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ITALIAN BAROQUE MARBLE VANITAS OF A SKULL AND CROSSBONES

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SYMBOL OF THE CALVARY, ORIGINALLY SET INTO A LARGE MARBLE ALTAR FRONTAL
LATE 17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 47CM DIA., 5CM DEEP – 18½ INS DIA., 2 INS DEEP
52CM HIGH – 20½ INS HIGH (INCLUDING STAND)

LITERATURE

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE TEACHES THAT DEATH CAN BE OVERCOME WITHIN THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION, BUT THAT THE BELIEVER MUST BE ETERNALLY REMINDED OF THE TRANSIENCE OF EARTHLY LIFE. 'TEACH US SO TO NUMBER OUR DAYES, THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM' (PS 90.12).
THIS MARBLE SCULPTURE WOULD HAVE SERVED TO CONCENTRATE THE PENITENTS MIND ON RENOUNCING THE COMFORTS AND PRIDES OF THIS WORLD AND TO FOCUS HIS LIFE ON ESSENTIALS, THE LAST JUDGMENT AND ETERNITY.