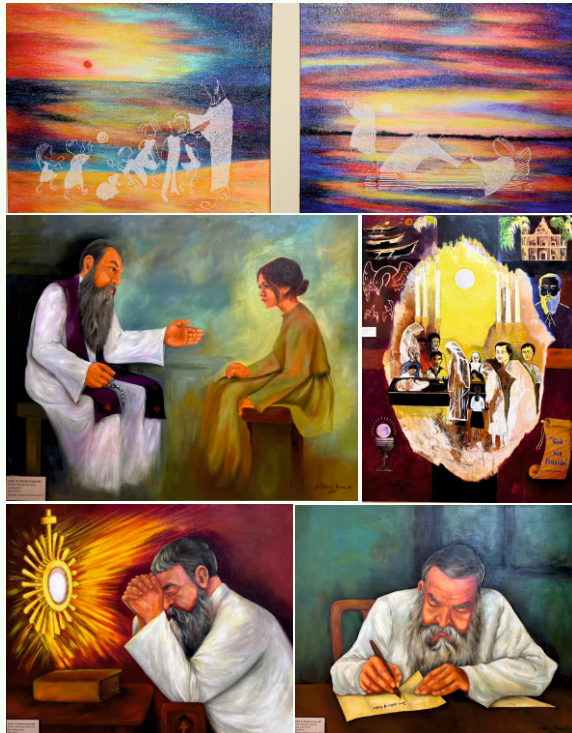


Implications

The present as well as future generation is required to remember and hail Msgr. Herculano Gonsalves, the great visionary, who emptied all he had and sacrificed the last penny of his toil and labour and gave new life to the orphans, children and women in distress. The purpose of 'Herculano Heritage Abode' is to inspire the visitors and help them to explore the imperative role played by this **one** holy priest, through his life and his works.



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Our Founder
11-02-1868 to 21-03-1950

A Path To Holiness...

Msgr. Herculano Gonsalves, from Cana-Benaulim, Goa, was a holy and virtuous priest serving the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman. In the early thirties of the twentieth century, he was enthused with a vision to be Christ-like to the poor, the orphaned, the homeless, the distressed and the like. As a visionary he had an extensive impact, particularly on the village of Calangute, where he served as a Parish Priest just for 2½ years. His love and zeal propelled him to reach out with compassionate justice to those in need.

If your heart moves with compassion to reach out to the poor and the needy, you are welcome to share in the mission of the Handmaids of Christ and become a channel of God's love and mercy.

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St. Alex Orphanage



In 1930, Msgr. Herculano Gonsalves founded the St. Alex Orphanage to shelter the young girls and homeless children. As one ascends the hummock, one finds the Orphanage building, housing a good number of school going children who find a HOME away from home under a vigilant eye of their Directress.

Little Flower of Jesus School



In 1931, he founded the Little Flower of Jesus School to continue his noble work of protection, care and education of the orphans and needy children.

Indigenous Congregation In Goa



In 1934, he took another daring step and founded the first indigenous Congregation in Goa for Women Religious, as Congregação das Irmãs de Santo Aleixo, now known as, Congregation of the Handmaids of Christ.

St. Alex Convent



In 1939, Foundation was laid for St. Alex Convent. This convent atop the hummock is characteristically called 'Casa Mai' (Mother House). This heritage house resonates and propels the inmates with the charism of our Founder.

The Mortal Remains

In 1962, the mortal remains of our Founder Msgr. Herculano Gonsalves, were installed in a marble bust which is now found under a canopy in the midst of a well maintained garden. The spirit of our holy Founder still breathes in this abode.

Msgr. Herculano Museum

In 2009, Msgr. Herculano Museum was inaugurated with the display of artifacts used or contacted by our holy Founder. It is undoubtedly an inestimable treasure of our Congregation. There is power in the relics and they bestow honour, privileges and an indelible impression on the faithful.

Msgr. Herculano Art Exhibition



In 2017, Msgr. Herculano Art Exhibition was inaugurated with the exhibit of drawings, paintings and sketches by Goa's renowned artists, which uncovers some of the most significant and momentous events in the life of our Holy Founder Msgr. Herculano Gonsalves in 'his path to Holiness'.