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MICHIGAN, CROSS VILLAGE

Holy Cross Church

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History:

1829-1835, 1837-1847 Diocesan priests visited Cross Village (Ottawa) from St. Peter’s, Harbor Springs
1832-1850s? Lay teachers staffed a school (Ottawa) at Cross Village
1836-1837 Reverend Francis Pierz resided at Cross Village
1847 Diocesan priests administered Holy Cross/ St. Anthony Mission (Ottawa), which was built, ca. 1840
1896-1841, 1848-1953 Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Cross from Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs
1897-1953 (closed) Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) administered the school
1941-1948, 1953-present Became a parish; Franciscans administered Holy Cross Church
1970 A fire destroyed some records

Diocesan priests and Franciscans from Holy Cross have attended the following Ojibwa and Ottawa Indian missions:

1847-1853 (closed) St. Vincent de Paul Mission, Manistique
1847-1854 (closed) St. Joseph Mission, Manistee
1847-1861 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) St. Leopold Mission, Beaver Island
1847-1861 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) Immaculate Conception of Mary Mission, Garden Island
1847-1868 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) St. Ignatius/ St. Francis Xavier Mission, Middle Village/ Middletown
1947-1948 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village
1953-present St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:
Inclusive dates: 1847-present

Volume: 1 cubic foot

Description: The records at Holy Cross Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental records, 1847-1870, 1897-1900, 1952-present, .4 cubic foot: for Holy Cross and its Indian missions; baptisms, 1847-1870; marriages, 1847-1869; deaths, 1848-1870; first communions, 1897-1900; confirmations, 1864, 1868; baptisms, 1952-present; marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmations, 1970-present; other sacramental records destroyed in a 1970 fire.

B. "Status Animarium" or census records, 1860s, 1890s, 2 volumes:
   1. Census of Middle Village (copy), 1860s, 1 folder
   2. Census of Cross Village, ca. 1890s, 1 volume: gives the names of family members, dates of birth, and dates when the sacraments were administered

C. Announcement books written in Ottawa language; 1901-1932, 3 volumes

D. Members of the Confraternity of the Holy Scapular established at Cross Village on January 27, 1856, 1 volume: written by Reverend Frederic Baraga

E. Photographs, 1920-1960, 250 prints: Cross Village and Petoskey with many of Indian powwows at Cross Village, 1920s-1930s

F. Mission chronicle, 1856-1954, 57 pages: typed copy; original apparently burned in the 1970 fire

G. School attendance records, 1900-1901, 1 folder

H. Historical notes and clippings, n.d., 1 folder