



Belt Rattle. Gilded And Chased Silver, Decorated With A Depiction Of The Virgin Mary. Spain, 16th C

2 000 EUR



Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 33 cm

Description

From chains composed of openwork oval links with delicate scalloped edges hangs a depiction of the Virgin Mary resting on a richly ornamented scallop shell. Bells hang below it. The entire piece is crafted from gilded silver. The Virgin Mary, a symbol of purity and maternal protection, reinforces here the protective and prophylactic function traditionally associated with this type of rattle intended for newborns. Published in: Alejandro Fernández, Rafael Munoa, and Jorge Rabasco, *Enciclopedia de la plata española y virreinal americana*, p. 484.

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