



1950 – On October 12, the first group of eight Comboni Missionary Sisters arrived in New York from Italy. Four of them came to Richmond to serve among the Afro-Americans in collaboration with the Redemptorist Missionaries and the other four continued to Chastang, Alabama.

1953 – A second group of eight sisters arrived with the aim of reinforcing and expanding our presence in this country.

1954 – A community was established in Mobile, Alabama where they served in the Diocesan Mission Office and the Social Service Office among the Afro-American community.

1955 – A house was purchased at 1307 Lakeside Avenue in Richmond, Virginia, which then became our Provincial House/Headquarters. Holy Angels Day Care Center began in the two large rooms in the basement of this house. The same year, the Verona Sisters as known then, accepted to staff St. Gerard Maternity Home for unwed Afro-American single mothers on Clopton Street in Southside, Richmond. This commitment, strongly promoted by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, was the first maternity home of its kind in the USA.

1956 – A group of Sisters went to Lansdale, Pa. to work at St. Mary's Home for the Blind and Aged which was one of the Archdiocesan homes in the Archdiocese.

1957 – The Sisters were asked by the Verona Fathers to do domestic work in the Minor Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1957.

1961 – The first group of candidates entered in Richmond and began their Postulancy.

1965 – We celebrated the first profession of vows in the newly dedicated chapel. We also began the formal professional training of our sisters in various colleges. Once graduated, these sisters were assigned to Africa, Latin America, United States, Asia or Europe.

1973 – Prompted by the social changes promoted by the Civil Right Movement, we left Alabama and went to Allentown, New Jersey (1974) where the Sisters engaged in mission education and ran the parish catechetical center, youth ministry, and vocation promotion.

1976 – We opened a new community at Holy Rosary Parish in Churchill and began to serve in the pastoral administration of Sacred Heart Parish in Richmond.

1982 – and again in 2010 – We moved to Chicago, Illinois to do mission education, vocation promotion and pastoral ministry focused on the Afro Americans, Hispanics and Eritrean communities.

1995-2009 – We carried out pastoral and social ministry among Hispanics in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. After almost 40 years of service to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at St. Mary's Manor for the Aged our presence was terminated there.

2000 - A community was opened in Baltimore, Maryland in order to give an opportunity to Sisters coming to study to have a community closer to the schools. Also, there are many opportunities to collaborate in the multi-cultural parish of St. Matthew. Sisters in the community are involved in Catholic Mobilizing Network, VIVAT INTERNATIONAL in New York, pastoral work among Hispanics at Sacred Heart Church.

2006 – We closed the Holy Angel Day Care Center in Richmond and initiate a pastoral service in Human Concern at Our Lady of Lourdes. The first principal at the Catholic School of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was administrated by the Comboni Missionary Sisters as well.

2009- A Sister is the Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Richmond. This Office supports the work of the parishes in the formation of Parish Leaders and Migrant Ministry.

2015-Present – We collaborate with the Association of Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América (AHLMA) as President of the association and the first Executive Director of the association to support the presence of the Latino Sisters working in USA.

2018 – The Comboni Missionary Sisters in U.S.A establish a new initiative called “One World Encounter in the Love of God” nurtures a spirit of mutual respect among diverse and sometimes adversarial groups of people in our congregations and our communities.