Immaculate Conception Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1887-1893 Benedictines (now St. Gregory’s Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma) established and administered Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Osage Reservation
1887-1915 Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia established and staffed St. Louis Girls Boarding School (Osage and others), Pawhuska, Osage Reservation
1889 Fire destroyed St. Louis School, but it was rebuilt and reopened the same year
1893-present Diocesan priests administered Immaculate Conception
1901-1913 (closed) Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia established and staffed St. Louis Girls Day School (Osage and others), Pawhuska
1915-1942 Sisters of Loretto (Nerinx, Kentucky) staffed St. Louis Girls Boarding School
1922-1942 Sisters of Loretto established and staffed Immaculate Conception Day School
1942-1949 (closed) Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania) staffed St. Louis School
1942-1969 (closed) Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament staffed Immaculate Conception School

Benedictines and diocesan priests from Immaculate Conception have attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1887-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell) Kiowa and Comanche Reservation station
1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) Iowa Reservation station
1887-1889 (transferred to Quapaw Agency) Peoria Reservation station
1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) Otoe Reservation station
1895-1921 (transferred to Quapaw Agency)
Ottawa Reservation station

1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City)
Pawnee Reservation station

1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City)
Ponca Reservation station

1887-1889 (became a mission)
Hominy Creek station (Osage)

1887-1893 (transferred to St. John's, Gray Horse)
Kaw Reservation station (Kansa)

1889-1908 (closed)
Caney Creek station (Osage)

1895-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)
Hominy station (Osage)

1889-1906 (became a parish; no longer Indian)
St. John Mission (Cherokee), Bartlesville

1889 (became a parish)
St. John Mission (Osage), Gray Horse/Hominy Creek

1900-1906 (closed)
Dewey station (Cherokee)

1900-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)
Big Heart Settlement station (Osage)

1904-1906 (transferred to St. John's, Bartlesville)
Cleveland station (Pawnee), and in 1905, St. Joseph Mission

1904-1906 (transferred to St. John's, Gray Horse)
Fairfax station (Osage)

1904-1906 (closed)
Skiatook station (Osage)

1904-1906 (closed)
Washunga station (Kansa)

1906-1913 (transferred to St. John's, Pawnee)
Foraker station (Osage)

1911-1913 (transferred to St. John's, Pawnee)
St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee) Cleveland

1912-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)
Avant station (Osage)

1912-1921 (became a parish)
Skiatook station (Osage)

1915-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)
St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee) Cleveland

1915-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)
Immaculate Conception Mission (Osage), Foraker

1915-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)
Burbank station (Osage)

1922-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)
Shidler station (Osage)

1926-1930 (became a mission)
Hominy station (Osage)

1930-1949 (became a parish)
Joseph Mission (Osage), Hominy

1932-1949 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Hominy)
St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee), Cleveland

1980-present
St. Mary Mission (Osage), Barnsdell

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present

Volume: 2 cubic feet

Description: The records at Immaculate Conception Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.
A. Sacramental records, 1887-1908, 1922-present, 9 volumes: for Immaculate Conception Church and its Indian missions and stations; baptisms, 1887-1908, 1925-present, marriages, 1887-1907, 1922-present, deaths, 1925-present, first communions, 1895, 1898, 1925-present, and confirmations, 1895-1900, 1925-present; baptismal and death records for 1908-1925 were lost in a flood

B. School records, 1887-1965, 1 cubic foot: student files for St. Louis and Immaculate Conception Schools, alphabetically arranged; majority are "permanent record" cards, one for each student, which include the following information: name, age, parents, residence, attendance, grades, and when entered, graduated, or transferred; according to a note in the files, record cards of students attending the schools before 1942 were "compiled from data on old attendance records; many are incomplete"; beginning in the 1960s student records are more complete

C. Subject file, 1930-present (most 1960s), .3 cubic foot: alphabetically arranged; noteworthy files include "Indian," containing correspondence, 1930s-present, between the priests at Pawhuska, the bishops of Oklahoma City, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; deeds and wills and financial reports, 1960-present