Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: In 1838, the Prefecture Apostolate of Texas was erected for the
Republic of Texas from portions of the Diocese of Linares. In 1842, the
Vicariate Apostolate of Texas succeeded the prefecture; in 1847, the
Diocese of Galveston succeeded the vicariate; and in 1959, the Galveston
Diocese was renamed the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Galveston-Houston
has not administered any Indian missions.

Inclusive dates: 1840-1860
Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot
Description: 2 series include Native Catholic records.

/1 "Bishops’ Papers"
Inclusive dates: 1851
Volume: 1 letter
Description: Correspondence to Bishop Jean Marie Odin (1801-1870), C.M., of
Galveston from Louisa C. Heads of Eagle Pass, Texas; re: in part, Indians
trading in Eagle Pass.

/2 "Sacramental Records"
Inclusive dates: 1840-1860
Volume: Some entries within 2 volumes and portions of more than 1 reel of
microfilm
Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by parish name;
includes non-Indian parishes with at least a few Indian parishioners;
baptisms only.
A. "Sacred Heart Church, Nacogdoches," 1847-ca. 1860, several entries
within 1 volume; parishioners are identified as "Indian" without tribal
affiliation
B. "St. Mary Cathedral, Galveston," 1854-1856, a few entries within 1
volume; a few parishioners are identified as "sauvage" in French
without tribal affiliation
C. "St. Vincent Church, Houston," 1846, a few entries within 1 volume; a few parishioners are identified as "sauvage" in French without tribal affiliation