

*Infant Jesus, hand raised in blessing* (inv. 00156)

Author:	Anonymous
Place:	Malines
Period:	1500-1525
Material:	Walnut, polychromy, gilded
Measurements:	34,5 x 14,4 x 9 cm
Origin:	Purchased by the Jean van Caloen Foundation, Rob Michiels auction from the Paul De Grande collection (Snellegem Castle on June 23, 2022), lot 493
Description:	The Infant Jesus is of the Maline doll type. His blessing gesture and the globe or apple in the other hand refers to him as Salvator Mundi, savior of the world, a reference to his sacrifice on the cross. Such figurines were very popular and, through the Spanish missionaries, formed an export product from Peru and Mexico to India, the Philippines, China and Japan.
Exhibition:	
Bibliography:	B. Kervyn de Volkaersbeke, <i>A Maline doll depicting the Infant Jesus, hand raised in blessing. A new purchase for the Loppem Castle collection that engages with other depictions of the Infant Jesus, Web magazine of the Loppem Castle, no. 3, 2023</i>

