Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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SOUTH DAKOTA, STEPHAN

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1884-1885  Diocesan priests visited the Crow Creek Reservation (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton) from Ss. Peter and Paul, Pierre

1887-1971  Benedictine Sisters (Yankton, South Dakota) established and administered Immaculate Conception School (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Crow Creek Reservation
(transfer to a Community corporation)

1887-present Benedictines (St. Meinrad Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, and in 1954, Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota) established and have administered Immaculate Conception Church/ Mission

Benedictines from Immaculate Conception have attended the following Indian missions and stations in South Dakota:

1892-1896 (became a parish) Corpus Christi Mission (Sans Arc), Cheyenne Agency, Cheyenne River Reservation
1894-1896 (transferred to Corpus Christi, Cheyenne Agency) St. Joseph Mission (Sans Arc), Cherry Creek, Cheyenne River Reservation
1895-1923 (became a parish) St. Mary Mission (Brulé), Lower Brule, Lower Brule Reservation
1897-1961 (became a parish) St. Joseph Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Fort Thompson/ Crow Creek, Crow Creek Reservation
ca. 1908-1913 (became a mission) Fort George station (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Crow Creek Reservation
1913-1923 (transferred to St. Mary's, Lower Brule) Divine Infant Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Fort George, Crow Creek Reservation
ca. 1915-1917 (transferred to St. John's, Pierre) Big Bend station (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Crow Creek Reservation
1917-1961 (transferred to St. John's, Pierre)
Sacred Heart Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Big Bend, Crow Creek Reservation

1917-1921 (becomes a parish)
St. Paul Mission (Yankton), Marty/Ravinia

1917-1921 (transferred to St. Paul's, Marty)
St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood

1917-1921 (transferred to St. Paul's, Marty)
St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), White Swan

1920-1921 (transferred to St. Paul's, Marty)
Ravinia Day School (Yankton), Ravinia

1923-1946 (closed)
St. Benedict Mission (Brulé), Soldier Creek Rosebud Reservation

1936-ca. 1957 (closed)
Good Shepherd Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Grace Mission

1956-1961(became a parish)
St. John Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Pierre

1975-1982(closed)
St. John Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Pierre

1975-present
St. Catherine/ Sacred Heart Mission (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Big Bend, Crow Creek Reservation

1975-present
Pierre Government Indian School (various)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1884-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Immaculate Conception and its Indian missions and stations; baptisms and marriages, 1884-present; deaths, 1898-present; includes sacramental records of St. John Church, Pierre, from 1961 to 1975.