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MASTER LIST OF CATHOLIC GROUPS

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These Catholic Church agencies and affiliated Catholic organizations have had past involvement in evangelization and ministry to Native Americans in the United States. Most, but not all maintain their records in one or more archival repositories. Within the A-Z Index, the Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione, the United States Catholic Conference, and dioceses and archdioceses are listed under "Catholic Church," whereas local churches and missions and affiliated organizations are listed independently.

The Catholic Church

Holy See

Three agencies of the Holy See include at least some documentation pertaining to Native Americans in the United States. They are the Archivio Vaticana or Archivum Secretum Vaticanum (Vatican Archives), which is in Vatican City, and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana (Vatican Library) and the Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione (Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples), both of which are in Rome. The Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione was formerly known as the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide or Propaganda Fide.

United States Catholic Conference

The Committee on Native American Catholics of the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) monitors diocesan activities on Native American Catholics. The conference's website includes links to diocesan websites throughout the United States and includes the page [Native American Catholics](#) under its Department of Education.

Dioceses and Archdioceses

The following dioceses and archdioceses hold Catholic records about Native Americans in the United States and are so-noted in entries and the Master Index. The dioceses are identified by contemporary names, which are arranged geographically by state and there under by lineage. Within the entries, the history notes for each include the names of all Native Catholic missions, parishes, and schools within that diocese and its predecessors. Dioceses outside the Midwest and West that have administered portions of these regions are also noted.

Alaska	Vancouver (Canada) > Fairbanks > Anchorage and Juneau
Arizona	Durango (Mexico) > Hermosillo (Mexico) > Santa Fe > Tucson > Gallup and Phoenix
California	Durango (Mexico) > Hermosillo (Mexico) > Los Angeles > Orange and San Diego > San Bernardino; Los Angeles > San Francisco > Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Monterey > Fresno
Colorado	Denver > Pueblo
Hawaii	Honolulu and Military Services, U.S.A. (Washington, D.C.)
Idaho	St. Louis > Boise
Illinois	Quebec (Canada) > Baltimore > Bardstown > Indianapolis > Chicago
Indiana	Quebec (Canada) > Baltimore > Bardstown > Indianapolis
Iowa	St. Louis > Des Moines
Kansas	St. Louis > Kansas City and Wichita
Michigan	Quebec (Canada) > Baltimore > Bardstown > Cincinnati > Detroit > Marquette, Lansing, and Grand Rapids > Gaylord
Minnesota	Des Moines > St. Paul-Minneapolis > St. Cloud and Duluth > Crookston
Missouri	St. Louis
Montana	Portland and St. Louis > Helena > Great Falls-Billings
Nebraska	St. Louis > Omaha
Nevada	Reno > Las Vegas
New Mexico	Guadalajara (Mexico) > Durango (Mexico) > Santa Fe > Gallup and Las Cruces
North Dakota	St. Boniface (Canada) > St. Louis > Des Moines > Omaha > St. Paul > Sioux Falls > Fargo > Bismarck
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City > Tulsa
Oregon	Portland > Baker
South Dakota	St. Louis > Omaha > St. Paul > Sioux Falls > Rapid City
Texas	Morella (Mexico) > Monterrey (Mexico) > Galveston [and Durango (Mexico)] > Dallas and San Antonio > El Paso and Laredo
Utah	Denver > Salt Lake City
Washington	Portland > Seattle > Spokane > Yakima
Wisconsin	Quebec (Canada) > Baltimore > Bardstown > Cincinnati > Detroit > Milwaukee > Green Bay and La Crosse > Superior
Wyoming	Omaha > Cheyenne

Affiliated Catholic Organizations

These religious organizations are documented in Catholic records about Native Americans in the United States and are so-noted in entries and the Master Index. The [Official Catholic Directory](#) provides concise descriptions for many of these organizations and the [Catholic Encyclopedia](#) provides historical summaries for a few of the larger ones.

