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**Stock#:** 37805  
**Map Maker:** Lafreri  
**Date:** 1573  
**Place:** Rome  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 24 x 18.5 inches  
**Price:** Not Available



## Description:

Rare plan of Rome, which appeared in *Speculum Romanae Magnificentiae* (The Mirror of Roman Magnificence), published and produced by Antonio Salamanca and Antonio Lafreri.

The prints of the architecture and views of the city of Rome from this work could be purchased individually or in albums. When Lafreri died, the copper plates were divided between Claudio and Stefano Duchetti (who took the large majority) and several other smaller publishers. It is the more standardized and uniform production of the Speculum by the Duchetti family which proved the most popular.

Lafreri's name is synonymous with the publication of the magnificent composite atlases produced in the important trading centres of Rome and Venice. Comprising of maps by various cartographers they epitomise the Italian domination of the world of cartography before the emergence of Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* which was published in Antwerp in 1570 and which marked the beginning of Dutch cartographic supremacy.

## Detailed Condition:

Minor restorations along centerfold.