Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
MONTANA, BILLINGS

Billings Area Catholic Schools
W-293

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History: The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings (formerly Diocese of Great Falls) was erected 1904 and includes all of Eastern Montana. In 1999 the diocese reported 12,000 baptized Native American Catholics. Within its area the following Catholic schools have served Native American students:

1882-1898 (closed) St. Peter School for Boys, Miles City/ Fort Shaw
1884-1978, 1978-1985 [government-funded school], 1985-present St. Labre School, Ashland
1887-present St. Paul School, Hays
1887-present (St. Labre branch campus, 2001-present) Pretty Eagle/ St. Francis Xavier School, St. Xavier
1892-1898 (1898), 1904-1925 St. Charles Borromeo School, Pryor
[government-funded school], 1925-1933 (closed), 1936-present (St. Labre branch campus, 2001-present) Immaculate Conception School, Wolf Point
1949-1972 (closed) Blessed Sacrament School, Lame Deer
1970-1981 (closed)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1884-present
Volume: Approximately .3 cubic feet

School records for Catholic schools serving American Indian students; re: correspondence, financial statements, news clippings, government quarterly school reports (includes student attendance), student transcripts, and statistical reports
A. Ashland, St. Labre School, 1887-present
B. Hays, St. Paul School, 1887-present
C. Pryor, St. Charles Borromeo School, 1936-present
D. St. Xavier, Pretty Eagle/ St. Francis Xavier School, 1887-present
E. Wolf Point, Immaculate Conception School, 1949-1973