Diocese of Gallup
NEW MEXICO, CROWNPOINT

St. Paul Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1961-1975  Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) established and administered St. Paul Church (Navajo)

1976-1977  Dominicans (Most Holy Name of Jesus-Western Dominican Province, Oakland, California) administered St. Paul’s

1978  Diocesan priests administered St. Paul’s

1979-1980  Jesuits (California Province, Los Gatos, California) administered St. Paul’s

1980-present  Diocesan priests and Adorers of the Blood of Christ (St. Louis, Missouri) have shared administration of St. Paul’s

Various priests from St. Paul’s have attended the following Navajo Indian missions in New Mexico:


1970-1974 (became a parish)  St. Bonaventure Mission and School, Thoreau

1999-present  Risen Savior Mission, Bluewater

History of St. Valerian and St. Bonaventure Missions

1897-1938  Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) established and administered St. Valerian Mission (Navajo), Smith Lake

1938-1961  Diocesan priests administered St. Valerian’s

By 1970  St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission relocated to Thoreau

1970-1974  Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) attended St. Bonaventure from St. Paul’s

1974-1990s  Reverend Douglas A. McNeill administered St. Bonaventure
Reverend McNeill established St. Bonaventure School/Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Academy (Navajo), which has been staffed by lay teachers.

Diocesan priests from St. Bonaventure attended the following Navajo Indian missions in New Mexico:

1974-1990s (closed) Smith Lake Mission, Smith Lake
1977-1994 (transferred to St. Paul’s, transferred to St. Paul’s, Crownpoint)
Risen Savior Mission, Bluewater

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1897-present (bulk to 1929)
Volume: Approximately 6 cubic feet
Description: The records at St. Paul Church are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1897-present
Volume: 7 volumes
Description: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission, St. Paul Mission, and San Diego Mission, Jemez Pueblo:
   c. First communions, 1964-present; St. Paul Mission with a few St. Bonaventure Mission, 1 volume
2. St. Paul Mission, 1975-present, 2 volumes
   a. Baptisms, 1985-present
   b. Confirmations, 1975-present
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B. Other Records
Inclusive dates: 1897-present (bulk to 1929)
Volume: Approximately 5.5 cubic feet
Description: Bulletins, clippings and scrapbooks, photographs and albums, and financial records.