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

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Access: Some restrictions apply
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Volume: Approximately 32 reels of microfilm

Description: 6 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Society of Jesus, Missouri Province Archives"
Volume: Approximately 35% of 32 reels of microfilm
Description: Except for sacramental records, these records (copies) includes most Indian mission and school records now in the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.

/2 "Reverend Peter J. De Smet Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1821-1923, n.d.
Volume: 7 reels of microfilm
Description: Papers (copies) of Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J.; from the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.

/3 "Indian Mission and School Records"
Volume: 13 reels of microfilm
Description:
A. St. Francis Mission and School (Brulé), South Dakota, 1883-1963, 2 reels of Microfilm; prominent records include:
2. "Chronicles," Sisters of St. Francis [of Penance and Christian Charity] (Nonnenwerth, Germany; Stella Niagara, New York; and Denver, Colorado), 1886-1963, 3 volumes

B. Holy Rosary Mission and School (Oglala), South Dakota, 1888-1963, n.d., 3 reels of microfilm; prominent records include:
2. "Chronicle," Sisters of St. Francis [of Penance and Christian Charity] (Nonnenwerth, Germany; Stella Niagara, New York; and Denver, Colorado), 1888-1963, 4 volumes
4. "House Diary," 1903-1932, 1 volume
7. "Dakota Winter Counts," compiled in the 1920s
8. School enrollment record, 1888-1903, 1 volume

C. "St. Stephen’s Mission and School, Wyoming, 1880s-1963, 1 reel of Microfilm; notable records include:
1. "House Diaries," 1880s-1963, 7 volumes
2. "Chronicles," Sisters of St. Francis [of Philadelphia], 1892-1963, 6 volumes

D. Rocky Mountain Mission, 1843-1931, n.d., 7 reels of microfilm; from the Jesuit Oregon Province Archives, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington; prominent records include:
1. Correspondence and other historical records written by over 30 Jesuits
3. Correspondence, "Fr. General Peter Beckx, S.J. to Rocky Mountain Mission, 1853-1887"
7. "Historical sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon During the Past Forty Years" by Reverend Francis N. Blanchet, 1878, 183 pages

/G "General Archives of the Society of Jesus, Rome, Italy"
Inclusive dates: 1823-1884
Volume: Approximately 1 reel of microfilm
Description: Letter books of the Jesuit generals in Rome, Italy arranged alphabetically by province; re: correspondence of U.S. Jesuits with the generals, including reports with historical information and statistical data, of the U.S. provinces.
A. "Missio Californiae," 1850-1884, less than 50 letters; re: Indian missions in California and Oregon Territory. A major correspondent is Reverend Michael Accolti, S.J. writing about the Oregon missions.
B. "Missouri," 1823-1863, part of 1 reel of microfilm:
1. Correspondence, 1823-1863, .1 cubic foot; re: Kickapoo Mission and School, Missouri; Osage Mission and School, Kansas; and St. Mary Mission and School, Kansas; major correspondents include Reverends Charles F. Van Quickernborne, S.J., Theodore De Theux, S.J., John Roothaan, S.J.,

2. "Litterae Annuae and Historiae Domorum," 1823-1850s: annual reports from each mission; includes a history of the Missouri Province missions from 1823-1834, 34 pages

3. "Catalogue Primus," 1844-1853: lists of personnel within the Province with name, address, age, title, birthplace, years in the society, and length and nature of ministry


/5 "Maryland-New York Province Archives" (New York, New York and Washington, D.C.)

Inclusive dates: 1823-1840
Volume: Less than 50 letters

/6 "Society of Jesus, Province of French Canada Archives" [La Province du Canada Français] (Montreal, Canada)

Inclusive dates: 1842-1924
Volume: Approximately 1% of 113 reels of microfilm
Description: Correspondence, diaries, and reports from Jesuit missionaries among the Ojibwa and Ottawa Indians in northern Michigan. A major correspondent is Reverend Frederick Baraga.