



St Desiderius Martyr Relic Reliquary Wax Seal + Document. 20 Feb 1860



600 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Description

Devotional reliquary containing an important relic of: Saint Desiderius - Martyr Identified by the handwritten label "Os. S. Desiderii M." This nineteenth-century round reliquary presents the small fragment within a delicate starburst mount above an ornamental handwritten scroll. A shimmering woven background, glazed front, and silver-coloured rim create a dignified setting for prayerful contemplation. Reliquary guarantee The accompanying document is dated 20 February 1860, issued at Mechelen under the ecclesiastical authority of His Eminence Cardinal Engelbert Sterckx, Archbishop of Mechelen and Primate of Belgium. It bears a vicar-general's signature and an embossed ecclesiastical seal. On the reverse, a red heraldic wax seal remains present. The certificate records securing silk threads and

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sealing under ecclesiastical authority. Biography:

Saint Desiderius is honored here as a Christian martyr, remembered for fidelity to Christ unto death. Several saints share this name, and the inscription does not securely distinguish which martyr is represented. A specific life story, death date, or account of miracles therefore cannot confidently be assigned. This devotional piece invites reflection on the courage and enduring witness of the Church's martyrs. Condition Good

overall antique presentation, with metal patina, light surface wear, and age-related paper folds and spotting. Provenance Belgium -- private collection

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(continued) Devotional reliquary contents

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relic of: Saint Desiderius - Martyr Biography:

Saint Desiderius is honored as a Christian martyr, remembered for fidelity to Christ unto death; the historical record for this name varies and a precise life story is not definitively identifiable from the material. The reliquary emphasizes contemplation of martyrdom and steadfast

faith. Reliquary guarantee The seal corresponds with the accompanying original Certificate of Authenticity (COA), issued and signed by His Eminence Cardinal Engelbert Sterckx,

Archbishop of Mechelen and Primate of Belgium, documenting the relic's authenticity and sacred provenance. The reverse bears a wax seal and ecclesiastical marks. Condition report Overall

good condition for an antique relic container;
copper case with silver rim shows patina; glass
front intact; minor wear consistent with age;
threads and sealing history not fully determinable
from photos.Provenance Belgium -- private
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