



PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW OF VAGOS

1979

Construction of the Parish Church of Santo Andrew began in 1979, as part of an architectural project led by engineers, José Armando Pires Roque and A. Fernandes Pereira from Cabinet A24 in Águeda, a modern post-conciliar design completed in 1983.

The façade is dominated by red ceramic tiles covering the bell tower. The interior contains ample space for the main nave and choir, including a raised presbytery on the back wall with the celebration altar, framed in the centre by an image of the crucified Christ. The ambo and baptismal font are in marble. The images of St. Andrew, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Fátima, St. Lucia and St. Sebastian the Martyr from the time of the church's construction, are on display for worship. Both the ceiling of the church and the high plinth are made of wood.

The Parish of St. Andrew of Vagos was established on 29th June 1956, separated from the Parish of Vagos, and is comprised of the towns of Santo André, Ervedal, Sanchequias, Vergas, Vigia, Atrás-da-Moita and São Romão. The process was initiated on 12th January 1946.

There are toponymical curiosities linked to this parish, such as the town of Vigia ("Lookout"), which is thought to owe its name to a tower which defended the region from pirate attacks, as well as the town of Sanchequias, which is closely linked to the presence of King Sancho I in these locations and the town of São Romão, donated to the hermitage of Santa Maria of Vagos in 1190.

The feast in honour of St. Andrew of Vagos is celebrated on the 30th of November.

Timeline:

1979 – Acquisition of land and donation of land by Amândio Lourenço and Armindo Amarante for the new parish church.

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