



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Spokane
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History: In 1932, the Jesuits established the Oregon Province, which succeeded the California Province. The Oregon Province has administered the following Indian and Eskimo missions, parishes, and schools in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington State:

1932-present	St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Tununak, Alaska
1932-1939 (transferred to Boise Diocese)	Our Lady of Lourdes Mission (Nez Perce), Lewiston, Idaho
1932-1940 (closed)	Pilgrim Springs Mission and Orphanage (Eskimo), Pilgrim Springs, Alaska
1932-1940 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Crow), Wyola, Crow Reservation, Montana
1932-1940 (transferred to Juneau Diocese)	St. Rose of Lima Church (Tlingit), Wrangell, Alaska
1932-1940s (transferred to Spokane Diocese)	

1932-1967 (transferred to Seattle Archdiocese)	St. Peter Mission (Suquamish), Suquamish, Washington
1932-1965 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission (Nez Perce), Culdesac, Nez Perce Reservation, Idaho
1932-1995 (transferred to Xaverians)	St. Aloysius Mission (Eskimo), Tanana, Alaska
1932-1966 (transferred to Capuchins)	St. Dennis Church (Crow), Crow Agency, Crow Reservation, Montana
1932-1966 (transferred to Capuchins)	St. Francis Xavier Mission (Crow), St. Xavier, Crow Reservation, Montana
1932-1970 (transferred to Vincentians)	Holy Name Church (Tlingit and Haida), Ketchikan, Alaska
1932-1970 (closed)	St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute, Alaska
1932-1970 (transferred to Capuchins)	St. Paul Mission (Atsina, Assiniboine, and Métis), Hays, Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana
1932-1979 (transferred to Boise Diocese)	

1932-present	St. Charles Mission (Crow), Pryor, Crow Reservation, Montana
1932-present	St. Francis Xavier Church (Eskimo), Kotzebue, Alaska
1932-present	St. Ignatius Church (Eskimo), Alakanuk, Alaska
1932-present	St. Ignatius Mission (Kootenai and Salish), St. Ignatius, Flathead Reservation, Montana
1932-present	St. John Berchmans Mission (Salish), Jocko, Flathead Reservation, Montana
1932-1986 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Nome, Alaska
1932-present	St. Michael Mission (Colville), Inchelium, Colville Reservation, Washington
1932-present	St. Rose of Lima (Colville), Keller, Colville Reservation, Washington
1933-1986 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	St. Ann Mission (Eskimo), Teller, Alaska
1934-1986 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	St. Jude Mission (Eskimo), Diomedes, Alaska
1938-1950 (closed)	St. Ignatius Mission (Colville), Rogers Bar, Colville Reservation, Washington
1939-1984 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	St. Theresa Mission (Eskimo), Aniak, Alaska
1939-present	St. Lawrence Church (Eskimo), Mountain Village, Alaska
1940-present	St. Joseph Church (Assiniboine and Atsina), Zortman, Montana
1940-present	St. Peter Claver Mission (Siksika), Heart Butte, Crow Reservation, Montana
1941-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Kootenai and Salish), Arlee, Flathead Reservation, Montana
1943-1984 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	Sacred Heart/ Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Kalskag, Alaska
1943-present	Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Bethel, Alaska
1943-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Emmonak, Alaska
1945-present	St. Joseph Church (Colville), Omak, Colville Reservation, Washington
1945-present	St. Mary Mission (Colville), Omak, Colville Reservation, Washington
1949-1989 (transferred to Great Falls Diocese)	St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Assiniboine and Atsina), Harlem, Montana
1949-present	Holy Angels Mission (Eskimo and Koyukon), Unalakleet, Alaska
1949-present	St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Kotlik, Alaska
1950-1960 (closed)	Christ the King Mission (Eskimo), King Island, Alaska
1950-1970 (transferred to Redemptorists)	Sacred Heart Mission (Tanana and Eskimo), Seward, Alaska
1950-1989 (transferred to Franciscans)	St Teresa Little Flower of Jesus Mission (Koyukon), Kaltag, Alaska
1950-present	Blessed Sacrament Mission (Eskimo), Scammon Bay, Alaska
1950-present	Our Lady of the Snows Church (Koyukon), Nulato, Alaska
1950-present	St. Michael Church (Coeur d'Alene), Worley, Coeur d'Alene Reservation, Idaho

