Silver Pectoral Cross - Christ Crowned With Thorns - Openwork Floral Design - 19th Century



1 600 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 11 cm

Height : 16 cm

Description

A magnificent and imposing silver devotional cross (16 cm), dating from the late 19th century, circa 1880-1900This elegant, neo-Gothic-inspired cross features a particularly refined composition combining naturalistic floral motifs, openwork plant interlacing, and elements carved in high relief.DescriptionAt the center, a large circular medallion depicts the face of Christ crowned with thorns, rendered in relief with great expressiveness. With his gaze turned toward heaven, Christ appears in a posture of suffering and resignation, evoking the Passion. The medallion is surrounded by a delicate frieze chiseled with plant motifs.The four ends of the cross are richly adorned with blooming flowers, foliage, and finely modeled flower buds. The arms are embellished with a remarkable

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openwork design of intertwined stems and leaves, lending the piece a great sense of visual lightness despite its generous proportions.The profusion of plant motifs, the supple lines, and the naturalistic rendering of the flowers reflect the decorative tastes of the late 19th century, at the transition between the Neo-Gothic style and the early influences of Art Nouveau.The reverse, intentionally more understated, features a smooth surface with delicately molded contours.A large hinged loop allows this cross to be suspended; it was likely intended to be worn as a pectoral cross or used in the context of religious devotion.A very beautiful piece of antique religious silverwork, particularly striking for the quality of its sculptural decoration, the finesse of its openwork, and its expressive iconography depicting the Passion of Christ.Condition: appears to be in good condition, with an antique patina and slight signs of wear.A striking cross, representative of the refinement and decorative richness of late 19th-century religious goldsmithing.Please feel free to contact me for any additional information or to request more photos of the items offered for sale.