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

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NORTH DAKOTA, MANDAREE

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1889-1910  Reverend Francis M. Craft built a school at Elbowoods, which became Immaculate Conception Mission (Arickara, Hidatsa, and Mandan)
1910-1953  Benedictines (Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota) and administered Sacred Heart/Immaculate Conception Mission, which, due to the Garrison Dam Project, was moved to Mandaree and renamed St. Anthony Church
1910-1936  Benedictine Sisters (Sacred Heart Monastery, Richardton, North Dakota) staffed Sacred Heart School
1936-1939 (closed)  Sacred Heart School continued
1953-present  Benedictines have administered St. Anthony Church

Benedictines from Elbowoods and Mandaree have administered the following Arickara, Hidatsa, and Mandan Indian missions:

1906-1920 (transferred to St. Anthony's, Van Hook, North Dakota)  Holy Family/St. Michael's Mission, Shell Creek/Shell Village
1906-1969 (closed)  St. Andrew Mission, Nishu/Armstrong (relocated eastern segment of the Reservation)
1907-1921 (closed)  St. John Mission, Crow Heart's Landing
1911-1920 (transferred to St. Anthony's, Van Hook)  St. Anthony's Mission, Independence
1921-1951 (closed)  Sacred Heart Mission, Deep Water Creek Indian Day School, Deep Water Creek
1923-ca. 1924 (closed)  Holy Family Mission, Shell Creek/Shell Village (relocated northern segment of the Reservation)
1925-1969 (closed)  St. Anthony Mission, Mandaree/Independence (relocated western segment of the Reservation and also mission center)
1925-present
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1889-present

Volume: 2 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Anthony Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental records, 1889-present, 12 volumes: for St. Anthony Church and its Indian missions; baptisms, 1889-present, marriages, 1892-present, deaths, 1905-present, first communions, 1955-present, confirmations, 1929-present

B. Subject files, 1950s-present, 1 cubic foot: Alphabetically arranged folders created by Reverends Aloysius Bittmann, O.S.B. and Stephen Kranz, O.S.B.; prominent subjects include Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions correspondence, diocesan correspondence, "Farm," financial and statistical statements, "Indian affairs," and "Tekakwitha Conference"