A 16th century carved oak panel, circa 1580

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Height: 40.5 cm (15.9")

Width: 28.5 cm (11.2")

Depth: 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

Carved in high relief, topped by a fluted frieze with leaf-wrapped corners, all above a scroll-edged cartouche with a vulning pelican wings displayed and inverted, flanked by a pair of putti perching on its projecting scrolls, the shaped apron centred by a lion mask

'The Pelican in her Piety' depicts a mother pelican wounding her own breast with her beak to feed her dying chicks with her blood. It represents absolute self-sacrifice, the Passion of Christ, and the Eucharist

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