1951-present	St. Mary Mission/ Church of the Nativity (Eskimo and Ingalik), St. Mary, Alaska
1951-1987 (closed)	St. Mary's School (Eskimo and Ingalik), St. Mary, Alaska
1952-1980s (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese), 1990-present	Holy Family Church (Eskimo), Newtok, Alaska
1952-1989 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese), 1990-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Chevak, Alaska
1954-1959 (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese), 1973-2004 (transferred to Marian Fathers)	St. Patrick Church (Eskimo), Barrow, Alaska
1954-present	St. Mary Mission (Siksika), Babb, Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
1959-1990s (transferred to Fairbanks Diocese)	St. Patrick Church (Koyukon), Koyukuk, Alaska
1960-present	St. Michael Church (Eskimo), McGrath, Alaska
1960s-1980 (closed)	Copper Valley School (Ahtena), Glenallen, Alaska
1964-present	St. Peter the Fisherman Mission (Eskimo), Toksook Bay, Alaska
1964-present	St. Charles Spinola Mission (Eskimo), Pilot Station, Alaska
1966-present	St. Francis Regis Mission (Koyukon), Huslia, Alaska
1969-present	Christ the King Chapel (Eskimo), Umkumute, Alaska
1970-present	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Coeur d'Alene), Plummer, Coeur d'Alene Reservation, Idaho
1970s-present	St. Anthony Mission (Eskimo), Hamilton, Alaska
1972-present	Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Spokane), Westend, Spokane Reservation, Washington
1972-present	Sacred Heart Church (Spokane), Wellpinit, Spokane Reservation, Washington
1980-1990 (closed)	St. Francis Xavier Mission (Eskimo), Eagle, Alaska
1980-present	St. Catherine Church (Eskimo), Cheforniak, Alaska
1980s-present	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission (Eskimo), Nightmute, Alaska
1988-present	St. Philip Benizi Mission (Spokan), Wellpinit/Ford, Spokane Reservation, Washington
2000-present	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Eskimo), Russian Mission, Alaska

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1840s-present

Volume: Approximately 800 cubic feet

Description: Gonzaga University has collected Northwest Jesuit Indian and Eskimo mission records since the 1920s, which now comprise over 30 collections that are described online in a general narrative, <http://www.gonzaga.edu/Academics/Libraries/Foley+Library/Departments/Special+Collections/Collections/JOPA/default.asp>, and an annotated checklist. The bulk of these records have been published in the following 4 microfilm collections, which are not noted elsewhere in the Marquette Native Catholic guides because they are readily available at many research institutions:

/1 "Oregon Province Archives of the Society of Jesus: Alaska Mission Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1887-1955

Volume: 42 reels of microfilm

Description: Includes guide to the microfilm collection, 1980.

/2 "Oregon Province Archives of the Society of Jesus: Pacific Northwest Tribes Missions Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1853-1960

Volume: 34 reels of microfilm

Description: Includes guide to the microfilm collection, 1987.

/3 "Oregon Province Archives of the Society of Jesus Indian Language Collection: The Alaska Native Languages"

Inclusive dates: 1841-1977, n.d.

Volume: 28 reels of microfilm

Description: Includes guide to the microfilm collection, 1976.

/4 "Oregon Province Archives of the Society of Jesus Indian Language Collection: The Pacific Northwest Tribes"

Inclusive dates: 1841-1977, n.d.

Volume: 21 reels of microfilm

Description: Includes guide to the microfilm collection, 1976.