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

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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: 11 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Baraga, Frederick"
Inclusive dates: 1797-1872
Volume: 2 folders and 1 reel of microfilm
Description: Primarily correspondence (copies) in German pertaining to Reverend I. Frederick Baraga.

/2 "Belcourt, Georges Antoine"
Inclusive dates: 1832-1857, n.d.
Volume: 76 letters and 2 reels of microfilm
Description:
A. Correspondence, 1832-1857, 76 letters: from Reverend Belcourt to the Bishop of Quebec and others describing his life as missionary at Pembina and Turtle Mountain (Ojibwa and Métis), Dakota Territory; typed copies in French from the Québec Archdiocesan Archives, Quebec, Canada

/3 "Catholic Church, in Canada"
Inclusive dates: 1861-1868
Volume: 1 reel of microfilm
Description: Primarily letters to Bishop Alexander Taché from Reverend Jean Baptiste Genin and other French missionaries in the Red River Valley (Métis and Ojibwa), of Manitoba, Canada and North Dakota; from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives, Manitoba, Canada.
/4 "Goiffon, Joseph"
Inclusive dates: 1908, n.d.
Volume: 81 pages
Description:
B. Autobiography, 1908, 31 pages on microfilm: from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives, Manitoba, Canada.

/5 "Grace, Thomas [L.]"
Inclusive dates: 1861
Volume: 1 volume (copy)
Description: Journal of Bishop Grace's trip on the Red River (Ojibwa and Métis); from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota.

/6 "La Pointe, Wisconsin, St. Joseph Mission Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1835-1854
Volume: 94 pages
Description: Baptismal register (copy) of St. Joseph Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), La Pointe, Wisconsin; from Holy Family Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin.

/7 "Loras, Mathias Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1843-1850
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Correspondence (copies) to Bishop Loras from Reverend Georges Antoine Belcourt, missionary at Pembina (Ojibwa and Métis), Dakota Territory, and Reverend Augustin Ravoux, regarding his missionary trip on the Missouri River (possibly Santee, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Yankton); from the Dubuque Archdiocesan Archives, Dubuque, Iowa.

/8 "McLaughlin, James Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1876-1920
Volume: Approximately 1% (300 letters) of 37 reels of microfilm
Description: Written primarily when McLaughlin was Indian Agent at first Fort Totten Reservation (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton) and then Standing Rock Reservation (Hunkpapa); major correspondents include Bishop Martin Marty of Dakota Territory and Reverends John Baptist A. Brouillet, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Joseph A. Stephan, Indian Agent, Martin Kenel, O.S.B., Claude Ebner, O.S.B., Francis M. Craft, and Louis Bonin, and Sister Clapin, S.G.N.; from Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota.

/9 "Nute, Grace Lee"
Inclusive dates: Compiled ca. 1926-1935
Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot
"Pierz, Francis Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1852-1887
Volume: 1 reel of microfilm
Description:

"Ravoux, Augustin"
Inclusive dates: 1841-1844, n.d.
Volume: 32 pages and 1 reel of microfilm
Description:
A. "Register of Baptisms, Deaths, and Marriages Among Sioux Indians" (copy), 1841-1844, 32 pages: Possibly from Santee, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Yankton Indian converts; from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota