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

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Diocese of Helena
MONTANA, ST. IGNATIUS

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1844-1854 Reverend Pierre J. De Smet, S.J. established and Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) administered St. Ignatius Mission (Kalispel), Pend Oreille River, Washington

1854-present Jesuits relocated and administered St. Ignatius Mission (Kootenai and Salish), Flathead/ Pend O’erreille Reservation, St. Ignatius/ Snielemen, Montana

1864-1919 Sisters of Charity of Providence (formerly Montreal; now Mother Joseph Province, Seattle, Washington) established and staffed St. Ignatius Boarding School (Kootenai and Salish) at the mission

1890-1972 (closed) Ursulines (Western Province, Santa Rosa, California) staffed the school

Jesuits from St. Ignatius, Washington Territory, attended the following Indian mission and station:

1848-1849 St. Francis Borgia station (Kalispel), Flathead Lake, Montana

1848-ca. 1854 St. Paul Mission (Okanagan, Spokan, and others), Colville Valley, Washington

Jesuits from St. Ignatius, Montana, have attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1864-ca. 1880 Dolores Mission (Kalispel? Kootenai?), Montana

1864-ca. 1880 St. Louis Mission (Kalispel? Kootenai?), [Montana?]

1865-1866 Cootenay /Courtenay’s Mission (Kootenai), Montana

1865-1866 (became a parish) St. Mary’s Mission (Salish), Stevensville/ Bitter Root Valley
1896-present  St. John Berchman Mission (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/ Jocko Valley, Flathead Reservation
1941-present  Sacred Heart Mission (Salish), Arlee, Flathead Reservation

History of St. John Berchman Mission

1892-1897 (closed)  The Ursulines (Western Province, Great Falls, Montana) established and administered St. John Berchman School (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/ Jocko Valley, Flathead Reservation
1896-present  Jesuits established and attended St. John Berchman Mission (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/ Jocko Valley, Flathead Reservation, from St. Ignatius, St. Ignatius

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1864-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. Ignatius Mission and its attended Indian missions and stations.