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Highly attractive and extremely rare sealed 17th - 18th century altar reliquary, including the self-contained authentics



Exremely rare late 17th – early 18th century folded paper altar reliquary, 32 mm by 12 mm, with self-contained authentics, sealed with the Episcopal Seal of a member of the Roman Curia. The verso of the reliquary bears the inscription S[an] Paolo Apostolo in a 17th – 18th century ductus. Altar reliquaries of this variety started appearing after the Tridentine Council, which dictated the format in which relics were to be produced as well as the format of the relics inserted in altar stones. Reliquaries of this variety were inserted in the cavities in altar stones, and sealed.