

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Figure of a Blessing Christ

Date possibly 17th century or 19th century

Medium Gold, enamel and diamonds

Dimensions 4 11/16 × 2 3/16 × 1 5/8 in. (11.9 × 5.6 × 4.1 cm)

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Not On View

Commentary The Christ Child is shown with his right hand raised in blessing and gold flowers in his left hand. He wears a red gown, with a green and yellow collar and hem, and a gilt-silver necklace with diamonds. His face, hands, and feet are made of white opaque enamel, while his gown is made of red and green enamels. The nails are painted, and the eyes are rendered in blue enamel. The bouquet was probably enameled, as there are traces of color. The back of the figure is mostly flat, which suggests that it was positioned against a flat surface, perhaps in a niche where it was part of a larger ensemble.

Collection History Maurice-Yves Sandoz (1892–1958), Burier (Château de Burier); Sydney J. Lamon (d. 1973), New York; sale, Christie's, London, November 28, 1973 (lot 18); Ruth Blumka (1920–1994), New York; Blumka Gallery, New York; purchased by Alexis Gregory, 2017; Gift to The Frick Collection, 2021