



NOTHING MUCH GROWS AT 15,000 FEET. PEOPLE RAISE ANIMALS AND MAY BE ABLE TO GROW SOME POTATOES. Ancilla about to leave Acco Acco Phalla

IHM sisters minister to thousands of people each year through their work in 16 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico and Peru.

Sr. Ancilla, who is currently missioned in Sicuani since 2012, in the South Andes mountains of Peru, grew up in Roslyn and attended St. Mary's grade and high school in Manhasset. A graduate of Marywood University and University of

1 Sr. Norma Poma-Arpi, IHM stripping habas beans with the help of a young teenager.



Notre Dame, Sister spent most of her religious life as a high school teacher here on Long Island and in the Bronx.

Currently, there are five IHM sisters ministering in Peru, three of whom are native Peruvians. The IHM Congregation assumes primary financial responsibility for these sisters in order to allow them to continue their important ministries to the poorest of the poor in Peru. At the heart of the sister's ministry is serving the needs of the marginalized poor in Peru through educational, health care, and pastoral outreach during periods of political instability, food shortages and natural disasters.

The IHM sisters established and now run a boarding house for girls from remote villages so that these young women can attend high school in Sicuani, the only educational opportunity available to them. The sisters have been known to attach a loudspeaker to the roof of their secondhand Land Rover, calling the children in poor, small mountain communities to religion classes or summer programs. Or getting on the church PA, calling for parishioners to get out of bed and come to join the children (and their dogs) at Mass! Sisters often travel great distances across the tops of the Andes Mountains to give teacher workshops in



remote villages, journeying with a team of religious educators singing as they go. They serve outlying communities, providing families with basic needs, sacrament preparation and pastoral outreach. The journey often leads to sleeping in deplorable conditions in tiny or bug infested spaces. The sisters' goodness, generosity, joy, and deep faith in love for the people they serve is the root of their mission as they are joined with other missionaries, native priests, sisters and lay people to work and celebrate life together in the South Andes.



2 Young girls at the summer program hosted by the Sisters.



Getting ready to ride to the markets in the mountains. Roads are narrow and scary!