaining a superb period patina and highly authentic original polychromy. As can be seen in the photographs, the work exhibits legitimate wear and missing sections due to its great age, particularly on one hand, the fingers, and the bases of the feet. These signs of age in no way detract from the piece's superb aesthetic quality; on the contrary, they highlight its authenticity and timeless charm. A piece from a golden age, ideal for enriching a collection of Christian art or for enhancing a distinctive interior. You can follow me on Instagram by clicking this link:

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