



Kneeling Angel With A Torch, 17th Century, Polychrome Oak



950 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Oak

Width : 17cm

Height : 44cm

Description

This sculpture retains its original polychrome paintwork; it is made of oak and dates from the early 17th century. In religious art and liturgical furnishings, a torch-bearing angel (also called a candle-bearing angel or candle-holder) refers to a sculpture or depiction of an angel whose function is to hold a candlestick, a torch, or a candle. Function and Characteristics Liturgical Use: Historically, these statues (often made of wood, stone, or bronze) came in pairs and were placed on either side of a church's high altar or around a tabernacle to provide lighting during services. Symbolism: They symbolize the perpetual worship of God by the heavenly choirs and highlight the biblical concept of the "divine light." Typology: They are very often depicted kneeling as a sign of reverence, or sometimes

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