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Religious Plaque In Hallmarked, Embossed, And Chiseled Silver Set In An 18th-century Gilded Frame



650 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 20

Height : 27

Description

A refined and elegant votive plaque in repoussé and chased silver, depicting Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in contemplation and ecstasy. The Saint is portrayed wearing the veil and habit of the Order of the Visitation, with a flaming heart visible on her chest--a symbol of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus--while she holds a crucifix over an open prayer book. The background features a finely granulated texture, with a radiating pattern surrounding her head, which is encircled by a halo. Materials and Hallmarks: Plaque: Repoussé silver. Two guarantee hallmarks are clearly visible on the lower-left side. The plaque bears the official guarantee stamp from the Genoa Assay Office (Kingdom of Sardinia, in use from 1824/25 to 1872), featuring dolphins--a Ligurian hallmark used to certify the

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silver content. Support and Frame: The plaque is mounted on a shaped backing and enclosed within a significant period frame made of carved, water-gilded wood. It is richly decorated with bead motifs, curvilinear moldings, and vegetal and *rocaille* (rococo-style) carvings at the top and bottom. Note: There are some minor losses. Dimensions: Outer frame: 27 cm × 20 cm Silver plaque: 13 cm × 11 cm Condition: The object is in good overall historical condition, featuring a beautiful, authentic period patina. There are minor, expected signs of age on the frame's gilding (small chips or losses to the gesso base and gilding, visible along the edges and on the lower carving--these could easily be restored, or the original patina could be preserved). The rear structure and period-appropriate nails are well-preserved.