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

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Diocese of Fargo  
NORTH DAKOTA, PEMBINA

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church is a Métis parish that included a number of Ojibwa Indians until ca. 1870s.

1818-1823 (closed)  Diocesan priests (Archdiocèse de Sainte-Boniface, Sainte Boniface, Manitoba, Canada) established and administered St. Francis Xavier School (Ojibwa and Métis)

1821-1823 (closed)  Diocesan priests established and administered St. Francis Xavier Mission (Ojibwa and Métis)

1831-1838  Reverend Georges Antoine Belcourt evangelized Indians and Métis between Lake Traverse, South Dakota and Pembina, North Dakota

1848-1859  Reverend Belcourt established and administered Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and School (Ojibwa and Métis)

1848-1859  Sisters of the Propagation of the Faith staffed the school and then disbanded

1853-ca. 1870s (no longer Indian)  St. Joseph Mission and School (Ojibwa and Métis) was built at Pembina

1861-ca. 1870s (no longer Indian)  Oblates of Mary Immaculate (now Manitoba Province, Sainte-Boniface, Manitoba, Canada) administered Assumption Church and St. Joseph Mission

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1848-ca. 1870s

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Sacramental records (baptisms, marriages, and confirmations) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and an index to the sacramental records of St. Joseph Church.