The first group of Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus began to serve the priests and people in the village of McDonald within the Diocese of Youngstown. The Sisters first taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. By 1955 the Oblate Sisters were given permission to purchase a 19 acre property on which stood an Old English Tutor Mansion. Today this structure is Villa Maria Teresa, our Regional Convent and formation house.

In subsequent years the Oblate Sisters established a preschool and kindergarten on their Regional Convent grounds. They also taught in elementary schools. The Sisters continue to teach catechism in several Youngstown Diocese Parish Religious Education programs, serve in parishes in various capacities and staff two priest retirement homes.

The Sisters serving in our USA foundation come from many different ethnic backgrounds. Each Sister enriches all with her own cultural gifts and traditions. Along with the American born Sisters we have Sisters from Italy, Nigeria, and India.