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Double Reliquary Bust Of Saints Fabian And Sebastian - Italy - 17th Century

10 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 99

Height : 75

Depth : 39



Description

Double Reliquary Bust of Saints Fabian and Sebastian - Italy - 17th century This polychrome and gilded reliquary, carved in the round from wood, is impressive, to say the least. In addition to its age and the finesse of its craftsmanship, it features a design that, if not unique, is extremely rare: the pairing of two busts side by side. United for eternity, here are Saint Sebastian and Saint Fabian, both strikingly expressive and solemn. Saint Fabian, a pope and martyr whose palm he bears, was a contemporary of Sebastian. Both died as martyrs during the great persecution of Diocletian. The former in 288 and the latter in 250. The attribute of the palm, along with their geographical and temporal proximity, leads us to believe that this is indeed Saint Fabian. Both are, in fact, celebrated on the same day, namely

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January 20. Beneath the busts, two reliquary niches are set into the terrace, in the center of which is a coat of arms likely depicting the donor of this exceptional piece. An Italian work--from the Naples region--dating from the late 17th century. The dimensions are substantial, measuring 75 cm in height, 99 cm in length, and 39 cm in depth. The piece retains traces of its liturgical use and its original polychromy, with a patina attesting to its age. Good condition--restored Reference 498