Franciscan Boy with a Vision of Heaven



Brief description: Stained glass panel depicting Franciscan boy with vision of heaven. Made by Margaret E. Aldrich Rope in about 1930.

Stained glass panel depicting Franciscan boy with vision of heaven. The panel shows a small boy in a habit in the foreground. Beyond him kneels Saint Francis, nimbed, with hands in prayer. He is looking up at a group of heavenly figures and saints. Amongst them are Christ, Mary and St John, who is holding a cross. Behind St Francis and kneeling towards the centre are two angels. The small boy is kneeling on a grassy bank. At the top of the panel is a night sky with a full moon and two trees. Made by Margaret E. Aldrich Rope in about 1930. The Franciscans, or Order of Friars Minor, was founded by St Francis of Assisi, c1182-1226, in 1210. The order, whose members believed in absolute poverty, became popular in Europe and arrived in England in 1224.

Object type: panel

Number of objects: 1

Production date: circa 1931

Production period: 20th century, early

Designer: Margaret E Aldrich Rope

Dimensions: Height: 343 mm, Width: 241 mm

Inscription: bottom of panel How a little Boy-Brother while S. Francis was praying in the night saw Christ and the Virgin Mary and many other Saint and Angels holding converse with him

Acquisition: gift 13.11.1990

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