Confraternities

Catholic Chippewa Congress (Minnesota)
Catholic Sioux Congress (Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota)

Evangelistic Organizations

American Board of Catholic Missions
[Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions](#)
[Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America](#)
Catholic Interracial Council
[Catholic Medical Mission Board](#)
[Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians](#) [Black and Indian Mission Collection]
[Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters](#)
[Holy Childhood Association](#)
Leopoldinen-Stiftung im Kaisertume Oesterreich [Leopoldine Society]
Ludwigs-verein
Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions
[Society for the Propagation of the Faith](#)
[Society for the Propagation of the Faith](#) [Propagation de la Foi]
[Tekakwitha Conference](#)

Friendly Societies

Catholic Central Verein of America
[Catholic Mutual Group/ Catholic Mutual Relief Society](#)

Religious Institutes of Men

Their names arranged alphabetically by Library of Congress subject headings. The names in brackets are alternate organizational names and the initials in parentheses denote the self-identifying symbol used by members when signing documents. Links to principal websites are also included, if available.

[Augustinians](#) [Order of St. Augustine] (O.S.A.)
[Barnabites](#) [Clerics Regular of St. Paul] (C.R.S.P.)
Belgian Foreign Missionaries of Scheut [Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Missionaries of Scheut] (C.I.C.M.)
[Benedictines](#) [Benedictine Fathers] (O.S.B.)
Carmelites [Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Calced Carmelite Fathers, Calced Carmelites, Discalced Carmelites] (O.C.C.) (O.C.D.)
[Brothers of the Sacred Heart](#) (S.C.)
Comboni Missionaries [Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, Verona Fathers] (F.S.C.J.) (M.C.C.J.)
[Capuchins](#) [Capuchin Fathers, Capuchin Franciscans, Franciscan Capuchins, Order of Friars Minor] (O.M.Cap.) (O.F.M.Cap.)
[Catholic Foreign Mission Society](#) [Maryknoll] (M.M.)
[Christian Brothers](#) [Brothers of the Christian Schools] (F.S.C.)
[Claretian Missionaries](#) (C.M.F.)
[Comboni Missionaries](#) [Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, Verona Fathers] (M.C.C.J.)
[Congregation of Holy Cross](#) [Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross] (C.S.C.)
[Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart](#) [Sacred Heart Fathers] (S.C.J.)
[Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament](#) (S.S.S.)
[Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) [Missionhurst, Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary] (C.I.C.M.)
[Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary](#) [Picpus Fathers (C.C.J.M.)] (SS.CC.)
[Conventuals](#) [Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Conventual Franciscans] (O.F.M.Conv.)
[Crosier Fathers](#) [Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, Fathers of the Holy Cross] (O.S.C.)
[Discalced Carmelites](#) (O.C.D.)
[Dominicans](#) [Order of Preachers] (O.P.)
[Franciscans](#) [Franciscan Fathers, Order of Friars Minor] (O.F.M.)
Glenmary Home Missioners (Glmy.)
Hijos de la Sagrada Familia [Sons of the Holy Family] (S.F.)
[Holy Ghost Fathers](#) [Congregation of the Holy Ghost and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Spiritans] (C.S.Sp.)
Holy Fathers of Notre Dame [unknown]
[Jesuits](#) [Society of Jesus] (S.J.)
[Marian Fathers](#) [Congregation of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception] (M.I.C.)
[Marianists](#) (S.M.)
[Marist Brothers](#) (F.M.S.)
Marists (S.M.)
[Missionaries of La Salette](#) [Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette] (M.S.)
[Missionaries of the Sacred Heart](#) (M.S.C.)
[Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity](#) ((M.S.S.S.T.) (S.T.)

[Oblates of Mary Immaculate](#) [Missionary Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, Oblate Fathers, Oblates of Mary] (O.M.I.)
[Pallotines](#) [Society of the Catholic Apostolate] (S.A.C.)
[Passionists](#) [Congregation of the Passion] (C.P.)
[Paulist Fathers](#) (C.S.P.)
[Premonstratensians](#) [Canons Regular of Premontre, Norbertine Fathers, Norbertines] (O. Praem.)
[Redemptorists](#) [Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris] (C.Ss.R.)
Regular Franciscans [Third Order Regular of St. Francis] (T.O.R.)
[Rosminians](#) [Institute of Charity] (I.C.)
[St. Columbans Foreign Mission Society](#) (S.S.C.)
[Salvatorians](#) [Society of the Divine Savior] (S.D.S.)
Seminary of the Foreign Missions
[Servites](#) (O.S.M.)
[Society of African Missions](#) (S.M.A.)
[Society of the Atonement](#) [Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor Friars] (S.A.)
[Society of the Divine Word](#) (S.V.D.)
[Society of the Precious Blood](#) (C.PP.S.)
[Society of St. Edmund](#) [Edmundites, Society of St. Edmund Fathers, Society of the Fathers of St. Edmund] (S.S.E.)
[Sons of the Holy Family](#) (S.F.)
[Sulpicians](#) [Society of St. Sulpice] (S.S.)
[Theatines](#) [Theatine Fathers] (C.R.)
[Trappists](#) [The Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance] (O.C.S.O.)
[Vincentians](#) [Congregation of the Mission] (C.M.)
[Xaverians](#) [Brothers of St. Francis Xavier] (C.F.X.)

