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History: The Prefecture Apostolic of the Indian Territory was erected in 1876 for all of present-day Oklahoma. It was succeeded by the Vicariate Apostolic of the Indian Territory in 1891 and the Diocese of Oklahoma in 1905. It was renamed the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa in 1931 and elevated to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in 1973. In 1900 the vicariate apostolate reported 3,000 baptized Native American Catholics for all of Oklahoma and in 1999 the archdiocese reported 5,000 for western Oklahoma. Within its area, the following mission, parishes, and schools have served American Indians:

1872-1892 (no longer Indian) (Oklahoma City, 1876-1892) St. Patrick Mission (Choctaw), Atoka
1877-ca. 1940s (no longer Indian) Sacred Heart Church (Potawatomi), Konawa/Sacred Heart
1884-1887 (no longer Indian) Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission (Choctaw), Leigh
1886-1888 (no longer Indian) St. John Mission (Choctaw), McAlester
1886-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) Our Lady of Victory/ St. Elizabeth Church (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Purcell
1887-1898 (closed) Sacred Heart Mission (Choctaw), Boggy Depot
1887-present (Oklahoma City, 1887-1973) Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Pawhuska
1889-1913 (closed) St. John Church (Osage), Gray Horse
1889-ca. 1939 (no longer Indian) St. John the Baptist Mission (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Lexington
1891-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) Assumption Church (Creek), Muskogee
1891-1906 (no longer Indian) Blessed Sacrament Mission (Choctaw), Coalgate
1892-1910 (no longer Indian) Most Precious Blood Mission (Creek), Eufala
1892-present St. Patrick Church (Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo, Wichita, and Delaware), Anadarko
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1928-1979 (closed) Immaculate Conception Mission (Apache and Caddo), Cyril
1930-present (Oklahoma City, 1930-1973) St. Joseph Church (Osage), Hominy
1931-present Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary/ St. Margaret Mary Mission (Caddo), Binger
1940-present (Oklahoma City, 1940-1973) St. Cecilia/ Christ the King Church (Cherokee), Claremore
1942-present (Oklahoma City, 1942-1973) St. Mary Mission (Osage), Barnsdell
1947-present St. Richard/ Our Lady of Victory Mission (Kiowa), Carnegie
1950-present St. Thomas Mission (Cheyenne and Arapaho), Seiling
1958-present (Oklahoma City, 1958-1973) St. John the Evangelist Mission (Cherokee), Cookson
1960-present (Oklahoma City, 1960-1973) St. Clement Church (Creek), Bixby

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:
Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: When the Diocese of Tulsa was created in 1973, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City sent to Tulsa the parish files of all the active and inactive Indian parishes and missions presently located within the Tulsa Diocese. However, all bishops' files, priests' files, and deeds generated before 1973, and all financial and statistical reports created before 1950, remain at Oklahoma City. Native Catholic records at Oklahoma City comprise 8 series and are found in 2 locations. Active records and sacramental records on microfilm are at the Pastoral Office. All other inactive records are stored at the Archbishops' Residence.

Pastoral Office

/1 Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1875-1970
Volume: Approximately 14 reels of microfilm
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.
A. Anadarko, St. Patrick Church, 1890-1948
B. Ardmore, St. Mary Church, 1897-ca. 1930s
C. Chandler, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 1898-1909: includes records for the Sac and Fox Agency (Sauk and Fox)
D. Chickasha, Holy Name Church, 1898-ca. 1930s
E. El Reno, Sacred Heart Church, 1890-1913, ca. 1949-1970; includes the Fort Sill and Fort Reno stations, and students at the Concho Government Indian School
F. Guthrie, St. Mary Church, 1889-1895; includes stations on the Iowa, Otoe, Pawnee, and Ponca reservations
G. Konawa, Sacred Heart Church, 1880-1970
H. Lawton, Blessed Sacrament Church, 1904-1909, ca. 1927-1970; includes the Lookeba station and students at the Fort Sill Government Indian School
I. Newkirk, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1906-1970; includes the Washunga station and students at the Chilocco Government Indian School
J. Norman, St. Joseph Church, 1895-1897; includes the Ardmore station
K. Okeene, St. Anthony Church, 1969-1970; includes St. Thomas Mission, Selling
L. Oklahoma City, St. Joseph Church, 1889-1895; includes various stations attended from St. Joseph's
M. Perry, St. Rose of Lima Church, 1902-1908; includes the Otoe Reservation
N. Ponca City, St. Mary Church, ca. 1894-1911; includes missions and stations attended from St. Mary's
O. Purcell, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1888-1848; includes students at St. Joseph School
P. Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Mission, 1875-1898
Q. Shawnee, St. Benedict Church, 1895-1970
R. Sterling, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1908-1970; includes Mother of Sorrows Mission, Apache
T. Woodward, St. Peter Church, 1948-1969; includes St. Thomas Mission, Selling

Archbishop's Residence

/2 Parish Files
Volume: .7 cubic foot
Description: Correspondence arranged alphabetically by location of the parish.
A. Anadarko, St. Patrick and Holy Family Churches, 1892-1969, n.d., .15 cubic foot:
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 2 folders
B. Ardmore, St. Mary Church, St. Agnes Academy, 1896-1932, n.d., 3 folders:
   1. Correspondence, 1896, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1912, 1914-1915, 1921, 1927-1932, 76 letters; major correspondents include Reverends James J. Walrapp and F.D. McCreedy and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert and Francis Kelley
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 2 folders
C. Chickasha, Holy Name of Jesus Church, St. Joseph's School, 1901-1937, n.d., .1 cubic foot:
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 2 folders
D. Chilocco Indian School, 1904-1905, 1936, 13 letters; major correspondents include Reverend R. Sevens, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
E. Purcell, Our Lady of Victory Church, St. Elizabeth School, 1893-1948, n.d., 2 folders:
   1. Correspondence, 1893, 1896, 1904, 1907, 1913, 1924-1928, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1947-1948, 1 folder; major correspondents include Reverend James Van Gastel and other superiors at the parish and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert and Francis Kelley
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 1 folder

