

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Constantine the Great (AD 274/88–337)

Cristoforo di Geremia (Italian, ca. 1430–1476)

Date ca. 1468 (?)

Medium Copper alloy, cast

Dimensions Diam.: 2 13/16 in. (7.16 cm)

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary During the Renaissance, Emperor Constantine was looked upon as a model of both imperial and papal leadership. The composition on the reverse is based on an ancient prototype. Though the letters in the caduceus have been interpreted by John Graham Pollard as PAX (peace), their correct reading has yet to be determined. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.