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SOLD....Portrait of King Henri IV of France c. 1595; French School.

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Description

Oil on panel c.1595. The monarch wears The Order of the Holy Spirit, the senior order of chivalry in France; the king was Sovereign and Grand Master of the order. Due to the blue riband from which the Cross of the Holy Spirit was hung, the Knights became known as "Les Cordon Bleus". Over time, this expression was extended to refer to other distinctions of the highest class - for example, Cordon Bleu cooking and Blue Riband sporting events. HENRI IV of France, also Henri III of Navarre (13 December 1553 – 14 May 1610), ruled as King of France from 1589 to 1610 and King of Navarre from 1572 to 1610. He was the first monarch of the Bourbon branch of the Capetian dynasty in France. His parents were Antoine de Bourbon, Duc de Vendôme and his wife, Jeanne d'Albret, Queen Regnant of Navarre. As a Huguenot, Henri was involved in the Wars of Religion before ascending to the throne in 1589. In 1598 he enacted the Edict of Nantes which guaranteed religious liberties to the Protestants and thereby effectively ended the civil war. One of the most popular French kings, both during and after his reign, Henri showed great care for the welfare of his subjects and displayed an unusual r...

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