St. Catherine Church

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History of St. Catherine Church and the Lake Traverse Reservation

1883-1886 Diocesan priests visited the Lake Traverse/ Sisseton Reservation (Sisseton and Wahpeton) from St. John’s, Wahpeton, North Dakota
1886-ca. 1890 Diocesan priests visited the reservation from St. Mary’s, Beardsley, Minnesota
1894-1906 Diocesan priests established and attended St. Andrew Mission, Veblen, from Sisseton
1895-1904 Ursulines (unknown) established and staffed St. Andrew School, Sisseton
1901 Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Sisseton, was built
1906-1913 Diocesan priests attended St. Matthew/ St. Andrew’s, Veblen, from St. John’s, Britton, South Dakota
1913-1915 Became a parish; diocesan priests administered St. Matthew Church
1923-1965 (closed) Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and attended St. Benedict Mission, Peevey Ranch
1935-1938 (closed) Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and attended Our Lady of the Snows Mission
1956-present Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and attended St. Joseph Mission, Pickeral Lake
1958-present Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and administered St. Catherine Mission, Sisseton
1979-1989 Sister Irene (Kathryn) De Marrais, S.D.S. (Sisseton and Wahpeton), established and administered the Johnson O’Malley Pre-School

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:
Inclusive dates: 1895-present
Volume: .3 cubic foot
Description: Records at St. Catherine Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.
A. Sacramental records, 1895-present, 3 volumes: for St. Catherine Mission, St. Matthew/ St. Andrew Mission, St. Benedict Mission, Our Lady of the Snows Mission, and St. Joseph Mission; baptisms, 1895-present; marriages, 1900-present; deaths 1956-present; first communions, 1944-present

B. Photographs, 1976-present, 2 scrapbooks containing 175 prints: subjects include "summer camp" and various festivals and celebrations