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History: The Diocese of Two Californias (Alta and Baja California, Mexico) was erected in 1840 from a portion of the Diocese of Sonora, subject to the Metropolitan See of Mexico City, Mexico. In 1853 it was reorganized as the Diocese of Monterey, subject to the Metropolitan See of San Francisco, California. It was renamed first the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles and then Los Angeles-San Diego in 1859 and 1922 respectively, and elevated as the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1936. By 2000, there were an estimated 25,000 to 40,000 Native American Catholics in the Archdiocese. The Los Angeles Archdiocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in California:

1769-1853, 1862-1907 (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1907)
1770-1836 (Indians diminished) (Los Angeles, 1840)
1771-1834, 1843-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)
1771-1882 (closed) (Los Angeles, 1840-1882)
1772-1845, 1859-1860s (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1922)
1775-1834, 1845 (Indians declined) (Los Angeles, 1840-1976)
1776-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1853)
1777-1836 (closed)
1780-1781 (closed)

San Diego de Alcalá Mission (Campo), [San Diego]
San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission (Esselen and Ohlone), [Carmel]
San Gabriel Arcángel Mission (Serrano), San Gabriel
San Antonio de Padua Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), [Jolon]
San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), [San Luis Obispo]
San Juan Capistrano Mission (Agua Calientes and Juaneño), [San Juan Capistrano]
San Francisco de Asís [Dolores] Mission (Ohlone and Wintun), [San Francisco]
Santa Clara de Asis Mission (Miwok and Ohlone), [Santa Clara]
Puerto de la Purísima Concepción Mission (Yuma), [Fort Yuma]
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1894–present (Los Angeles, 1894–1936)  
St. Thomas Mission (Yuma), Winterhaven, Quechan Reservation

1898–present (Los Angeles, 1898–1936)  
St. Dominic Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Mesa Grande

1903–present (Los Angeles, 1903–1936)  
St. Mary Mission/ Holy Trinity Church (Campo), El Cajon

1904–present (Los Angeles, 1904–1936)  
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Mission (Cahuilla), Thermal

1909–present (Los Angeles, 1909–1936)  
St. Michael Mission (Campo), Temecula

1912–present (Los Angeles, 1840–1967)  
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Mission (Cahuilla), Terra Bella

1912–present (Los Angeles, 1840–1936)  
Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Campo), Boulevarde-Manzanita

1918–present (Los Angeles, 1918–1936)  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), El Cajon

1920–present (Los Angeles, 1840–1967)  
St. Edward Mission (Yokut), Stratford

1920s–1990s (closed) (Los Angeles, 1920–1936)  
St. Michael Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Cosmit-Inaja

1927–present (Los Angeles, 1840–1936)  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission and School (Cahuilla and Campo), San Ysidro

1930–present (Los Angeles, 1930–1936)  
St. James Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Valley Center

1930–present (Los Angeles, 1930–1936)  
St. Bartholomew Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Rincon Reservation

1933–present (Los Angeles, 1840–1967)  
St. Rita Mission (Miwok), Squaw Valley

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:


Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Arch/Bishops Papers
Inclusive dates: 1840–1947
Volume: Approximately 5% of approximately 20 cubic feet (17,911 letters)
Description: Approximately 18,000 letters arranged chronologically by administration; a number pertain to Indian missions and evangelization to 1934. For further information, see Calendar of Documents and Related Historical Materials in the Archival Center, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Mary Rose Cunningham, compiler, Saint Francis Historical Society, Mission Hills, California, 1990–1997, 14 volumes with index.
A. Bishop Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno, O.F.M. (1785-1846), 1840-1846, and Diocesan Administrator Fray José María Gonzáles Rubio, O.F.M., (1804-1875), 1846-1851, approximately 50% of .6 cubic foot (612 letters), re: mission administration and secularization in Alta and Baja California. Major correspondents include Governor Juan Bautista Alvarado, Fray Narcisco Durán, O.F.M., Padre Gabriel Gonzáles, O.P., Fray Antonio Jimeno, O.F.M., Fray José Joaquín Jimeno, O.F.M., Fray Jess del Mercado, O.F.M., Governor Manuel Micheltorena, Governor Pío Pico, Padre Ignacio Ramírez, O.P., Fray Antonio Real, O.F.M., and Fray José María Gonzáles Rubio, O.F.M.


