Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans

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Diocese of Monterey in California

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Access: Some restrictions apply
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History: In 1967, the Diocese of Monterey was reestablished for central California and succeeded the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno. In 1999 the Monterey Diocese reported 2,000 baptized Native American Catholics. The Monterey Diocese and its predecessors administered the following Indian missions:

1770-ca. 1850 (no longer Indian) Royal Presidio Chapel of San Carlos Borromeo (Ohlone), Monterey
1770-ca. 1850 (no longer Indian) San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission (Esselen and Ohlone), Carmel
1771-1882 (closed) (Los Angeles, 1840-1882) San Antonio de Padua Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), Jolon
1772-1845, 1859-1868 (no longer Indian) San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), San Luis Obispo
1791-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission (Esselen, Ohlone and Yokuts), Soledad
1791-1834 (closed) Santa Cruz Mission (Chumash and Ohlone), Santa Cruz
1797-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) San Juan Bautista Mission (Miwok, Ohlone and Yokuts), San Juan Bautista
1797-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) San Miguel Arcángel Mission (Yokuts), San Miguel

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1770-ca. 1900

Volume: Approximately 7 cubic feet? (Several volumes and reels of microfilm, in part)
Description: Includes sacramental records for the Royal Presidio Chapel of San Carlos Borromeo, Monterey; San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission, Carmel; San Antonio de Padua Mission, Jolon; San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission, San Luis Obispo; Santa Cruz Mission, Santa Cruz; Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission, Soledad; San Miguel Arcángel Mission, Paso Robles; San Juan Bautista Mission, San Juan Bautista; Sacred Heart Church, Salinas; and St. Theodore Church, Gonzalez.