

Bethany Chapel Conservation Project: The Congregation of the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany was founded in the year 1921 by then parish priest of St. Sebastian Church, Bendur, Mangaluru, Rev. Fr RFC Mascarenhas. The Congregation started with four Sisters and at present has 1383 members serving at 178 Convents all over India, Europe and Africa. The Bethany Chapel has beautiful paintings on the altar and walls of the Chapel painted by Francis De Gama in 1942. The Chapel also has a collection of four large oil paintings on canvas, depicting events following the visit of Jesus Christ to Bethany to meet Mary and Martha mourning the demise of their brother Lazarus. There are eight wall paintings in the Chapel depicting various incidents from the life of Jesus Christ, Mother Mary and Saint Francis. The paintings symbolize the vision and teachings of the founder of the congregation that are imbibed in the daily rituals and practices of the congregation of the Bethany Sisters. The INTACH conservation team restored the oil paintings as well as the wall paintings in the Chapel from April to September 2018.



Full consolidation



Cleaning of the Painting



Re-stretching of the painting



Infilling of losses



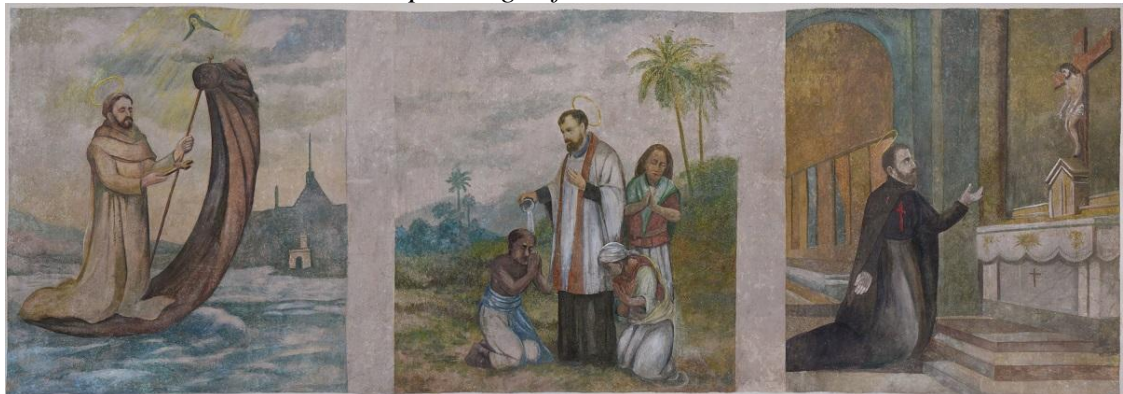
Painting before conservation



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Wall painting before conservation



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