G. Sacred Heart, St. Mary Academy, 1894-1895, 2 Letters

H. Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Church, 1909-1940, n.d., 2 folders:
   1. Correspondence, 1909-1910, 1914-1917, 1927-1929, 1935, 1940, major correspondents include Reverend Maurus Fuerstenberg and other superiors at the parish and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert and Francis Kelley
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 1 folder

I. Shawnee, St. Benedict Church, 1902-1969, n.d., .15 cubic foot:
   1. Correspondence, 1902-1969, .1 cubic foot: major correspondents include Reverends Boniface Beri, Benedict J. Ryan, and Claude Sons, other superiors at the parish, and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert, Francis Kelley, Eugene McGuinness, and Victor J. Reed
   2. Photographs, clippings, and historical notes, n.d., 2 folders

/3 Archbishops' and Chancellors' Files
Inclusive dates: 1889-1950s, n.d.
Volume: 1.3 cubic feet
Description: Arranged chronologically by administration
   A. Bishop Theophile Meerschaert, 1889-1923, .5 cubic foot:
      1. Diary, 1890-1923, 20 volumes; recorded on blank pages of Ordos; include discussions of Indian mission and schools in the diocese; entries appear at least weekly and sometimes daily; entries for years 1890-1900 more complete than for later years; diary published in diocesan newspaper, Catholic Home, beginning in 1923
      2. "Benedictine Fathers," 1889-1891, 1898-1908, 1 folder: correspondence with Abbot Felix De Grasse and Abbot Bernard Murphy at Sacred Heart Abbey, re: Indian missions and schools at Sacred Heart, Chickasha, Pawhuska, and Purcell
      5. "Correspondence with Mother M. Virginia," 1896-1899, 1902, 17 letters: correspondence re: St. Agnes School, Antlers
   B. Bishop Francis C. Kelley, 1909-1947, .4 cubic foot:
      1. "Extension Society," 1909-1947, .35 cubic foot; correspondence, re: financing of Indian missions and schools
      2. "Marquette League [for Catholic Indian Missions]," 1936-1945, 1 folder: correspondence re: financing of Indian missions and schools
   C. Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, 1948-1950, .1 cubic foot: records include correspondence with the Extension Society, re: financing of Indian missions and schools
   D. Reverend Urban de Hasque, 1901-1911, 1928, 1940s-1950s, n.d., .3 cubic foot: mostly collected or created by Reverend de Hasque for his research on the history of Indian missions and schools in Oklahoma
      1. Correspondence, 1940s-1950s, .1 cubic foot: primarily in relation to his historical research
      2. Financial account book, 1901-1911, 1 volume: Holy Name of Jesus Church, Chickasha, 1901-1911; St. Joseph School, Chickasha, 1901-1905
      3. Historical notes and clippings, n.d., .1 cubic foot
Religious Communities of Men and Women
Inclusive dates: 1897-1960s
Volume: .3 cubic foot
Description: Divided by communities of men and women and arranged alphabetically there under
A. "Benedictine Priests," 1925-1960s, .1 cubic foot: includes correspondence between the abbot and archbishop, re: financing and staffing of Sacred Heart Church, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick Church, Anadarko, and St. Benedict Church, Shawnee
B. "Carmelite Priests [Discalced Carmelites]," 1914-1953, 2 folders: includes correspondence between the provincial and archbishop, re: financing and staffing of St. Agnes Mission, Antlers and St. Edward Mission, Pittsburg
C. "Carmelite Sisters [Carmelites of St. Therese]," 1924-1960s, 1 folder: correspondence between the archbishop and mother superior, re: financing and staffing of St. Edward School, Pittsburg and Sacred Heart School, Fairfax
F. "Sisters of Divine Providence," 1922-1927, 1 folder: correspondence between the bishop and mother superior, re: financing and staffing of St. Mary School, Quapaw and Sacred Heart Institute, Vinita
G. "Sisters of Loretto," 1938-1942, 1 folder: correspondence between the bishop and mother superior, re: financing and staffing of St. Louis School, Pawhuska
H. "Sisters of Mercy," 1897-1947, 1 folder: correspondence between the bishop and mother superior, re: financing and staffing of St. Mary Academy, Sacred Heart and St. Agnes Academy, Ardmore

Financial and Statistical Reports
Inclusive dates: 1906-1969
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: Annual reports since 1906 for each Indian mission and school, including reports until ca. 1950 for those missions later administered by the Diocese of Tulsa.

Deeds and Abstracts
Inclusive dates: 1870s-1969
Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location with a folder for each Indian mission.

General Files
Inclusive dates: 1894-1959
Volume: .2 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject or name.
A. "Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions," 1894-1947, .1 cubic foot: correspondence between the bishop and director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, re: primarily financial matters
B. "Commission for Indians and Negros," 1933-1959, 2 folders: correspondence between the bishop and secretary of the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, re: the annual fund
C. "Indian School Reports," 1901-1926, 1 folder: includes names of pupils at St. Mary's Academy, Sacred Heart, Oklahoma, 1901-1925
Archdiocesan Newspapers
Inclusive dates: 1922-present
Volume: Few articles throughout