Diocese of Tucson
ARIZONA, TOPAWA

San Solano Missions
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History: St. Catherine Church, Topawa, Tohono O’odham Reservation, was established in 1908. In 1912, it became the Franciscans’ (Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) mission headquarters for San Solano Missions, which has attended the following Tohono O’odham Indian missions on the Tohono O’odham / Papago Reservation:

1912-present St. Augustine Mission, Chuichu
1913-present St. Elizabeth Mission, Cockleburr
1913-1950, 1960-present Coyote Village Mission, Coyote Fields
1913-1964 (closed) Ss. Simon and Jude Mission, Gila Bend
1917-present Vaf Kuech Village Mission
1920-present Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Cowlic Mission, Cowlic
1930-present Lady of the Sacred Heart Mission, Covered Wells
1930-present St. Clare Mission, Anegam
1930-present St. Elizabeth Mission, Santa Rosa
1930-present St. Mary Mission, Cobabi
1930-present Queen/ Our Lady of Angels Mission, San Miguel
1930-present St. Aloysius Mission, Big Field
1930-present San Jose Mission, Pisinemo
1932-1970 (closed?) St. Margaret Mary Chapel, Emika
1936-1941 (closed) Sacred Heart School, Sells
1938-present San Serafin Mission, Ak Chin
1940-1990 (closed?) Kaka station
1940-present Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, Sells
1940-present St. Paschal Mission, Vamori
1940-present Santa Cruz Mission, Santa Cruz
1940-present Our Lady of Lourdes Mission, Little Tucson
1940-present St. Paul Mission, Fresnal
1940-present St. Anthony Mission, Gu Vo
1940-present Sacred Heart Mission, Comobabi
1940-present St. Agatha/ St. Maurice Mission, Sil Nakya
1940-present Santa Rosa Ranch Mission, Santa Rosa Ranch [Same as St. Elizabeth Mission, Santa Rosa?]
1940-present St. Martin Mission, Gunsight
1940-present Immaculate Conception/ Santa Maria Mission, Ventana
1940-present St. Anthony Mission, Cold Fields
ca. 1950 (closed?) Big Flats Chapel, Big Flats
ca. 1950 (closed?) Cubo Chapel, Cubo
ca. 1950 (closed?) Copeka Chapel, Copeka
ca. 1950 (closed?) Lourdes Church and School, Lourdes
ca. 1950 (closed?) Pacinimo Church and School, Pacinimo
ca. 1950 (closed?) San Lorenzo Chapel, San Lorenzo
ca. 1950 (closed?) Wahewa Vo Chapel, Wahewa Vo
1950-present Ss. Peter and Paul/ St. Rafael Mission, Meneger’s Dam
1950-present St. Simon Mission, San Simon
1950-present St. Therese Mission, Pia Oik
1950-present San Isidro Mission, Havana Nakya
1950-present Queenswell Village/ Queen’s Wells Mission, Queenswell Village/Queen’s Wells Mission
1950-present St. Barbara Mission, Vaya Chin
1950-present Santa Maria Mission, Nolic
1950-present Choulic Mission, Choulic
1950-present St. Mary Mission, South Hickiwan
1960-present St. Ignatius Mission, North Komelic
1960-present St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Kohatk
1960-present St. Francis Mission, South Hickiwan
1960-present San Isidro Mission, Sikul Himatk
1960-present Mount Carmel Mission, San Carmelo
1960-present St. Jude Mission, South Komelic
1970-present Santa Cruz Mission, Charco 27
1970-present Santa Cruz Mission, Komovo
1970-present St. Louis Mission, San Luis
1980-present St. Francis Mission, Whitehorse Pass
1980-present St. Clare Mission, Cockleburr
1980-present St. Anthony Mission, Jackrabbitt
Unknown-present St. Francis Mission, Cockleburr
Unknown-present San Jose Mission, North Hickiwan
Unknown-present Pan Tak Village Mission, Pan Tak Village
Unknown-present St. Francis Xavier Mission, unknown village
Unknown-present St. Michael Mission, New Fields

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (United States Province, Tucson, Arizona) staffed the following Tohono O’odham Indian schools on the Tohono O’odham Reservation:

1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) St. Anthony School, Topawa
1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) St. Joseph School, San Miguel
1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
1930-1939 (closed) Our Lady of Lourdes School, Little Tucson
1930-1939 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity) St. Joseph School, Pisinemo
1932-1936 (closed) Gue Va School, Gue Va
1932-1936 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) St. Aloysius School, Big Fields
1932-1939 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity) Sacred Heart School, Covered Wells
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (Orange, California) staffed the following Tohono O’odham Indian schools on the Tohono O’odham Reservation:

- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity) St. Anthony School (Tohono, Topawa)
- 1939-1941 (closed) St. Aloysius School, Big Fields
- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity) St. Paschal School, Vamuri
- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity) Cold Fields School, Cold Fields
- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity) Tecolote Valley School, Tecolote Valley
- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity) Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
- 1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity) St. Joseph School, San Miguel

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) have staffed, at least in part, the following Tohono O’odham Indian schools on the Tohono O’odham Reservation:

- 1939-1985 (transferred to School Sisters of Notre Dame) Sacred Heart School, Covered Wells
- 1939-present St. Joseph School, Pisinemo
- 1941-1943 (closed) Cold Fields School, Cold Fields
- 1941-1943 (closed) Tecolote Valley School, Tecolote Valley
- 1941-1961 (closed) Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
- 1941-1960 (closed) St. Joseph School, San Miguel
- 1941-1943 (closed) St. Paschal School, Vamuri
- 1941-1968 (merged with Sells Public Schools) St. Anthony School, Topawa
- 1994-2002 Public elementary and secondary schools, Sells and Topawa

School Sisters of Notre Dame (Dallas Province, Dallas, Texas) have staffed Sacred Heart Mission School (Tohono O’odham), Covered Wells, Tohono O’odham Reservation, 1985-present.

Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family (Dubuque, Iowa) have evangelized San Solano Missions, 1994-present.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1909-present

Volume: Several volumes and files

Description: 2 series include Native Catholic records:

1/ San Solano Mission Reports
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: At least 5 volumes
Description: Annual mission and school reports.
Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1908-present
Volume: Several volumes
Description:
A. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Florence, 1922-1954; few Pima Indians
B. Immaculate Conception Mission, Ajo, 1955-1956; few Tohono O’odham Indians
C. [Fort Yuma Government Indian School?], Fort Yuma, dates unknown; Yuma Indians
D. San Solano Missions, Topawa, dates unknown; Tohono O’odham Indians
E. Santa Cruz Mission, Tucson, dates unknown; Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O’odham Indians
F. St. Anthony of Padua Church, Casa Grande, 1932-1958; Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O’odham Indians
G. St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson, dates unknown; few Pima, Tohono O’odham and/or Yaqui Indians
H. St. Catherine Mission, Topawa, dates unknown; Tohono O’odham Indians
I. Unidentified parishes, 1913-1952, 1 volume; marriage registrar; no Indians known