Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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NEW MEXICO, GALLUP

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History: In 1939 the Diocese of Gallup was erected for northeastern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico from parts of the Dioceses of Santa Fe and Tucson. The Gallup Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Arizona and New Mexico:

1629-1672 (closed) La Purísima Concepción de Aguico Mission (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico
1629-1680 (closed), 1699-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de Halona Mission (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1630-1632 (closed) Kechipawan Visita (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico
1630-1632 (closed) St. Joseph/ San José de Laguna Mission (Laguna), Laguna Pueblo, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1699-present (Gallup, 1939-present) San Estevan del Rey/ San Estevan del Rey de Ácoma Church (Acoma), Acoma Pueblo, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico
1629-1680 (closed), 1689-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Michael School (Navajo), St. Michaels, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1902-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Our Lady of Fatima Mission (Navajo), Chinle, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1905-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Anthony Mission (Navajo), Many Farms, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1905-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Francis of Assisi Church (Apache), Lumberton, Jicarilla Reservation, New Mexico
1910-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Mission (Navajo), Fort Defiance, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1914-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Mary Mission (Navajo), Tohatchi, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1914-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Round Rock Mission (Navajo), Round Rock, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Isabel Mission (Navajo), Lukachukai, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Wheatfields Mission (Navajo), Wheatfields, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
after 1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Tsaile Mission (Navajo), Tsaile, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. John/ Tekakwitha Mission, Houck, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Joseph Church (Hopi and Navajo), Keams Canyon, Hopi Reservation, Arizona
1922-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Anthony Church (Zuni), Zuñi Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1923-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Anthony School (Zuni), Zuñi Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1924-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Francis Church (Apache), Whiteriver, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Anthony Mission (Apache), Cedar Creek, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Catherine Mission (Apache), Cibecue, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1935-present (Gallup, 1939-present) Christ the King Church (Navajo), Shiprock, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1935-1995 (Gallup, 1939-present) St. Joseph School (Laguna), Laguna Pueblo, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1939-present Annunciation Church (Navajo), Chinle, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1941-present St. Anthony Church (Navajo), Naschitti, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1943-present St. Francis of Assisi Church (Navajo and others), Gallup, New Mexico
1946-ca. 1995 (closed) St. Valerian Center (Navajo and others), Gallup, New Mexico
1950-present Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Laguna), Encinal, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present Sacred Heart Mission (Laguna), Mesita, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present St. Mary Margaret Mission (Laguna), Paraje, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present St. Elizabeth Mission (Laguna), Paguate, Laguna Reservation New Mexico
1955-present St. Anne Church (Navajo), Klagetoh, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956-present Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Navajo), Kayenta, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956?-present Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Navajo), Greasewood, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956-present St. Jude Church (Navajo and Hopi), Tuba City, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1958-present Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Navajo), Page, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1962-1997 (closed) St. Eleanor Church (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico
1962-present St. Paul Church (Navajo), Crownpoint, New Mexico
1963-present St. Berard Church (Navajo), Navajo, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
after 1963-present Sawmill Mission (Navajo), Sawmill, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1965-present  
St. Patrick (Navajo), Chichiltah, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

ca. 1965-present  
Good Shepherd Mission (Navajo), Pine Haven, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1966-present  
St. Anne Mission (Acoma), Acomita, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico

1966-present  
Santa Maria del Acoma Mission (Acoma), McCartys, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico

1968-present  
All Saints Church (Navajo), Ganado, Navajo Reservation, Arizona

1970-present  
Chuska Mission (Navajo), Chusano, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1970-present  
St. Anthony Mission (Apache), Dulce, Jicarilla Reservation, New Mexico

1970-present  
St. Bonaventure School (Navajo), Thoreau, New Mexico

1971-1989 (closed)  
St. William Church (Navajo), West Gallup, New Mexico

1971-present  
St. Philip Benizi Mission (Navajo), Church Rock, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1972-present  
Good Shepherd Mission (Navajo), Pinehaven, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1972-1992  
St. Catherine Mission (Navajo), Manuelito, New Mexico

1974-1994, 1999-present  
Risen Savior Mission (Navajo), Bluewater, New Mexico

1974-present  
Smith Lake Mission (Navajo), Smith Lake, New Mexico

1980-present  
Crystal Mission (Navajo), Crystal, New Mexico

1982-2001 (closed)  
Fence Lake Mission (Navajo), Fence Lake, New Mexico

1982-present  
San Lorenzo Church (Navajo) Tinaja, Ramah Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1996-2002 (closed)  
San Juan Catholic Center (Navajo), Kirtland, New Mexico

**History of St. Valerian Center**

1946-ca. 1995 (closed)  
Franciscans (Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and administered St. Valerian Center (Navajo and others), Gallup

1967-ca. 1995  
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem/ Cornwell Heights, Pennsylvania) staffed St. Valerian’s

ca. 1995-present  
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul (Western Province, Los Altos Hills, California) resided at St. Valerian’s

Franciscans from St. Valerian’s attended the following Indian schools and parish:

1946-1962 (closed)  
Charles H. Burke Government School (Navajo) and Fort Wingate Government Vocational High School (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico

1962-1974  
St. Eleanor Church (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1777-1920, 1923-present

Volume: Approximately 66 cubic feet

Description: The Diocese of Gallup archives are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by type of record.

A. Bishops’ Papers
Inclusive dates: 1939-2000
Volume: Approximately 34 cubic feet

Description:
1. Bishop Bernard Theodore Espelage (1892-1971), O.F.M., 1939-1969; less than 20% of approximately 6 cubic feet
2. Bishop Jerome Joseph Hastrich (1914-1995), 1969-1990; less than 10% of approximately 10 cubic feet
   a. Biography, coat of arms, photographs, 5 folders
   b. Calendars, 1987-1990, 2 folders
   c. Clippings, 3 folders; re: related articles from newspapers
   d. Correspondence
      1) General, 1988-2000, approximately 20 cubic feet; accumulated at approximately 25 folders/year
      2) With other bishops, 1986-2000, approximately 8 cubic feet; accumulated at approximately 8 folders/year
   f. Ordination, 1986, 2 folders
4. Appointment Book, 1940-1985, approximately 40% of 1 volume; re: ordinations of priests and deacons, necrology of priests and deacons, dedications of churches and schools, confirmations, and diocesan consultants’ meetings

B. Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1777-1920, 1941-present
Volume: Approximately 1.5 cubic feet (over 30 volumes in part and 27 reels of microfilm in part)

Description: Divided by individual parishes and all parishes combined with the former arranged there under by an assigned volume number and microfilmed with each reel corresponding to one register; includes Indian or non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions.
1. Individual parishes, New Mexico
   a. Microfilm (includes Acoma, San Estevan del Rey Church, Gallup, Sacred Heart Cathedral/Church, Laguna, St. Joseph/ San José Church, and Zuni, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission), 1777-1920; 27 reels in part; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, and patentes
   b. Registers: Gallup, Sacred Heart Cathedral/Church, 1941, 1 volume, baptisms; Laguna, St. Joseph/ San José Church, 1885-1900, 1 volume, baptisms; San Fidel, St. Joseph Church, 1920-1942, 3 volumes, baptisms; Smith Lake Mission, 1938-1940, 1 volume, baptisms
2. All parishes combined diocesan-wide, Arizona and New Mexico, 1941-present; approximately 40% of over 30 volumes plus 3 volumes indices; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials for all parishes plus St. Valerian Chapel/ Center, Gallup

C. Parish Files
Inclusive dates: 1923-2002
Volume: Approximately 16 cubic feet
Description: Divided by state, then arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; contains correspondence, histories, maps, membership lists, notes, and photos for Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations.

1. Arizona:
   a. Chinle, Our Lady of Fatima Church with Many Farms mission, 1941-2000; 7 folders
   b. Cibecue, St. Catherine Church with Cedar Creek mission, 1946-1988; 7 folders
   c. Fort Defiance, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 1953-1995; 5 folders
   d. Ganado, All Saints Church with Klagetoh and Greasewood missions, 1956-2000; 7 folders
   e. Kayenta, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1968-2000; 4 folders
   f. Keams Canyon, St. Joseph Church with missions, 1940-2000; 6 folders
   g. Lukachukai, St. Isabel Church with Round Rock, Wheatfields, and Tsaila missions, 1924-1993; 7 folders
   h. St. Michaels, St. Michael’s Mission, 1937-2002; 13 folders
   i. Tuba City, St. Jude Church, 1942-2001; 6 folders
   j. Whiteriver, St. Francis Church, 1942-2000; 5 folders

2. New Mexico:
   a. Acoma, San Estevan del Rey Church with Acomita and McCartys missions, 1964-2000; 5 folders
   b. Chichiltah, St. Patrick Church, 1971-2000; 7 folders
   c. Church Rock, St. Philip Benizi Church, 1967-2000; 1 folder
   d. Crownpoint, St. Mary Church, 1965-1994; 8 folders
   e. Gallup, St. Valerian Chapel, 1983-1993; 1 folder
   f. Gallup, St. William Church with Manuelito Mission, 1971-1989; 6 folders
   g. Laguna, St. Joseph Church with Paraje, Paguate, Encinal, Seama, and Mesita missions, 1940-1999; 6 folders
   h. Lumberton, St. Francis of Assisi Church with Dulce mission, 1940-1999; 15 folders
   i. Navajo, St. Berard Church with Sawmill mission, 1962-2000; 6 folders
   j. Pinehaven, Good Shepherd Church, 1974-1998; 5 folders
   k. Shiprock, Christ the King Church, 1940-1998; 8 folders
   l. Thoreau, St. Bonaventure Church with Smith Lake and Bluewater missions, 1962-1999; 22 folders
   m. Tiujna, San Lorenzo Church, 1974-2000; 6 folders
   n. Tohatchi, New Mexico, St. Mary Church with Naschitti mission, 1940-2000; 7 folders
   o. Zuni, St. Anthony Church, 1953-2000; 11 folders
D. School Files
Inclusive dates: 1972-2000
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: Contain correspondence between the diocese and school principals, clippings histories, and yearbooks.
2. Thoreau, St. Bonaventure School/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Academy, 1972-2000, 11 folders
3. Zuni, St. Anthony School, 1993-2000, 1 folder