C. Bishop Thaddeus Amat y Brusi, C.M. (1810-1878), 1854-1878, approximately 15% of approximately 1.5 cubic feet (1,620 letters), re: mission and school administration and mission land titles. Major correspondents include Reverend John Baptist A. Brouillette (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Agent J.L. Burchard, Eugene Casserly, C.C. Delano, General Charles Ewing (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Thomas Henley, T. William Moore, Padre Luciano Osuna, Fray José María Gonzales Rubio, O.F.M., and Reverend Anthony Ubach.


E. Bishop George Thomas Montgomery (1847-1907), 1896-1903, approximately 50% of approximately .4 cubic foot (420 letters), re: mission and school administration. Major correspondents include Reverend Florian Hahn, C.Pp.S., Charles Lusk (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), and Reverend Anthony Ubach.


G. Archbishop/Bishop John J. Cantwell (1874-1947), 1917-1947, approximately 2% of approximately 12 cubic feet (10,600 letters), re: mission and school administration. Major correspondents include Reverend Edward R. Dyer, S.S., Reverend William M. Hughes (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Reverend William H. Ketcham (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), and Reverend Tiburtius Wand, O.F.M.

/2 Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1770-1937
Volume: 69 volumes plus several reels of microfilm
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials for the following Indian missions and stations; inventory online, http://www.archivalcenter.org/Sacramental/sacramental.html.
A. Carmel, San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission, 1770-1915, 11 volumes
B. Jolon, San Antonio de Padua Mission, 1771-1872, 6 volumes
C. Lompoc, La Purísima Concepción de María Santísima Mission, 1788-1851, 2 volumes
D. Mission Hills, San Fernando Rey de España Mission, 1797-1855, 3 volumes
E. San Gabriel, San Gabriel Arcángel Mission, 1771-1868, 8 volumes
F. San Juan Bautista, San Juan Bautista Mission, 1792-1937, 4 volumes
G. San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission, 1772-1906, 4 volumes
H. San Miguel, San Miguel Arcángel Mission, 1797-1925, 3 volumes
I. San Rafael, San Rafael Arcángel Mission, 1817-1907, 6 volumes
J. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Mission, 1786-1857, 3 volumes
K. Soledad, Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission, 1791-1851, 2 volumes
L. Solvang, Santa Inés Mission, 1804-1917, 4 volumes
M. Ventura, San Buenaventura Mission, 1782-1912, 8 volumes
N. Mexico, Santiago Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1739-1768, 1 Volume
O. Mexico, All Saints Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1768-1862, 1 Volume
P. Mexico, San Francisco Borja Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1762-1819, 1 Volume
Q. Mexico, Santa Gertrudis Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, n.d., 2 Volumes

/3 Parish Files
Inclusive dates: 1779-1919
Volume: 41 volumes
Description: Books of accounts, decretos obispado, padrón, patentes, and visitors from parishes; parishes outside of the present-day Archdiocese are so noted; inventory online,

A. Carmel, San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1818-1842, 2 volumes
B. Lompoc, La Purísima Concepción de María Santísima Mission, 1779-1834, 8 volumes
C. Jolon, San Antonio de Padua Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1811-1841, 4 volumes
D. Mission Hills, San Fernando Rey de España Mission, 1806, 1 volume
E. San Diego, San Diego de Alcalá Mission [Diocese of San Diego], 1806-1846, 1 volume
F. San Gabriel, San Gabriel Arcángel Mission, 1773-1832, 2 volumes
G. San Juan Bautista, San Juan Bautista Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1810-1826, 2 volumes
H. San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1840, 2 volumes
I. San Miguel, San Miguel Arcángel Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1801-1844, 2 volumes
J. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Mission, 1786-1857, 3 volumes
K. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1878, 2 volumes
L. Soledad, Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1833, 1 volume
M. Solvang, Santa Inés Mission, 1804-1919, 7 volumes
N. Ventura, San Buenaventura Mission, 1790-1867, 6 volumes
/4 Personnel Files
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: Few folders
Description: Contains records on Monsignor William M. Hughes (1880-1939), a diocesan priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, who served the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D.C., as a lecturer, 1910-1916, and director, 1921-1935.

/5 Archdiocesan Newspaper
Inclusive dates: 1895-1935, 1989-present
Volume: Several articles
Description: The Tidings, http://www.the-tidings.com/, has included occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the archdiocese.