Figure - Saint Joseph

Object: Figure

Place of origin: Florence (made)

Date: late fifteenth century to early sixteenth century (made)

Artist/Maker: Robbia, Giovanni della, born 1469 (artist)

Materials and Techniques: Painted terracotta

Museum number: 6965-1860

Gallery location: In Storage

Public access description

This statuette, representing Saint Joseph is made in the style of Giovanni della Robbia, in Florence, in the late fifteenth century to early sixteenth century.

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Descriptive line

Satuette, in painted terracotta, in the style of Giovanni della Robbia, Florence, late 15th century to early 16th century

Physical description

Saint Joseph is represented seated with his head bent to the right. His left shoulder is covered by a cloak which is draped over his knees. His right hand is pressed against his chest.

Dimensions

Height: 52.7 cm

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