



Saint Bishop - Circa 1500



6 400 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Width : 33

Height : 102

Depth : 20

Description

A depiction of a bishop, possibly Saint Donatus, from southern Germany dating from the very early 16th century. Carved from linden wood, polychrome and gilded, its back is hollowed out. A cavity was created to house a relic of the saint. It therefore contains a relic--added at a later date--from the bones of Saint Donatus, along with its certificate dated 1827. Donatus, of noble Roman birth, was bishop of Arezzo and was martyred in 360. The relics of our holy man, enclosed in a pouch, are displayed in a case bearing an episcopal wax seal. A high-quality depiction in the late Gothic style. The figure is dressed in solemn pontifical vestments, with a miter and a crozier, and holds a book in his left hand. The balanced posture, the carefully modeled facial features, and the deep, richly

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animated folds of the robe are characteristic of German statuary from the 1500s. Condition: on the reverse, old signs of woodworm damage; the shaft of the episcopal crozier has been repaired; loss of material. Dimensions: 102 cm high, 33 cm wide, and 20 cm deep. Reference 895