**Archdiocese of Detroit Archives**

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History: Detroit was erected as a diocese in 1833 and an archdiocese in 1937. Previously the Michigan-Wisconsin region was part of the dioceses of Québec, 1674-1796, Baltimore, 1796-1808, Bardstown, Kentucky, 1808-1821, and Cincinnati, 1821-1838. Detroit was reduced to Michigan's Lower Peninsula in 1853. The Archdiocese of Detroit and its predecessors administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools:

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<td>1701-1830s (no longer Indian)</td>
<td>(Detroit, 1833-ca. 1830s)</td>
<td>Sainte Anne Church (Métis and Wyandot), Detroit/ Fort St. Joseph, Michigan</td>
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<td>1780-ca. 1840s (no longer Indian)</td>
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<td>St. Ann Church (Ojibwa), Mackinac Island, Michigan</td>
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<td>Holy Childhood of Jesus/ St. Peter Church, (Ottawa) Harbor Springs, Michigan</td>
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<td>Church of the Blessed Virgin (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Grand River, Michigan</td>
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<td>St. Vincent de Paul Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Manistique, Michigan</td>
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<td>St. Ignatius/ St. Francis Xavier Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Middle Village/Middletown, Michigan</td>
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<td>Holy Name of Mary Church (Ojibwa), Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan</td>
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1836-1843 (no longer Indian)  St. John Neopomucene Church (Menominee), Little Chute, Wisconsin
1837-ca. 1930s (no longer Indian) (Detroit, 1837-1853)  St. Ignatius Loyola Church/ St. Ignace Mission (Ojibwa), St. Ignace, Michigan
1838-ca. 1870s (no longer Indian)  Sacred Heart of Mary/ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Ojibwa), Silver Creek, Michigan
ca. 1840-present (Detroit, ca. 1840-1882)  Holy Cross/ St. Anthony Church (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Cross Village, Michigan
1843-present (Detroit, 1843-1853)  Most Holy Name of Jesus Church (Ojibwa), Assinins, Michigan
1847-1854 (closed)  St. Joseph Mission, Manistee, Michigan
1853-present (Detroit, 1853-1882)  Immaculate Conception/ St. Mary Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Peshabestown/Eagletown, Michigan
1859-1897 (closed), 1927-ca. 1937 (closed) (Detroit, 1859-1882)  St. Francis Solano Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Petoskey, Michigan
1861-1899 (closed) (Detroit, 1861-1882)  St. Ignatius Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Beaver Island, Michigan

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1704-1882

Volume: 1.3 cubic feet

Description: 3 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Manuscript Collections-Records of Bishops"
Inclusive dates: 1831-1867
Volume: .15 cubic foot
Description: Divided by bishop and arranged chronologically thereunder.
A. "Bishop [John] Frédéric Rése (1791-1871), Administration, Correspondence and Official Papers," 1831-1841, approximately 45 items: primarily correspondence, two-thirds of which are copies, re: the Green Bay Mission in Wisconsin and the St. Joseph and the Grand River Missions in Michigan; major correspondents include government agents, Reverends Stephen T. Badin, Florimond Bonduel, Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., Henry Schoolcraft (Protestant), and Theodore Van den Broek
B. "Bishop Peter Paul Lefevere, Administration, Correspondence and Official Papers," 1842-1867, approximately 100 items: primarily correspondence and reports, re: mostly financial matters of the missions at Grand River, L'Anse, and Arbre Croche in Michigan; major correspondents include Reverends Frederic Baraga, Ignatius Mrak, Francis Pierz, and Andrew Piret and representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
"Manuscripts: Bound Volumes"
Inclusive dates: 1810, 1832-1882
Volume: .5 cubic foot
Description:
A. "Letterbooks, Bishop Lefevere," 1843-1870, approximately 225 items:
   Letterpress books, indexed of outgoing correspondence to government
   officials and missionaries; prominent correspondents include Reverends
   Frederic Baraga, Ignatius Mrak, Francis Pierz, and Otto Skolla and the
   U.S. War Department
B. "Letterbooks, Bishop Borgess (1826-1890)," 1873-1882, approximately 100
   items: letterpress books, most indexed of outgoing correspondence with no
   more than 10 Indian-related letters per year; major correspondents
   include Reverends Louis Baroux, Edward Jacker, Ignatius Mrak, and P.S.
   Zorn
C. "Letterbooks, Diocesan Officials," 1872-1882, approximately 50 items:
   letterpress books, partially indexed of outgoing correspondence with an
   average of less than 5 letters per year re: Indian evangelization
D. "Financial Records," 1810, 1832-1841, 1843-1854, 1876-1882, 6 volumes:
   diocesan account books with reports or references to Indian missions and
   schools administered by Reverends Frederic Baraga, Florimund Bonduel,
   Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.F., Francis Pierz, and Gabriel Richard
E. "Episcopal Registers," 1841-1882, 4 volumes: copies of circular letters,
   lists of appointments, suspensions, records of ordinations, blessings,
   and dedications; includes occasional references to Indian missions and
   missionaries

"Sacramental Records"
Inclusive dates: 1704-1848
Volume: Several entries within 8 volumes and 3 reels of microfilm
Description: Sacramental records for Sainte Anne Church, Detroit.