**Holy Cross Mission**

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**History:**

1888-1984 Jesuits (formerly Turin, Canada, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered Holy Cross Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik), Holy Cross/ Koserefsky

1888-1956 (school closed) Jesuits with Sisters of St. Ann (formerly Lachine and St. Joseph; now St. Marie Province, Marlboro, Massachusetts) established and administered Holy Cross Boarding and Day School and Orphanage (Eskimo, Ingalik, and others)

1888-late 1950s Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross in pre-school, catechizing, medical care, and fishing/gardening

1956 Students were transferred by airplane from Holy Cross to Copper Valley School, Glenallen, in “Operation Snowbird”


1984-1992 A diocesan priest attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa’s, Aniak

1987-1993 Two Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross

1992-1998, 2001-present Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa’s, Aniak

1998-2000 Lay administrators administered Holy Cross

Jesuits from Holy Cross attended the following Indian and Eskimo missions:

1890s Bethel station (Eskimo); also attended from St. Joseph’s, Tununak

1896-1920 (closed) Sacred Heart and Shagelok/ Shageluk River District stations (Koyukon)

1929-1970 (closed) St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute

1980-1984 (became a parish) St. Theresa Church (Eskimo), Aniak
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Holy Cross Mission and its attended Indian and Eskimo missions.