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Open: By appointment only, Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00
Access: Some restrictions apply
Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:
Inclusive dates: 1966-1978
Volume: 128 interviews

Description: The American Indian Research Project at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion was begun in 1967. Its goal "was to collect history from the Indian people themselves to balance against the non-Indian perspective on Indian-White relations that has dominated historical literature." A total of 1,068 interviews were conducted, the majority with Native Americans. Over 75% of the recordings are transcribed, and an index to the transcribed recordings exists. A review of the index produced the following information on Catholic Indian missions, schools, and missionaries.
A. "Benedictines," discussed in 8 interviews
B. "Blue Cloud Abbey," discussed in 12 interviews
C. "Denominations on reservations--Catholic," discussed in 47 interviews
D. "De Smet, Father Pierre," discussed in 2 interviews
E. "Eisenman, Father Sylvester, O.S.B."
F. "Eisenman, Leonard," discussed in 10 interviews
G. "Holy Rosary Mission School" (Oglala), discussed in 6 interviews
H. "Jesuits," discussed in 2 interviews
I. "Kenel Boarding School" (Hunkpapa), discussed in 2 interviews
J. "Marty Mission" (Yankton), discussed in 42 interviews
K. "Missions--Catholic," discussed in 8 interviews
L. "Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Yankton)," discussed in 10 interviews
M. "St. Francis Mission School" (Brulé), discussed in 7 interviews
N. "St. Joseph's Indian School," (various), discussed in 17 interviews
O. "Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament," discussed in 10 interviews
P. "Stephan Mission" (Sisseton and Wahpeton), discussed in 7 interviews