



19TH CENTURY FRENCH OIL ON CANVAS FAMILY PRIEST PORTRAITS PAINTING IN GILT FRAME

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Decorate a study or office with this elegant antique oil painting. Painted in France and dated 1862, the canvas is set in an important carved giltwood frame. The subject matter depicts five portraits of a priest family titled "Les Quatres Freres et un Neveu" (the four brothers and a nephew). The art work also titled "Elegi Eos Mihi in Sacerdotes" is a Latin phrase which translates to "I have chosen them for myself as priests"; this expression is often found in religious texts and liturgical contexts, emphasizing divine selection or appointment. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, it underscores the belief that priests are chosen by God for sacred duties, serving as mediators between the divine and the people. This choice signifies a special calling, responsibility, and consecration to spiritual service. The phrase highlights themes of divine will, vocation, and dedication, reflecting the importance of priestly roles in religious communities as representatives and leaders in worship and guidance. The large religious painting is in excellent condition and adorns warm palette of colors and wonderful details. It is further set in an exquisite gold leaf frame. Measures: 28" W x 32.25" H.