



Reliquary Of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre - Relic With Original Roman Certificate From 1874.

850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Brass

Width : 4.6 cm

Height : 6.3 cm



Description

Reliquary of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre - Relic with Original Roman Certificate Dating from 1874 Rare reliquary containing an ex ossibus relic (derived from bone) of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre (1748-1783), an emblematic figure of eighteenth-century Catholic piety. The relic, of notable size for this type of object, measures approximately 1 cm. It is presented in its original reliquary compartment, which remains closed and sealed with red sealing wax. Beneath the relic is its original identification label, bearing the inscription "B. J. Labre". The reliquary is accompanied by its original certificate of authenticity, dated Rome, 4 June 1874, written in Latin and signed by François Virili, of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, at the church of Santa Maria in

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Trivio, Rome. A particularly noteworthy feature is the correspondence between the heraldic arms on the wax seal on the reverse of the reliquary and those appearing on both the impressed seal and the embossed seal on the certificate. Latin text of the certificate *Universis et singulis praesentes nostra leteras inspecturis, fidem indubiam facimus atque testatur, qualiter ad majorem omnipotentis Dei glorium, suorumque Sanctorum venerationem, sacras Reliquias ex ossibus B Benedicti Joseph Labre confessoris, collocavimus in theca ex Aurichalco bene clausa, et funiculo rubro serico colligata, ac sigillo nostro in lacca munita, gratisque dono dedimus. In quorum fidem has literas testimoniales subsignavimus nostroque sigillo impressimus. datum romae apud s mariam in trivio cruciferorum. Die 4 mensis Junii anno 1874.* English translation "To all and each of those who shall examine these present letters, we hereby attest and certify with full confidence that, for the greater glory of Almighty God and the veneration of His saints, we have placed sacred relics derived from the bones of Blessed Benedict Joseph Labre, confessor, in a box made of orichalcum (brass), carefully closed, bound with a red silk cord, and secured with our seal in sealing wax, and that we have given them as a free gift. In witness whereof, we have signed these letters of authentication and impressed them with our seal. Given at Rome, at Santa Maria in Trivio, in the care of the Crosiers, on the 4th day of June in the year 1874." Born in 1748 in northern France, Benedict Joseph Labre chose a life of radical poverty, prayer and pilgrimage. After several unsuccessful attempts to enter monastic life, he travelled on foot to the great shrines of Europe, living on charity and devoting himself to prayer. He spent the final years of his life in Rome, where he died on 16 April 1783. His reputation for holiness spread rapidly after his death. He was beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1860 and canonised by Pope Leo XIII in 1881. The reliquary offered here therefore dates from the period of his beatification, before his subsequent

canonisation. Known as the "Saint of the Poor" or the "Beggar of God", he remains a distinctive figure in Catholic spirituality. Dimensions: 4.6 × 6.3 cm. An antique piece intended for collectors of religious art and reliquaries, as well as enthusiasts of ecclesiastical history. Price excludes shipping costs. Police register reference: A237

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