Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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CALIFORNIA, LOS GATOS

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History: California was organized as a mission of the Jesuit Turin (Italy) Province in 1854 and as an independent province in 1909. As a province, it has administered the following Indian and Eskimo missions and parishes in the western United States:

1909-1920 (no longer Indian and Eskimo?) (transferred to Juneau Diocese)
Sacred Heart Mission (Denaina and Eskimo?), Seward, Alaska

1909-1911 (transferred to Missouri Province)
St. Margaret Church (Arapaho and Shoshoni), Riverton, Wind River Reservation, Wyoming
St. Stephen’s Mission (Arapaho and Shoshoni), St. Stephens, Wind River Reservation, Wyoming

1909-1931 (transferred to Oregon Province)
Birch Creek Mission (Siksika), Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
Church of the Little Flower (Siksika), Browning, Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
Holy Family Church (Siksika), Browning, Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
Immaculate Conception Church (Colville), Colville, Washington
Sacred Heart Mission (Klamath), Klamath Falls, Oregon
Sacred Heart Mission (Crow), Wyola, Crow Reservation, Montana
St. Andrew Mission and School (Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla), Pendleton, Umatilla Reservation,
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Ann/ Our Lady of Loretto Mission (Crow), Lodge Grass, Crow Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Dennis Church (Crow), Crow Agency, Crow Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Francis Xavier Mission (Crow), St. Xavier, Crow Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Francis Regis Mission (Colville), Colville, Washington
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Ignatius Mission (Salish and Kootenai), St. Ignatius, Flathead Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. John Berchmans Mission (Salish and Kootenai), Jocko, Flathead Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Joseph Mission (Nez Perce), Culdesac/ Slickpoo, Nez Perce Reservation, Idaho
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Joseph Church (Yakama), Yakima, Washington
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Mary Church (Yakama), White Swan, Yakima Reservation, Washington
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Paul Church (Atsina and Assiniboine), Hays, Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Stanislaus Church (Nez Perce), Lewiston, Idaho
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Theresa Church (Nez Perce), Orofino, Nez Perce Reservation, Idaho
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Thomas Mission (Atsina, Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa), Lodgepole, Fort Peck Reservation, Montana
1909-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Ursula/ Our Lady of Lourdes Mission (Atsina, Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa), Poplar, Fort Peck Reservation, Montana
1910-1912 (transferred to Portland Archdiocese)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe/ St. Mary Mission (Chinook and Klamath), Siletz, Siletz Reservation, Oregon
1910-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
Sacred Heart Mission (Nez Perce), Lapwai (Slickpoo), Idaho
1910-1920s (closed)  
St. Louis Church (Colville), Brewster/ Monse
1911-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Anne Mission (Siksika), Heart Butte, Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
Holy Cross Church (Eskimo), Holy Cross, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
Immaculate Conception Cathedral (Eskimo and Koyukon), Fairbanks, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Aloysius Mission (Eskimo), Tanana, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Bernard Mission (Eskimo), Stebbins, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Ignatius (Eskimo), Alakanuk, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. John Berchmans (Koyukon), Galena, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Nome, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Tununak, Alaska
1912-1932 (transferred to Oregon Province)  
St. Mary's Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik), St. Marys (Akularak), Alaska

Oregon
St. Michael’s Mission (Eskimo), St. Michael, Alaska
St. Peter in Chains Church (Koyukon), Ruby, Alaska
St. Peter Claver Church (Koyukon), Nulato, Alaska
St. Stanislaus/ St. Paul the Apostle Church (Koyukon), Kokrines, Alaska
St. Theresa Church (Tanana), Nenana, Alaska
Our Lady of Sorrows Mission (Colville), Cusick, Washington
St. Peter Mission (Suquamish), Suquamish, Washington
St. Ann Church (Sanpoil), Pia, Washington
St. Joachim Mission (Sanpoil), Bossburg, Washington
Sacred Heart Mission (Colville), Nespelem, Colville Reservation, Washington
St. Rose of Lima Mission (Colville), Keller, Colville Reservation, Washington
Pilgrim Springs Mission and Orphanage (Eskimo), Pilgrim Springs, Alaska
Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Nez Perce), Lewiston, Idaho
Sacred Heart Church (Atsina and Assiniboine), Fort Belknap, Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana
St. Michael Mission (Colville), Inchelium, Colville Reservation, Washington
Little Flower of Jesus Mission (Eskimo), Hooper Bay, Alaska
St. Francis Xavier Mission (Eskimo), Kotzebue, Alaska
St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute, Alaska
Church of Mary, the Mother of God (Eskimo), Marshall, Alaska
Holy Name Church (Tlingit and Haida), Ketchikan, Alaska
St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Pima), Salt River, Salt River Reservation, Arizona
St. Francis Xavier Church (various), Phoenix, Arizona
St. Henry Church (Navajo and others), Brigham City, Utah
Corpus Christi Church (Paiute and Washo), Carson City, Nevada
St. Helen Church (Ute), Roosevelt, Utah
Holy Spirit Mission (Ute), Duchesne, Utah
1973-1985 (transferred to Society of the Atonement)
St. Michael Church (Tohono O’odham), Gila Bend, Arizona

