

## Girandola with St Peter's Rome (1774/5)

**Image:** Joseph Wright of Derby (1734-1797). Sepia wash with brown ink.

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This sketch is part of a series painted by Joseph Wright during the Girandola at the Castel Sant' Angelo by the River Tiber. It was a major fireworks display, so called because of the huge revolving wheel from which rockets were fired. It was held three times a year at Easter and during the festivals of St Peter and St Paul in June. Wright was in Italy at the time of an extra *Girandola* in February 1775, to commemorate the installation of Pius IV as Pope.