Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans

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MINNESOTA, WHITE EARTH

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1868-1873  Diocesan priests visited White Earth (Ojibwa) from St. Francis, Crow Wing
1873-1875  Reverend Ignatius Tomazin resided at White Earth
1875-1878  Reverend Tomazin also established and administered Our Most Holy Redeemer Church (Ojibwa), White Earth
1878-1882 (closed)  Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) administered Holy Redeemer
1878-1882 (closed)  Benedictine Sisters (St. Benedict Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota) established and staffed Holy Redeemer Day School
1882-present  Benedictines established and administered St. Benedict Mission
1882-1945 (closed)  Benedictine Sisters established and staffed St. Benedict Mission Boarding School
1945-1969 (closed)  Benedictine Sisters established and staffed St. Benedict Mission Day School

Benedictines from St. Benedict have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  Cass Lake station
1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  Lake Winnibigoshish station
1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  Leech Lake station
1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  Pokegama station
1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  Sandy Lake station
1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake)  White Oak Point station
1875-1879 (becomes a parish)  Red Lake station
1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Perham)  Lake Winnibigoshish station
1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Perham) Pokegama station
1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Perham) Sandy Lake station
1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Perham) White Oak Point station
1883-1888 (became a parish) St. Ignatius Mission, Red Lake
1883-1895 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake) Cass Lake station
1883-1895 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake) Leech Lake station
1891-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Beaulieu) Twin Lakes station
1891-1895 Wild Rise River station
1891-1903 (became a parish) Pine Point station St. Joseph Mission, Beaulieu
1895-1900 (became a parish) St. Michael Mission, Pembina Settlement
1895-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Perham) Sacred heart Mission, Leech Lake
1896-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph’s, Beaulieu) St. Theodore’s Mission, Ponsford
1898-1899 (closed) Bear Palm station
1898-1899 (closed) Ottertail station
1898-1899 (closed) Three Bent station
1901-1903 (transferred to St. Theodore’s, Ponsford) Round Lake station, Becker County
1910-1924 (closed) Big Elbow Lake station
1969-1976 (transferred to St. Mary’s, Two Inlets) St. Theodore’s Mission, Ponsford
1972-present Most Holy Redeemer Mission, Ogema
1976-1979 (transferred to St. Anne’s, Naytahwaush) St. Francis Cabrini Mission, Big Elbow Lake

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1870-present

Volume: 1.3 cubic feet

Description: Sacramental records for St. Benedict Mission and its Indian missions and stations, including Most Holy Redeemer Mission, Ogema; St. Benedict’s: baptisms, 1870-present and marriages and deaths, 1873-present; Most Holy Redeemer: baptisms and marriages, 1911-present, deaths and first communions, 1912-present, and confirmations 1914-present.