1973-1985 (transferred to Society of the Atonement)
St. Lucy Mission (Tohono O’odham), Paloma Ranch, Arizona

1978-1984 (closed)
Catholic Indian Center (Navajo and others), Brigham City, Utah

1990-1996 (transferred to School Sisters of Notre Dame)
St. Peter Mission (Pima), Sacaton, Arizona

2000-present
St. Nicholas Mission (Ute), Blanding, Utah

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1850s-present

Volume: Approximately 20 cubic feet

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 “Province Correspondence”
Inclusive dates: 1863-1932
Volume: 5 volumes
Description: “Lette Edificanti Della Provincia Turinese, 1863-1932,” 5 volumes, each with index; correspondence between the provincial (Turinese Province, Turin, Italy) and mission superiors, re: Jesuit missions among Indians and Eskimos in Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Alaska; in Italian.

/2 “Province Reports Jesuit Generalate, ARSI California 1003-I-1”
Inclusive Dates: 1891-1931
Volume: Less than 10% of .5 cubic foot
Description: Annual reports noting the principal activities and ministries of the houses within the province.
A. Consultation Minutes, 1891-1931, less than 10% of 2 volumes; re: dialogues between the provincial superior and board of consulters on problems of specific houses
B. Missione Della California, Torino Province, 1898, less than 10% of 29 pages; re: overview of activities, including Jesuit Indian missions of the Pacific Northwest
C. Folder 4 (less than 10% of folder): Phoenix, 1928-1929; re: Faculties granted by local bishop

/3 “House Files, 323”
Inclusive dates: 1959-1968, 1984
Volume: Less than 5% of approximately .3 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by Jesuit house; re: correspondence, clippings, parish and school reports, publications, photographs, and scrapbooks:
A. 323E: Gardnerville, Nevada, St. Gall’s Mission, 1959-1968, 1984; less than 5% of 1 folder
B. 323F: Brigham City, Utah, St. Henry’s Church, 1959-1968, 1984; less than 5% of 6 folders; re: Navajo Indian students of Intermountain Government School and Reverend Joseph Clark, S.J.
/4 Photographs
Inclusive dates: 1910s-1940s
Volume: Approximately .4 cubic foot
Description: Albums arranged alphabetically by Jesuit house
A. Bassett, Daniel, S.J. Slide Collection, 1910s-1920s, approximately .2 cubic foot; mostly black and white
1. Holy Rosary Mission (Oglala), Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, 1910s-1920s, approximately 160 slides; include [Nicholas] Black Elk, Catholic Sioux Congress of 1920, Jesuits, and Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity
2. St. Francis Mission (Brulé), Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota, 1910s-1920s, approximately 6 slides: Includes Big Turkey, Bone Shirt, Hollow Horn Bear, and Short Bull
3. St. Ignatius Mission (Kootenai and Salish), Flathead Reservation, Montana, approximately 6 slides: Also includes Jesuits
B. Hubbard, [Reverend] Bernard R. (1888-1962), S.J., ca. 1920s-1930s, 261 lantern slides; mostly color, re:
1. Alaska panhandle, 252 slides, ca. 1930s, unidentified Indian village (Tlingit?) and geography
2. United States Great Plains and Southwest, 9 slides, ca. 1920s, unidentified Indians

/6 "Biographical Files and Personnel Papers"
Inclusive Dates: 1910s-1960s
Volume: Approximately 19 cubic feet
Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname and includes an unknown amount within approximately 53 cubic feet; re: personal papers by and/or about the author or subject; notable authors/subjects pertaining to American Indians and Eskimos:
A. Dunne, Peter Masten (1889-1957), S.J., ca. 1925-1957, possibly 25% of 5 cubic feet, re: Southwestern history research
B. Fox, Francis (1921-1989), S.J., ca. 1957-1989, approximately 5 cubic feet, re: Southwestern history research
C. Hubbard, [Reverend] Bernard R. S.J., 1930s-1962, approximately 3 cubic feet; re: correspondence, reports, and articles, ca. 1930s-1962; re: Eskimo and Indians and geography in Alaska
D. Polzer, [Reverend] Charles (1930-2003), S.J., ca. 1953-2003, possibly 25% of 40 cubic feet; unprocessed, re: Documentary Relations of the Southwest Project, which pertains in part to Indians in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas