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

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NEW MEXICO, SHIPROCK

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

Ca. 1899-1924
Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) visited the Shiprock Agency of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah

1924-1987
Reverend Marcellus Troester, O.F.M. established and Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Albuquerque, New Mexico) administered Christ the King Church (Navajo)

1987-1996, 2000-present
Diocesan priests have administered Christ the King

1996-2000
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania) administered Christ the King

Franciscans from Christ the King attended the following Indian stations in the “Four Corners” area:

ca. 1925-ca. 1970
Red Rock station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation Arizona

1926-1942 (transferred to St. Margaret Mary, Cortez, Colorado)
Towoac station (Ute), Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado

1936-1941
Blanding station (Navajo), Utah

1936-ca. 1970
Toadlena station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1936-ca. 1970
Sanastee station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1937-1941
Rattlesnake station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1937-1942
Kinbito station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1937-ca. 1965
Fruitland station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

1937-ca. 1965
Beclabito station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1937-1968  Nava station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1937-ca. 1970  Cove station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1945-1946 (transferred to Good Shepherd, East Carbon, Utah)  St. Joseph Mission (Navajo and Paiute), Monticello, Utah
1952-ca. 1971  Teec-nos-pas station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, Arizona
c.a. 1952  Aneth station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, Utah
dates unknown  Huerfano station (Navajo), Navajo Reservation, New Mexico

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1912-present

Volume: Approximately 3.5 cubic feet

Description: The records at Christ the King Church are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental records
Inclusive dates: 1925-present
Volume: 9 volumes
Description: includes baptisms, 1925-present, 4 volumes; first communions and confirmations combined, 1928-present, 2 volumes; marriages, 1925-present, 1 volume; and deaths (burials), 1947-present, 2 volumes.

B. Parish census
Inclusive dates: 1929-present
Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet
Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname (in Navajo); includes the Shiprock Agency of the Navajo Reservation.

C. History file
Inclusive dates: 1912-present
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: Clippings, correspondence, histories, pamphlets, and pertinent issues of the Padres Trail.