Religious Institutes of Women

Their names arranged alphabetically by Library of Congress subject headings. The names in brackets are alternate organizational names and the initials in parentheses denote the self-identifying symbol used by members when signing documents. Links to principal websites are also included, if available.

[Adorers of the Blood of Christ](#) (A.S.C.)
Adrian Dominican Sisters [Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary] (O.P.)
Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (O.S.B.)
Benedictine Sisters of Pontifical Jurisdiction (O.S.B.)
Canonesses of St. Augustin of Louvain, Belgium
Canossian Daughters of Charity [Daughters of Charity of Canossa] (Fd.C.C.)
Carmelites [Carmelite Nuns, Carmelite Sisters, Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel] (O.C.D.)
Carmelites of St. Therese [Carmelites of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus] (C.S.T.)
Congregation of American Sisters (C.A.S.)
[Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul](#) (D.C.)
[Daughters of the Heart of Mary](#) (D.H.M.)
[Discalced Carmelites](#) [Discalced Carmelite Nuns] (O.C.D.)
[Dominican Sisters, Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary](#) [Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
Dominican Sisters, Congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart [Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
Dominican Sisters, Congregation of the Sisters of St. Dominic of the Immaculate Heart of Mary [Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Dominican Sisters Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin](#) [Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic, Spokane Dominicans] (O.P.)
Dominican Sisters, Edmonds Congregation of the Holy Cross [Sisters of St. Dominic, Aberdeen, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Dominican Sisters of Great Bend](#) [Great Bend Dominican Sisters, Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Dominican Sisters of San José](#) [Dominican Sisters of Mission San José, Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Dominican Sisters of St. Rose of Lima](#) [Dominican Sisters, Congregation of St. Rose of Lima, Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Dominican Sisters of the Roman Congregation](#) [Sisters of St. Dominic, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic] (O.P.)
[Felician Sisters](#) (C.S.S.F.)
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (F.M.M.)
Franciscan Sisters, Clinton Iowa [Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa] (O.S.F.)
[Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity](#) [Franciscan Sisters of Charity of Alverno, Franciscan Sisters of Manitowoc, Wisconsin] (O.S.F.)
[Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#) (O.S.F.)
[Franciscan Sisters of Peace](#) (F.S.P.)

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration [Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of La Crosse] (F.S.P.A.)

[Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement](#) (S.A.)

[Franciscan Sisters of the Poor](#) (S.F.P.)

[Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart](#) (G.N.S.H.)

[Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis](#) [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis] (O.S.F.)

[Humility of Mary Sisters](#) [Sisters of the Humility of Mary] (H.M.)

Lady Missionaries of Mary [Lady Missionaries and Catechists, Lady Missionaries of St. Mary's Mission, The Madams] (L.M.M.)

[Little Sisters of Jesus](#) (L.S.J.)

[Marist Missionary Sisters](#) [Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary] (S.M.S.M.)

[Maryknoll Sisters](#) [Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America] (M.M.)

[Missionaries of Charity](#) (M.C.)

[Missionary Benedictine Sisters](#) (O.S.B.)

[Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity](#) [Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity] (M.S.B.T.) (M.S.S.S.T.)

[Notre Dame Sisters](#) (N.D.)

[Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament](#) (O.S.B.S.)

[Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters](#) (O.L.V.M.)

[Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph of the Perpetual Adoration](#) [Franciscan Sisters of Lafayette, Indiana, Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration] (O.S.F.)

[Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco](#) (F.M.A.)

[School Sisters of Notre Dame](#) [Notre Dame Sisters, School Sisters of Notre Dame of Milwaukee, Wisconsin] (S.S.N.D.)

[School Sisters of St. Francis](#) (S.S.S.F.)

[Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth](#) [Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas] (S.C.L.)

[Sisters of Charity of Providence](#) [Sisters of Providence] (S.P.) (F.C.S.P.)

[Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) (B.V.M.)

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

[Sisters of Divine Providence of San Antonio, Texas](#) [Congregation of Divine Providence, San Antonio, Texas] (C.D.P.)

[Sisters of Loretto](#) [Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross] (S.L.)

[Sisters of Mercy](#) [Sisters of Mercy of the Americas] (R.S.M.)

Sisters of Mount Carmel

[Sisters of Notre Dame](#) (S.N.D.)

[Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur](#) (S.N.D.deN.)

[Sisters of St. Agnes](#) [Sisters of St. Agnes of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin] (C.S.A.)

[Sisters of St. Anne](#) [Sisters of St. Ann] (S.S.A.)

[Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity](#) [Franciscan Sisters of Buffalo, New York, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and Penance, Sisters of St. Francis, Buffalo, New York, Sisters of St. Francis of Stella Niagara] (O.S.F.)

[Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia](#) [Sisters of St. Francis of Glenn Riddle, Pennsylvania, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Philadelphia] (O.S.F.)

[Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross](#) [Bay Settlement Sisters] (O.S.F.)

[Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family](#) (O.S.F.)

[Sisters of St. Francis of the Third Order of Joliet, Illinois](#) [Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate,

Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate] (O.S.F.)
[Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana](#) (O.S.F.)
[Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, Pennsylvania](#) (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
 Sisters of St. Joseph, Lewiston, Idaho (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
[Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth, Michigan](#) [Sisters of St. Joseph of Kalamazoo, Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth] (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
[Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet](#) [Sisters of St. Joseph of Muskogee, Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Louis] (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
[Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille](#) (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
[Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange](#) [Sisters of St. Joseph, Orange, California] (C.S.J.) (S.S.J.)
[Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon](#) (S.S.M.O.)
 Sisters of St. Rose of Lima [Sisters of St. Rose of Lima, Texarkana, Texas]
[Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People](#) [Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament] (S.B.S.)
 Sisters of the Convent School of Fort Smith, Arkansas
[Sisters of the Divine Savior](#) (S.D.S.)
[Sisters of the Good Shepherd](#) (C.G.S.) (R.G.S.)
[Sisters of the Holy Cross](#) [Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross Sisters] (C.S.C.)
[Sisters of the Holy Family](#) (S.H.F.)
[Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary](#) (S.N.J.M.)
 Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (I.H.M.)
 Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, Nigeria (I.H.M.)
[Sisters of the Infant Jesus](#) (I.J.)
 Sisters of the Love of God
[Sisters of the Presentation of Mary](#) (P.M.)
[Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) [Presentation Sisters] (P.B.V.M.)
[Sisters of the Precious Blood](#) (C.P.P.S.)
 Sisters of the Propagation of the Faith
 Sisters of the Snows [Oblates of Our Lady of the Snows, Sisters of Our Lady of the Snows] (S.S.)
[Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart](#) [Sacred Heart Sisters] (S.D.S.H.)
[Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother](#) [Third Order of St. Francis] (S.S.M.)
 Sisters of the Third Order of Penance of St. Dominic [+ Spokane Dominicans] (O.P.)
[Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi](#) [Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi] (O.S.F.)
[Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) (I.H.M.)
[Society of the Holy Child Jesus](#) (S.H.C.J.)
[Society of the Sacred Heart](#) [Religious of the Sacred Heart] (R.S.C.J.)
[Soeurs grises de Montréal](#) [Sisters of Charity of Montreal, Grey Nuns] (S.G.M.)
 Soeurs grises de Québec [Sisters of Charity of Quebec, Grey Nuns] (S.G.Q.) (S.G.N.)
 Ursulines [Ursuline Nuns] (O.S.U.)
 Visitation Nuns [Nuns of the Visitation of Mary, Visitandines, Salesian Sisters] (V.H.M.)
 Unknown (M.C.S.D.)