Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans
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The Black and Indian Mission Office houses two agencies pertaining to Native American Catholics, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Black and Indian Mission Collection (formally known as the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians).

History:

1874 Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions incorporated by a committee of prelates, including the Archbishop of Baltimore
1884 The Third Council of Baltimore established the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians as a fundraising organization for Catholic missions among American Indians and African Americans
1977 Marquette University became the archival repository for the Black and Indian Mission Office

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans: The Black and Indian Mission Office retains its current records only and regularly transfers its non-current archival records to the Marquette University, Special Collections and Archives Department, which administers them as the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Records: http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/BCIM/BCIM-main.shtml. Since 2011, the Marquette Archives has captured the Black and Indian Mission website twice a year via Archive-It, a subscription-based vendor. Archived on the website is its magazine, The Sentinel, 2009-.