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

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MONTANA, HAYS

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History:

1884-1886 Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and attended St. Paul Mission (Atsina, Assiniboine, and Métis) from St. Peter’s, Fort Shaw
1886-1970 Jesuits administered St. Paul Mission
1887-1936 Ursulines (Western Province, Santa Rosa, California) staffed St. Paul School
1936-1985 School Sisters of St. Francis (United States Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) staffed the school
1970-1985 Capuchins (St. Joseph Province, Detroit, Michigan) administered St. Paul’s
1985-present Jesuits have administered St. Paul’s
1985-present Jesuit Volunteers and Dominican Sisters (Sparkill, New York) have staffed the school

Jesuits and Capuchins from St. Paul’s have attended the following missions among the Atsina and Assiniboine Indians and Métis of the Fort Belknap Reservation:

1898-present St. Thomas Mission, Lodge Pole
1924-present Sacred Heart Church, Fort Belknap
1940-present St. Joseph Church, Zortman

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1862-present

Volume: At least 7 volumes and 1 reel of microfilm (Diocese of Great Falls-Helena, reel 7; filmed to 1961)

Description: Sacramental records for St. Paul Mission and its attended Indian missions. It is believed that the school holds the student records, ca. 1985-present.