Tekakwitha Housing Corporation

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History:

1935-1964 (closed) Oblates of Mary Immaculate (North Central Area, St. Paul, Minnesota) and Sisters of the Divine Savior (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and administered the Tekakwitha Hospital (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation

1938-1969 (closed) Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Divine Savior established and administered the Tekakwitha Adolescent Treatment Facility/Indian Children's Home/Orphanage, School, and Chapel (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation

1962-1991 Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Divine Savior established and administered the Tekakwitha Nursing Center (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation

1989-present Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and administered the Tekakwitha Housing Corporation, Tekakwitha Fine Arts Center, and the Tekakwitha Indian Mission (Sisseton and Wahpehton)

1991-1996 (transferred to Benedictine Health System) Oblates of Mary Immaculate continued to administer the Tekakwitha Nursing Center

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1938-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.6 cubic feet

Description: The records of the Tekakwitha Adolescent Treatment Facility were not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, their description is by record type. When surveyed in 1984, the records were kept at the Tekakwitha Housing Corporation.
A. School records, 1938-1969, 1.5 cubic feet: student files arranged alphabetically by surname; for each child there is a permanent record card containing the following information: name, date of admission, family background, religion, health record, previous schools, grades, test scores, and "character training"; some folders contain more extensive documentation, such as correspondence and progress reports
B. Financial reports, 1972-present, 1 folder: annual reports to the Oblate Provincial House in St. Paul, Minnesota
C. Minutes, 1941-present, 1 volume: meetings of the administrators of the school and home
D. Correspondence, 1949, 4 letters to Reverend John Pohlen, O.S.B.
E. Photographs, n.d., 7 prints: photographs of Indian children and school buildings