

SA556356

A late 17th century carved figure of Saint Wendelin of Trier

Price

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Item Reference: SA556356

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 69 cm (27.2")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A late 17th century carved figure depicting saint Wendelin of Trier. The figure is carved from lime wood and has a deep rich patina. There are some losses to the right hand and a few old repairs, the figure has a lot of old splits and ware commiserate with age. The over condition is excellent. Saint Wendelin of Trier - Circa 554 AD - 617AD He was a Herman and an Abbot and is venerated in the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. There is very little definite information about this saint; his earliest biographies (two in Latin and two in German), did not appear until after 1417. The name "Wendelin" means "wanderer" or "pilgrim" in Old High German. The biographies state that Wendelin was the son of a Scottish king who led a pious life as a youth before leaving his home in secret to make a pilgrimage to Rome. On his way back he settled as a hermit at Westrich in the Diocese of Trier. He entered the service of a wealthy landowner as a herdsman after he was criticized for his idle life, but a miracle led the landowner to allow him to return to his solitude.

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