



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: 026580

Origin: Ethiopia, Amhara or Tigray region

Material: Cast copper alloy (brass/bronze tradition)

Dimensions: 21 inches height × 17 inches width

Weight: 4 pounds 7 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 large, hand-cast Ethiopian Orthodox processional cross featuring a central winged figure, likely Archangel Michael, surrounded by a pierced halo populated with angelic faces. The surrounding openwork lattice incorporates interlaced cross motifs symbolizing eternal life and the Holy Trinity. Crafted by traditional lost-wax casting methods, this piece retains natural patina, areas of oxidization, and traces of core casting material. Originating from the highlands of Ethiopia (Amhara or Tigray region), it would have been carried atop a staff during important religious ceremonies and feast day processions. Item previously authenticated (Ref: 026404).

Condition: Retains original aged patina with minor expected oxidation and surface wear consistent with ecclesiastical use and age. Structurally sound with no significant losses or repairs noted.

Valuation:

- **Estimated Retail Art Gallery Value:** \$3,800 – \$4,500 (expected asking price within a gallery or online retail store)
- **Fair Market Value:** \$3,200 – \$3,700 (if sold directly to a knowledgeable private buyer)
- **Replacement or Insurance Value:** \$4,500 – \$5,000 (highest value to insure for loss, theft, or damage)
- **Marketable Cash (Quick Disposal) Value:** \$2,600 – \$3,000 (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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