



LETTER OF APPRAISAL

Subject: Antique Ethiopian Orthodox Processional Cross

Item Type: Religious Artifact / Ecclesiastical Processional Cross

Approximate Date of Manufacture: Early to Mid-19th Century

Appraisal Date: March 3, 2025

Appraisal Serial Number: 026579

Origin: Ethiopia, Amhara or Tigray region

Material: Cast copper alloy (brass/bronze tradition)

Dimensions: 19 inches height × 15.5 inches width

Weight: 3 pounds 8 ounces

Appraisal Purpose:

This appraisal is conducted to establish the Fair Market Value and/or Replacement Cost Value for private sale, insurance, and/or documentation purposes.

Appraisal Methodology:

Valuation is based on comparative analysis of similar items sold at reputable auction houses (e.g., Bonhams, Christie's, Sotheby's Auctions) and listings through premier dealers (e.g., 1stDibs, LiveAuctioneers). Adjustments have been made based on condition, size, craftsmanship, and provenance where applicable.

Item Description:

A finely handcrafted Ethiopian Orthodox processional cross displaying central figural engravings of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, framed within a roundel, and surrounded by additional cherubic faces and symbolic Christian motifs. Elaborate pierced openwork and interwoven designs throughout the body of the cross represent eternal life and divine protection. Produced using traditional lost-wax casting methods, the cross retains its original patina and minor remnants of core material. Likely produced in the 19th century within the Amhara or Tigray regions of Ethiopia, this cross would have been used ceremonially atop a staff during important church liturgical processions. Item previously authenticated (Ref: 026403).

Condition: Presents original aged patina, natural surface oxidation, and minor ceremonial wear consistent with authentic 19th-century ecclesiastical artifacts. No evidence of structural damage or restoration.

Valuation:

- **Estimated Retail Art Gallery Value:** \$3,500 – \$4,000 (expected asking price within a gallery or online retail store)
- **Fair Market Value:** \$2,800 – \$3,200 (if sold directly to a knowledgeable private buyer)
- **Replacement or Insurance Value:** \$4,000 – \$4,500 (highest value to insure for loss, theft, or damage)
- **Marketable Cash (Quick Disposal) Value:** \$2,400 – \$2,800 (if sold quickly to a dealer or private party)

On behalf of Pro Global Commerce Authentication Services, we appreciate the opportunity to conduct this appraisal

With Gratitude,

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