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

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: Sacred Heart Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Potawatomi Indian parishioners until ca. 1940s.

1877–unknown (no longer Indian) Benedictines (now St. Gregory’s Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma) established and administered Sacred Heart Mission (Potawatomi), Konawa/ Sacred Heart
1877–1880 (closed) Benedictines established Sacred Heart Day School (Potawatomi)
1880–1927 (closed) Benedictines established St. Benedict Industrial School (Potawatomi and others), a boarding school for Indian boys to 1926
After 1880–1915 St. Benedict Industrial School included high school and college levels
1880–1884 Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (New Orleans, Louisiana) established St. Mary Academy (Potawatomi and others), a boarding school for Indian girls
1884–1946 (closed) Sisters of Mercy (now Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) staffed St. Mary Academy
1892–unknown (no longer Indian) Benedictines established and administered Sacred Heart Church (Potawatomi)
1901 Fire destroyed the church and schools, which were rebuilt and reopened later that year

Benedictines from Sacred Heart have attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1877–1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) Eufala station (Creek)
1877–1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) Fort Gibson station (Cherokee)
1877–1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) Muskogee station (Creek)
1877–1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) South Canadian River station (Creek and Choctaw)
1877–1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) Tahlequah station (Cherokee)
1877-1887 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Krebs) Vinita station (Cherokee)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Fort Sill station (Apache and Comanche)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Cantonment station (Arapaho)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Caddo Indians station
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Fort Reno station (Cheyenne)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Darlington station (Cheyenne)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Paul's Valley station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Wynnewood station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Washita station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Erin Springs station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (closed) Silver City station (Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) White Bead Hills station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1877-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Anadarko station (Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo, Wichita, and Delaware)
1877-1889 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) Iowa Reservation station
1877-1889 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) Kickapoo Reservation station
1877-ca. 1890 (closed) Seminole station
1877-1896 (closed) Oberlin station (Potawatomi)
1877-1896 (transferred to St. Benedict's, Shawnee) Sac and Fox Reservation station (Sauk and Fox)
1877-1896 (transferred to St. Benedict's, Shawnee) Shawnee Reservation station
1891-1893 (became a mission) Tecumseh station (Shawnee)
1893-1898 (transferred to St. Benedict's, Shawnee) Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mission (Shawnee), Tecumseh
1896-1897 (became a mission) Wanette station (Potawatomi)
1896-1908 (transferred to Our Lady of Grace, Wanette) St. Gregory's Mission (Potawatomi), Eason
1897-1908 (became a parish) Our Lady of Grace Mission (Potawatomi), Wanette
1906-1911 (transferred to St. Benedict's, Shawnee) Wewoka station (Seminole)
1954-present St. Mary's/ Our Lady of Grace Mission (Potawatomi), Wanette

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1875-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Sacred Heart Church and its attended Indian missions and stations.