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

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Diocese of San Diego
CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

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History: In 1936, the Diocese of San Diego was erected for Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties from portions of the Diocese of Los Angeles-San Diego and in 1978, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties became the Diocese of San Bernardino. In 1999, the San Diego Diocese reported 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics. The San Diego Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools:

1769-1853, 1862-1907 (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936)
1780-1781 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)
1795-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
1798-1900? (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936)
1818-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
1818-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
1858-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
1878-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
1884-1929 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)
1886-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
1887-1907 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)

San Diego de Alcalá Mission (Campo), San Diego
Puerto de la Purísima Concepción Mission (Yuma), Fort Yuma
San Antonio de Pala Mission (Aguas Calientes, Cahuilla, Campo and Cupeño), Pala, Pala Reservation
San Luis Rey de Francia Mission (Aguas Calientes), Oceanside
St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Warners Springs
Santa Ysabel Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Santa Ysabel
St. Joseph Mission (Aguas Calientes), San Jacinto
Santa Rosa Mission (Yokuts), Santa Rosa
Fort Yuma Government School (Yuma), Fort Yuma
Our Lady of Refuge Mission (Aguas Calientes), La Jolla
St. Anthony School (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), San Diego
1890-1952 (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936-1978)
St. Boniface Mission and School (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Riverside

1890-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
St. Mary Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, Cupeño), Banning, Morongo Reservation

1890-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
St. Florian Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Cabazon

1894-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Thomas Mission (Yuma), Winterhaven, Quechan Reservation

1898-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Dominic Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Mesa Grande

1903-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Mary Mission/ Holy Trinity Church (Campo), El Cajon

1903-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Peter/ St. Therese Mission (Campo), Jamul

1904-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Mission (Cahuilla), Thermal, Torres-Martinez Reservation

1909-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
St. Michael Mission (Aguas Calientes), Temecula, Pechanga Reservation

1912-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Campo), Boulevarde-Manzanita

1918-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), El Cajon

1918-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
Immaculate Conception Mission (Campo), Sycuan Reservation

1920s-1990s (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Michael Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Cosmit-Inaja Reservation

1925-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission and School (Cahuilla and Campo), San Ysidro

1930-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Cahuilla), Riverside

1930-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. James Mission (Aguas Calientes), Valley Center/ Pauma, Pauma Reservation

1930-present (San Diego, 1936-present)
St. Bartholomew Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Rincon Reservation

1940-present
St. Adelaide Mission (Campo), Cameron Corners

1960-1989 (closed?)
San Antonio de Pala School (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Pala, Pala Reservation

1982-present
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), Lakeside

1982-present
St. Kateri Tekakwitha/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission (Campo), Lakeside

1982-present
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), Alpine

2000-present
El Centro Guadalupaño Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Valley Center
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1769-present

Volume: Approximately .2 cubic foot

Description: The Diocese of San Diego Archives are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

/1 “Bishops Papers”
Inclusive dates: 1936-present
Volume: Few letters
Description: Divided by administration.
   A. Bishop Charles Francis Buddy (1887-1966), ca. 1936-1966; Reverend Bonaventure [Oblasser, O.F.M.?), was a notable correspondent since 1938
   B. Bishop Francis James Furey (1905-1979), ca. 1963-1969
   D. Bishop Robert Henry Brom (1938-), ca. 1990-present

/2 “Parish File”
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; re: Santa Ysabel Mission, Santa Ysabel includes parish history and photographs of sketches by Russell and Elaina Quinn.

/3 “Sacramental Records”
Inclusive dates: 1769-present
Volume: 21 reels of microfilm, in part
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for Indian and non-Indian parishes with a few Indian parishioners and/or attended Indian missions and stations; microfilmed by Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
   A. El Cajon, Our Lady of Grace Church, 1954-present, 2 reels
   B. El Cajon, Holy Trinity Church, 1917-present, 1 reel
   C. Oceanside, San Luis Rey de Francia Mission, 1869-present, 3 reels
   D. Pala, San Antonio de Pala Mission, 1903-present, 2 reels
   E. San Diego, St. Joseph Cathedral, 1856-present, 4 reels
   F. San Diego, San Diego de Alcalá Mission, 1775?-present, 2 reels
   G. San Ysidro, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission, 1925-present, 2 reels
   H. Santa Ysabel, Santa Ysabel Mission, 1937-present, 2 reels
   I. Winterhaven/ Fort Yuma, St. Thomas Mission, 1894-present, 3 reels

/4 “Diocesan Newspaper”
Inclusive dates: 1913-present
Volume: Few articles
Description: The Southern Cross, http://www.thesoutherncross.org/, has included a few articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese.