Diocese of El Paso
TEXAS, SOCORRO

La Purisima Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: La Purisima Church is a non-Indian parish with many parishioners of American Indian descent.

1680 Tiwa and Jemez Indian refugees fled the 1680 Pueblo Revolt in New Mexico
By 1683-ca. 1850s (no longer Indian) Franciscans (formerly Santa Cruz de Queretaro; then College of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico) established and administered La Purísima Church/ Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción del Socorro Mission (Tiwa, Jemez, and Mestizos)
1829, 1840 Floods destroyed La Purísima, which was then rebuilt

Franciscans from La Purisima attended the following Indian missions:

1852-1874 Corpus Christi de la Ysleta Mission (Tiwa), Ysleta
1852-1850s (no longer Indian) San Elizario Mission (Tiwa and Mestizos), San Elizario

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1832-present
Volume: Several entries within many volumes
Description: Sacramental records for La Purisima Church and its attended Indian missions.