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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: 35 collections include Native Catholic records;

Manuscript Collections

/1 “Catherine Belgarde Interview, OH 1894”
Inclusive dates: 1980
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: Includes experiences at St. Peter’s Mission (Siksika), Montana.

/2 “Joseph M. Cataldo Letters, SC 80”
Inclusive dates: 1887
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: 2 handwritten petitions (copies), one in French, to Reverend Joseph M. Cataldo, S.J. (1837-1928) from citizens of Helena, Montana, requesting that the Jesuits establish a Catholic college in Helena; from the Jesuit Oregon Province Archives, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.

/3 “Pierre-Jean De Smet Papers, SC 620”
Inclusive dates: 1863, 1866
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: Letters of James Hainson to Reverend Pierre-Jean De Smet, S.J. (1801-1873), 1866; Reverend De Smet (in French) to Reverend Mother Superior [possibly of the Sisters of Charity of Providence] in Washington Territory,
1863; and Reverend De Smet at Fort McKenzie to possibly Andrew Dawson, 1863.

/4 “General Montana History Collection”
Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot
Description:
c) OH 1388: “Mother Amata Dunne [O.S.U.] Interview,” ca. 1968, 1 audiotape; re: her life as a nun

/5 “Montana Attorney General’s Office Records, Collection RS 76”
Inclusive dates: 1953
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: Box 102, Folder 122, re: Josephine Cannon Estate, Billings, with bequest to the Little Flower Church, Browning, Montana.

/6 “Montana Office of Public Instruction Records, Collection RS 147”
Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot
Description: Includes enrollment statistics for Catholic schools serving American Indians in Montana.

/7 “New Deal in Montana/ Fort Peck Dam Oral History Project, OH 1162”
Inclusive dates: 1989
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: “Mae Takes Gun Childs Interview,” 1989, 1 audiotape and 13-page transcript; re: includes experiences of Takes Gun Childs (Crow, 1894-1995) at St. Xavier School with the Ursulines.

/8 “Owen, John Papers, Collection MC 44”
Inclusive dates: 1850
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: Box 2, Folder 4 includes a bill of sale for St. Mary Mission lands purchased from the Jesuits by Owen (1818-1889).

/9 “Ravalli, Anthony Papers, SC 679”
Inclusive dates: 1884
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: An undated manuscript in Latin and a letter to Narcissa Caldwell by Reverend Anthony Ravalli, S.J. (1812-1884).

/10 “Mabel Pepin Salois Interview, OH 1887”
Inclusive dates: 1995
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description: Early 20th century experiences at Holy Family Mission School (Siksika) and the Blackfeet Reservation with retold reminiscences from her mother that include the 1885 rebellion led by Louis Riel (Métis).
Small Town Montana Oral History Project
Inclusive dates: 1984
Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot
Description:

a) OH 834: “Wilbur Werner Interview” 1984, 2 audiotapes and 4-page summary; includes relationships between the non-Indian community in Cut Bank, the Blackfeet Reservation, and St. Margaret Church, ca. 1930s-1980s

a) OH 829: “Lucille L. Durocher Interview,” 1984, 1 audiotape and 2-page summary; includes relationships between churches in Cut Bank, her involvement in St. Margaret Church, and changes in Catholic practices.

“Society of Jesus Religious Text, 1900, SC 2400”
Inclusive dates: 1900
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: The New and Old Testaments in the Crow Indian Language (with copy) by an unidentified Jesuit; from St. Xavier Mission, Montana.

Photograph Collections

“Amadeus, Reverend Mother, #940-349”
Inclusive dates: 1884
Volume: 1 print
Description: Founding mother superior of the Ursulines in Montana.

“Beckx, Peter, #940-831”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 print
Description: Reverend Peter Beckx, S.J.

“Brings, William J. Collection, Lot 10”
Inclusive dates: 1908-1909
Volume: 48 prints
Description: Crow Indians at St. Xavier Mission, Montana.

“Cataldo, Joseph M., #941-472”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 print
Description: Reverend Joseph M. Cataldo, S.J.

“Cataldo Mission, Idaho, #940-936-937”
Inclusive dates: ca. 1929
Volume: 2 prints
Description: Sacred Heart Mission, Cataldo, Idaho.

“DeSmet, Pierre Jean, #941-955-959”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 4 prints and 1 engraving
Description: Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J.

“Dumont, Gabriel, #944-022-023”
Inclusive dates: ca. 1885
Volume: 2 prints
Description: Métis.

“Fort Belknap Agency Collection, #955-360-404”
Inclusive dates: ca. 1900
Volume: 2 prints
Description: Assiniboine and Atsina Indians and St. Paul Mission, Montana.

/21 “Huffman, Laton Alton Collection, #981-054-057, 981-220-222”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 2 prints
Description: Cheyenne Indians and St. Labre School, Ashland, Montana.

/22 “McBride, Sister G. Collection, Pac87-47”
Inclusive dates: 1880-1900
Volume: 5 prints
Description: Siksika Indians, Ursulines, and St. Peter’s Mission, Montana.

/23 “Palladino, Lawrence Benedict, #944-255”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 print
Description: Reverend Lawrence Palladino, S.J.

/24 “Ravalli, Anthony, #944-496-499”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 4 prints
Description: Reverend Anthony Ravalli, S.J.

/25 “Riel, Louis, Tomb of, #944-566 and 944-568”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 2 prints
Description: Métis

/26 “Riel Rebellion, 1885, 944-569-572”
Inclusive dates: 1940
Volume: 4 prints
Description: St. Anthony Church, wagon trail, and Métis graves.

/27 “St. Ignatius Mission, 950-719-739”
Inclusive dates: 1867-1960
Volume: 20 prints
Description: St. Ignatius Mission (Salish and Kootenai), St. Ignatius, Montana.

/28 “St. Mary Mission, 950-742-759”
Inclusive dates: 1916-1974
Volume: 17 prints
Description: St. Mary Mission (Salish), Stevensville, Montana.

/29 “St. Mary Mission, Pac 98-79”
Inclusive dates: 1948
Volume: 17 prints
Description: St. Mary Mission (Salish), Stevensville, Montana.

/30 “St. Paul’s Mission, 950-760-768”
Inclusive dates: 1900-1954
Volume: 9 prints
Description: St. Paul’s Mission (Assiniboine, Atsina, and Métis), Hays, Montana.
/31 “St. Peter’s Mission, Pac 74-104.279 GP”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 print
Description: St. Peter’s Mission (Siksika and Métis), Montana.

Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 print
Description: St. Paul’s Mission (Assiniboine, Atsina, and Métis), Hays, Montana.

/33 “Catholic Church at St. Paul’s Mission, Pac 92-59 Album”
Inclusive dates: 1889
Volume: 1 print
Description: In album; St. Paul’s Mission (Assiniboine, Atsina, and Métis), Hays, Montana.

/34 “St. Xavier Mission, 950-800-805”
Inclusive dates: ca. 1890-1954
Volume: 6 prints
Description: St. Xavier Mission (Crow), Montana.