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Inventory Code: 03-DDCR-15

Relics: Blessed Virgin Mary and Twelve Apostles

Origin: Italy

Dating: first quarter of the 19th century

Size: reliquary: 75 mm x 62 mm (3 in x 2 ½ in)

Label: Documentation: secured by a red Spanish wax seal with coat of arms of Vatican Curia's Archbishop and hallmarked with silver mark of Vatican.

Description:

Spectacular large silver glass-fronted oval reliquary theca decorated with chased floral ornamentation and housing rarelu seen complete set of relics of all twelve Apostles centered around a precious relic of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The relics are affixed to a decorated background of red silk and identified with paper cedulae inscribed in early 19th century dictus. The reliquary is secured under a removable back lid by a perfectly preserved seal of red Spanish wax with a coat of arms of Vatican Curia's Archbishop. The case is hallmarked with a silver mark of the Vatican seal, that serves as an additional authentic and clear indication of the Vatican Curia provenance.

The reliquary contains the following relics:

1. Blessed Virgin Mary (*B.V. Mariae*)
2. Saint Paul the Apostle (*S. Pauli, Ap.*)
3. Saint Peter the Apostle (*S. Petri Ap.*)
4. Saint Simon the Apostle (*S. Simo. Ap.*)
5. Saint Matthew the Apostle (*S. Mattei Ap.*)
6. Saint Thomas the Apostle (*S. Thomae Ap.*)
7. Saint James the Greater the Apostle (*S. Jac. Maj. Ap.*)
8. Saint Philip the Apostle (*S. Philip. Ap.*)
9. Saint Jude Thaddeus the Apostle (*S. Thaddei Ap.*)
10. Saint Andrew the Apostle (*S. Andreae Ap.*)
11. Saint James the Less the Apostle (*S. Jac. Min. Ap.*)
12. Saint Mark the Apostle and the Evangelist (*S. Marci. E. A.*)
13. Saint Luke the Apostle and the Evangelist (*S. Lucae E. A.*)

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