Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Joliet in Illinois
ILLINOIS, JOLIET

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History: The Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary
Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois, taught at the following Catholic schools
serving Ojibwa Indian students:

1879-present Holy Family Mission School, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1880-1960 St. Francis Mission School, Red Cliff, Red Cliff
Reservation, Wisconsin

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Volume: .6 cubic foot
Description: 3 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Mission Annals"
Inclusive dates: 1879-1981
Volume: .2 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish.
A. Bayfield, Holy Family Mission and School, 1879-1981, .1 cubic foot:
  1. Correspondence, 1897, 1912, 1924, 1928, 1933, 1935-1938, 1947,
     correspondents include Mother Thomasine, O.S.F., Mother Borromeo,
     O.S.F., Sister M. Hyacinth, O.S.F., Sister M. Bernardine, O.S.F.,
     Reverend Regis Watts, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
  2. Annals, 1879-1981, 1 folder: typed and occasionally handwritten
     copies; entries from 1915-1981 are more detailed than earlier ones
  3. Clippings, 1940s-1970s, 1 folder

B. Red Cliff, St. Francis Mission and School, 1880-1959, .1 cubic foot:
   1. Correspondence, 1932, 1935-1936, 1957, 7 letters
   2. Annals, 1880-1959, 1 volume; includes both the handwritten bound original and a typed copy; entries for 1880-1927 are annual summaries, while entries for 1928-1959 appear daily
   3. Clippings, 1944, 1956, 1 folder

/2 "Deceased Sisters' Records"
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
   A. Sister M. Cordula Neveaux, O.S.F., 1939-1940, n.d., 1 folder:
      1. Correspondence, 1939-1940, 5 letters
      2. Clippings, n.d.; re: her life and work
   B. Sister M. Seraphica Reineck, O.S.F., 1932, 1937, 1946, n.d., 2 folders:
      2. Photographs, n.d., 6 prints
      3. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder; re: her activities at the Indian missions and schools
   C. Sister M. Victoria Steidl, O.S.F., 1952, n.d., 1 folder:
      1. Correspondence, n.d., 1 letter
      2. Photographs, 1952, 1 print
      3. Clippings, n.d.: re: her activities at the Indian missions and schools

/3 Photographs
Volume: Approximately 240 prints
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish or mission.
   C. Odanah, St. Mary Mission and School, 1925, n.d., 10 prints
   D. Red Cliff, St. Francis Mission and School, 1940, 1947-1948, n.d., 27 prints