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Francesco Solimena (Workshop), The Virgin & Child With Saint Joseph - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 2,300

| USD \$3,112 | EUR 2,691

Item Reference: SA1203972**Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 97 cm (38.2")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 18th-century oil painting by an artist active in the workshop of Francesco Solimena (1657-1747) depicts the Virgin Mary holding the sleeping Christ Child, with Saint Joseph emerging discreetly in the shadows to the left. Expressing both devotion and resignation, the Virgin's upward gaze and softly modelled features immediately catch the eye. While the Child's relaxed pose, lying across a white cloth, introduces a subtle note of pathos. The artist uses a warm chiaroscuro to envelop the scene in Baroque drama: light concentrates on the Virgin's face and the Child's luminous flesh, while the surroundings dissolve into deep shadow. The palette of glowing reds, soft creams, and dark greens, together with the fluid, confident brushwork, place the painting firmly within the Neapolitan School. Stylistically, the work shows a clear relationship to the art of Francesco Solimena (1657-1747), whose monumental religious compositions dominated Neapolitan painting at the turn of the eighteenth century. The Virgin's idealised type - with her broad forehead, serene expression, and upward glance - closely resembles those in Solimena's numerous depictions of the Madonna. The ...

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