



Saint Catherine Of Siena In Prayer, Oil On Canvas



8 500 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

An important oil painting on canvas depicting Saint Catherine of Siena in prayer, based on the famous composition painted around 1610 by the Florentine painter Cristofano Allori. The saint is depicted wearing the traditional white veil and dark Dominican habit, lost in contemplation. On her head she wears a garland of roses, a symbol of spiritual purity and her mystical bond with Christ. On the table are a skull and an open prayer book, elements of strong symbolic and devotional significance, linked to the theme of memento mori and meditation on the transience of earthly life. The composition is characterized by an intense use of chiaroscuro, with the figure of the saint emerging from the dark background through light concentrated on her face and hands, in a style fully in the Baroque tradition. Cristofano

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Allori's original work became particularly famous and was reproduced over the centuries in numerous period copies, replicas, and devotional versions. The work in question is to be considered a version derived from Cristofano Allori's model, to be evaluated more precisely in terms of chronology and attribution. Subject: Saint Catherine of Siena in Prayer Technique: oil on canvas Model: Cristofano Allori, circa 1610 Dimensions with frame: H 125 × W 107 cm Frame: present