St. Labre School  
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History:

1884-1933  
Mother Amadeus Dunne, O.S.U. and the Ursulines  
(Toledo, Ohio) established and staffed St.  
Labre School (Cheyenne)

1885-1897  
Jesuits (Turin Province, Turin, Italy)  
administered St. Labre’s

1899-1914  
Diocesan priests administered St. Labre’s

1914-1925  
Society of St. Edmund (Swanton, Vermont)  
administered St. Labre’s

1917  
St. Labre was rebuilt following a destructive fire

1926-2004  
Capuchins (St. Joseph’s Province, Detroit,  
Michigan) administered St. Labre’s

1933-ca. 1980  
School Sisters of St. Francis (United States  
Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) staffed St.  
Labre’s

1928-1938 (closed), 1947-present  
St. Labre’s established a high school

1967-1999 (closed), 2000-present  
The St. Labre Youth and Family Services/ St. Labre  
Home/ Cheyenne Home was established first as a  
foster home and then as youth and family  
services

1971-present  
St. Labre’s was incorporated

1978-1985  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the school,  
then known as Labre Indian School

2001-present  
The Catholic elementary schools at Pretty Eagle  
and St. Charles on the Crow Reservation became  
branch campuses of St. Labre

2004-present  
Lay administrators have administered St. Labre

c. 2004-present  
A diocesan priest and a Sister of Charity of  
Leavenworth (Leavenworth, Kansas) have served  
the school
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1926-present, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 24.5 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Labre School are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Administrative records
Inclusive dates: 1889-present
Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet
Description: Correspondence, deeds, maps, and meeting minutes.

B. Board minutes
Inclusive dates: 1927-present
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description:
1. Board of St. Labre Mission, 1927, 1930, 1933; 1 volume
3. Board of Directors, 1971-present; 5 volumes

C. Student records
Inclusive dates: 1928-present
Volume: Believed to be approximately 2 cubic feet
Description: High school transcripts arranged alphabetically.

D. Publications
Inclusive dates: 1948-present
Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet
Description:
1. The Arrow, 1950-unknown; fundraising newsletter
2. Bells of St. Labre, 1948-unknown; fundraising newsletter
3. The Chief, 1953?-unknown; school yearbook
4. Morning Star/ The Morning Star People, 1965-present; ca. 1 cubic foot; fundraising newsletter
5. The Race of Sorrows, 1956-1971; ca. .5 cubic foot; fundraising newsletter
6. A Portrait of Saint Labre Indian Mission through One Hundred Years: Ashland, Montana, 1884-1984, Sister Carlan Kraman, S.S.F.
7. Sandal Prints, 1961?-1984?; fundraising newsletter

E. Photographs
Inclusive dates: 1926-present, n.d.
Volume: Approximately 7 cubic feet
Description: St. Labre School and Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indians, Capuchins, and School Sisters of St. Francis
1. Motion pictures by Finton Schaub, ca. 1930s-1960, n.d.; ca. 1 cubic foot
2. Still prints, 1926-, n.d.; ca. 6 cubic feet
F. Northern Cheyenne Heritage
Inclusive dates: ca. 1930s-1976
Volume: Approximately 2.5 cubic feet
Description:
1. Historical Incidents of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, 1956; transcript from recording of Rufus Wallowing, George American Horse, John Stands in Timber, and Henry Little Coyote; re: recollections, ca. 1876-1956
2. Interviews and Meetings, 1972-1976; 3 folders (transcripts) pertaining to 612 audio cassettes not included; re: folktales, songs, historical and cultural recollections, and business and cultural meetings; notable participants: Dan Honahni, James Medicine Bird, Roy Bull Coming, Kathryn Bull Coming, Charles Sitting Man, James Spear, and Russell Bull Coming
3. Rufus Wallowing Papers, ca. 1930-1965; ca. 2 cubic feet; correspondence, meeting minutes, and publications; re: Northern Cheyenne tribe governance and claims
4. The Cheyenne Journey, Rubie Sooktis, Religious Research Center, 1976; 1 folder