



Great Virgin Of Marseille Santibelli Terracotta Child Jesus Globe XIXth



1 700 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : 22 cm

Diameter : socle 30 cm

Height : vierge seule (avec plumes) 60 cm / totale avec globe
76/77cm

Description

Rare large Virgin of Marseilles or santibelli * in polychrome and gilded terracotta, representing the Virgin Mary with the Child Jesus, standing on a plinth framed by two cherubs, with its decorations and ornamentation (ribbons, garlands of paper flowers, feathers. ..), with its globe, vintage late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This Virgin is in good condition and is of very good quality. It is very decorative. A note: a small decoration is detached (probably went to the level of the fish), wear of time especially on the decorations, see photos. * The Santibelli The "Santibelli" are statuettes generally around forty centimeters high. Molded in terracotta, but also in plaster, from Italy, they are painted in very bright colors, sometimes sprinkled with glitter, or gold leaf. The origin of the name of these statuettes is

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difficult to define: here we evoke a very Marseille nickname which qualifies as "Santibelli" the stupid of service, the sympathetic fool and not really smart. There, we imagine that "Santibelli" comes from the cry of the Italian sellers who, according to tradition, peddled these objects: "Santi ... Belli ..."; like a cry from the street, which in a short cut would have remained to designate these statuettes sold at auction.

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Dimensions Base diameter 30 cm Height blank only (with feathers) 60 cm / total with globe 76 / 77cm Width 22 cm Reference: D10 79 All photos are on: www.antiques-delaval.com