



**19TH CENTURY ITALIAN FRAMED
"CARDINAL BLESSING" OIL ON
CANVAS PAINTING**

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Decorate an office or study with this large antique oil on canvas and wood painting. Created in Italy circa 1890, and almost 5 feet in height, the artwork is set in an ornate gilt wood frame. The painting depicts a sacred and intimate moment of religious significance. At the center, a cardinal, distinguished by his red ecclesiastical robes and gold pectoral cross, is seated on an ornate chair. He raises his right hand in a gesture of blessing and absolution, offering spiritual forgiveness and guidance to a kneeling boy before him. The boy, dressed in soft, pale clothing, performs the Sign of the Cross with reverence, touching his forehead in the traditional invocation. To the left, a group of young men attentively observe the solemn exchange, their expressions reflecting piety, curiosity, and respect. Their colorful garments and detailed features highlight their individuality and add life to the scene. To the right, a figure in a brown cloak stands contemplatively, his back partially turned as though offering space for the sacred act. The setting is enriched by classical architecture, with towering stone columns and a central niche housing a statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. This prominent sculpture serves as a visual anchor, emphasizing the divine presence in the scene. The composition masterfully balances spiritual devotion with artistic naturalism, employing soft lighting and rich textures to create a sense of solemnity, grace, and timeless beauty. The important painting is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns wonderful and vivid colors. 46.5"W x 57"H