Old Mission State Park  
[Interstate Highway 90 at Exit 39]  
P.O. Box 30  
Cataldo, Idaho 83810  
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http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/oldmission.html

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00  
Access: No restrictions  
Copying facilities: Yes

History:

ca. 1814-1840s  
Lay Iroquois Indians from Canada, who were employed by the Northwest Fur Company, intermarried and catechized among the Salish Indians

1821  
Hudson Bay Company employees in the Pacific Northwest [Montana, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington] petitioned for priests from the Vicar General of Upper Louisiana, St. Louis

1831, 1834, 1837, and 1841  
Four delegations of Salish, Iroquois, and Nez Perce Indians attempted to reach and request Jesuit missionaries from Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., in St. Louis whose diocese then apparently included Montana; only the first and fourth delegations reached St. Louis and made their requests whereas the others were killed in route by Indians from enemy tribes

1840-1841  
In response to the fourth request, Reverend Pierre J. de Smet, S.J. visited the Coeur d’Alene, Kalispel, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Salish, and other tribes along the upper Missouri River and throughout the Northwest

1843-1846 (closed)  
Reverend Nicholas Point, S.J. established a mission among the Coeur d’Alene Indians

1848-1877 (no longer Indian)  
Jesuits (formerly Missouri, Turin, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered Sacred Heart Mission (Coeur d’Alene), Cataldo

1877-present  
Coeur d’Alene Indians relocated to the Coeur d’Alene Reservation and Jesuits established and have administered Sacred Heart Mission, De Smet, Coeur d’Alene Reservation
In honor of their ancestors, Coeur d’Alene Indians have visited Sacred Heart Mission and cemetery, Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, annually on the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th)

Old Mission State Park established at Sacred Heart Mission and declared a national landmark in 1962

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1842-1930

Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: Facsimile records (including selected items within exhibits) comprised of correspondence, cemetery records, clippings, photographs, paintings and drawings by Reverends Nicholas Point, S.J. and Pierre J. De Smet, S.J. and video recording; re: Sacred Heart Mission, the Jesuits, and Chief Andrew Seltice (1854-1902) and Coeur d’Alene Indians; from Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture [Eastern Washington State Historical Society], Spokane, Washington, the Midwest Jesuit Archives [Jesuits Missouri Province], St. Louis, Missouri; and Gonzaga University [Jesuits Oregon Province Archives], Spokane, Washington.