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FINE OLD SMOOTH SILKY PATINA

EARLY 17TH CENTURY

SIZE: 3 CM HIGH – 1¼ INS HIGH

SEE FINCH AND CO CATALOGUE NO. 7, ITEM NO. 70, CATALOGUE NO. 8, ITEM NO. 21, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

## **LITERATURE**

MARKING THE END OF A CYCLE OF PRAYER AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT A SKULL PATERNOSTER BEAD WOULD PROMPT THE CHRISTIAN WORSHIPPER TO 'REMEMBER ME' AND PONDER THE TRANSIENCE OF LIFE.