

Perú

The mission was sponsored by the Diocese of Jefferson City, as they already had a mission there. The Achonry Sisters were invited to participate in this. Four Sisters volunteered for the mission in 1984. Having finished in language school, they went to work with the poor in the parishes of Nazca and Marcona. Their mission in the parish was to be one of pastoral work; family catechesis, work with women, youth, and children, visitation of homes and funeral services. The Sisters walked the streets in the evenings and talked to the women who sat on steps outside the doors of their houses. They also encouraged the children to read stories in Spanish to them, so that they could interact, as well as improving their Spanish.

Following the 1994 Congregational re-founding, Sisters in Perú became part of the Southern Province. This reconfiguration was fully realised in 1998. One Sister from the original Achonry Diocese continues to live and work in Perú. Her mission with the poor is interspersed with service to the Global Mercy family in the ministry of translation.