Sr. Anita Marie was born in 1916 in Dunbar, Pennsylvania, entered the congregation in 1940 and professed final vows in 1947. After several years in teaching and administration in New Haven and Pennsylvania, Sr. Anita Marie was the founding principal of Cor Jesu Academy begun in 1956 at Sacred Heart Villa on "The Hill." It wasn't long before Cor Jesu outgrew its first home and so Sr. Anita Marie took on the responsibility for the planning and construction of the new Cor Jesu Academy which opened in 1965 in Afton.

In 1968, Sr. Anita Marie was appointed Provincial Superior. One highlight of her term was the establishment of the Apostles' retirement home, Sacred Heart Manor, on the Mount Sacred Heart property. She also orchestrated the purchase of the Our Lady Queen of Apostles property in Imperial, MO in 1969.

After another 12 years as principal and superior, Sr. Anita Marie was assigned to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles in 1989. She died there in 1996 following a courageous two-year battle with cancer.