E. Files of Women’s Religious Institutes
Inclusive dates: 1938-2000
Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet
Description: Correspondence between the diocese and heads of congregations, re: Indian parishes and schools in part.
1. Auxiliaries of the Blessed Sacrament, 1989-1995; 1 folder
5. Dominican Sisters, 1982-1993, 1 folder
8. Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, 1975-1998, 2 folders
9. Sisters of Loretto, 1990, 1 folder
10. Sisters of Notre Dame, 1987-1997, 1 folder
12. General Correspondence, 1971-1992, ca. 15% of 30 folders
14. Sisters Senate, 1970-2000, ca. 15% of 5 folders
15. Sisters Council, 1981-2000, ca. 15% of 3 folders
16. Saint Katharine Drexel, 1966-2000, 1 cubic foot; re: sainthood cause; correspondence with and printed material from primarily the postulator

F. Files of Men’s Religious Institutes
Inclusive dates: 1940-present
Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet
Description: Franciscans, St. John the Baptist (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1940-1985, and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Albuquerque, New Mexico), 1985-present, Provinces; includes correspondence between the diocese and heads of the province, newsletters, and biographical/personnel files; re: Indian parishes and schools, in part.

G. Personnel Files: Diocesan Priests, Religious Priests, and Permanent Deacons
Inclusive dates: 1940-present
Volume: Estimated 40% of 15 cubic feet
Description: Biographical information, correspondence, and clippings; most contain 1 folder per person.
1. Deceased Priests, A-Z, 1940-present; estimated 40% of 8 cubic feet
2. Diaconate faculty correspondence, 1988-2000, 6 folders
3. Deaconate minutes, 1988-1997, 1 folder
5. Diocesan Priests of other dioceses, A-Z, 1940-present; 40% of ca. 12 cubic feet
7. Native American Deaconate Weekend, 1999; includes photos; 1 folder
8. Native American Deacons’ Association, 1989; 1 folder
9. Permanent Deacons, A-Z, 1980s-present; estimated 40% of 4 cubic feet

H. Other Catholic Organizations
Inclusive dates: 1940-2000
Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet
Description:
1. American Board of Catholic Missions, 1940-1990, 4 folders in part
2. Apostolic Delegation, 1940-1989, 6 folders in part
3. Black and Indian Mission Office [Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Indians and the Colored People], 1940-1990, 8 folders
7. Gallup Catholic Indian Center [St. Valerian Center], 1946-1982, 1 folder
8. Gallup Diocesan Catholic Charities, 1 folder in part
11. New Mexico Conference of Churches, 1994-2000, 1 folder in part
12. Southwest Indian Foundation
   a. 1973-1996, 15 folders; includes correspondence with Reverend Douglas McNeil
   b. 1988-2000; 3 folders; mostly correspondence with foundation
15. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Native American Catholics, 1994-1995, 2 folders

I. General Diocesan Concerns
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description:
1. Diocese of Gallup Golden Jubilee [book], 1989, 1 folder in part
2. New Mexico 5th Centenary Celebration, 1991-1992, 4 folders in part
3. Native Americans, General
   a. General, 1987-1997, 1 folder
   b. Lay ministry, 1992-1999, 1 folder
   c. Church Survey, 1981, 1 folder
   d. Papal visit with, Phoenix, Arizona, 1987, 4 folders; clippings
5. Navajo Indians
   a. Mass in Navajo language, 1964-1987, 2 folders; correspondence and texts
   b. Permission to marry non-Catholics, 1947-1948, 1 folder
   c. Navajo Board, 1970-1980, 2 folders
   d. Navajo meetings, 1970-1972, 1 folder
   e. Navajo Nation, 1979-1999, 1 folder
J. Diocesan newspaper
Inclusive dates: 1969-present
Volume: Many articles
Description: *Voice of the Southwest*, http://www.dioceseofgallup.org/vosw/index.htm, regularly includes several articles pertaining to American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese and is archived online, April 2007-ongoing.