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(St. Omer) S. Audomari Fanum S.

Stock#: 96139
Map Maker: Braun / Hogenberg
Date: 1588 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14.75 x 13.25 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

The illustration presents a northern aerial perspective of St. Omer in northern France, characterized by its fortifications comprising moats, walls, and bastions. The landscape is punctuated by numerous ecclesiastical edifices, notably the Notre-Dame Gothic cathedral, anchored in the bottom left, boasting a towering 50-meter clock tower.

Tracing its origins, the town's foundation is attributed to the Benedictine monastery, instituted in AD 657 by Bishop Audomar of Thérouanne. While its inception was rooted in religious undertakings, it rapidly diversified into commercial ventures. By the onset of the 14th century, it was recognized as one of France's most expansive towns, esteemed as the affluent heart of Artois and a pivotal hub in European commerce.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color with moderate oxidation. Minor soiling in the margins. The name of the city appears in early manuscript in the upper right margin.