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### Recentis Romae Ichnographia et Hypsographia Sive Planta et Facies Ad Magnificentiam qua sub Alexandrio VII P.M. Urbs Ipsa Directa Exculta et Decorata est

**Stock#:** 27817  
**Map Maker:** Covens & Mortier  
**Date:** 1710 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 36.5 x 24.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Fine example of Covens & Mortier's 2 sheet version of Giovanni Battista Falda's 12-sheet map / view of Rome (*Nuova Pianta et alzata della citta di Roma*), first published in 1676.

A striking highly detailed plan of Rome, locating over 250 places in the two keys at the bottom left and right, with inset profile views of 7 major Basilicas and Churches.

The map is in the style of a Birdseye view, making it easy to recognize the many buildings, piazzas, bridges, gates and other features of 17th Century Rome. The present map is dedicated to Pope Alexander VII and includes coats of arms, a magnificent dedication cartouche and a marvelous allegorical vignette of a Roman Aqueduct at the left center of the map.

Falda's 1676 wall map of Rome on 12 sheets, showed all the principal buildings, streets, gardens and houses, inset general map of the region around Rome showing rivers, mountains and major roads, was dedicated to Pope Innocent XI.

Giovanni Battista Falda (c. 1640-1678) was an Italian architect and engraver. He is mainly known for his engravings of contemporary and antique structures in Rome. Falda lived mainly in Rome, where he started to work with the publisher Giovanni Giacomo de Rossi. He was the engraver for *Le Fontane di Roma* (Fountains in Rome) and for *Palazzi di Roma* (Palaces of Rome). The latter was published in 1655 in collaboration with Pietro Ferrerio.

The map is quite rare, with only one appearance at auction in the past 25 years (the Reys copy, Swann



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**Detailed Condition:**

Very minor soiling and foxing in the margins