



Type: TAPESTRY

Origin: FRANCE

Circa: 17 Century

Size/Feet & Inches: 11'0" x 11'0"

Size/Meters: 3.35 x 3.35

Item Number: 3840

A French religious tapestry from Paris, circa 17th century, size 11' H x 11' W. This magnificent handwoven wool and silk wall hanging envisions the marriage of the New Testament figures, Mary and Joseph, with the High Priest flanked by Mary and Joseph at center and a dove above them, and with the central figures attended by a noblewoman and a group of men, and with a mother and child seated in the right foreground. The central scene is enclosed within a border that is characterized by upper and lower central cartouches, supported by putti. It contains a star above, and the armorial of Pierre Guischard below. Six additional cartouches containing the symbols of the Evangelists run through the rest of the border, interspersed with fruiting and flowering elements, decorative swags, and birds. Pierre Guischard (1614-1701) was doctor of Theology of the Holy

Faculty of Paris and Great Master of the College of Navarre in Paris, Advisor, Chaplain and King Louis 14th's Teacher of Theology, Grand Archdeacon of the Church and Cathedral of Avranches in Normandy. Wool with silk inlay. Excellent condition. A truly remarkable tapestry that once adorned the walls of either the royalty or the churches of 17th century France. A unique and inspiring addition to your home decor that speaks to centuries of worth of history!