A request for Sisters to take charge of a hospital in China led to six Sisters being chosen to go to Wuchang, a city 600 miles up the Yangtze River from Shanghai. Their work came to include conducting St. Joseph Hospital, care for the aged, operating an orphanage, a school, a training school for nurses, and a dispensary. In 1934 the Community opened a novitiate to receive Chinese women who wished to become Sisters of Charity. The Sisters ministered through World War II and the Civil War, but withdrew from China in 1949 in the wake of the Communist takeover.

In the post World War II period the Community accepted an invitation from Monsignor Dominico Tardini to staff Villa Nazareth, Rome, whose goal was to train gifted orphan boys as future Christian leaders. In 1961 the Community responded to the urging of Pope John XXIII to send Sisters to Latin America. Sisters opened a school in Lima, Peru, for Chinese students and a medical clinic and school to train catechists on the Peruvian altiplano.