### Diocese of Spokane

**WASHINGTON, SPOKANE**

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**History:** The Diocese of Spokane was erected in 1913 from a portion of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Spokane Diocese reported 3,000 baptized Native American Catholics in 1999. Spokane and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Washington State:

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<td>St. Francis Regis Mission</td>
<td>(Spokane, 1913- ca. 1952)</td>
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<td>Immaculate Conception Church</td>
<td>(Spokane, 1913-1920s)</td>
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<td>(Spokane, 1913)</td>
<td>(Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Colville</td>
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<td>Providence Chapel/ Mission</td>
<td>(Spokane, 1913-1921)</td>
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1875-present (Spokane, 1913-1951) St. Joseph School/Academy (Yakama), Yakima
1882-present (Spokane, 1913-1951) St. Mary Church (Yakama), White Swan, Yakima Reservation
1910-1920s (closed) (Spokane, 1913-1920s) St. Louis Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Brewster/Monse

1913-present Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Kalispel), Cusick
1915-1940s (closed) St. Joachim Mission (Sanpoil), Bossburg
1915-1940s (closed) St. Ann Church (Sanpoil), Pia
1915-present Sacred Heart Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Nespelem, Colville Reservation

1916-present St Rose of Lima Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Keller, Colville Reservation
1920s-present St. Jude Church (Kalispel), Usk
1920-present Sacred Heart Church (Spokane), Wellpinit
1925-present St. Michael Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Inchelium, Colville Reservation

1938-1950 (closed) St. Ignatius Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Rogers Bar
1943-present Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Spokane), Wellpinit/West End, Spokane Reservation
1886-present St. Mary Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation

1945-ca. 1973 (closed) St. Mary School (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation
1945-present St. Joseph Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation
1988-present St. Philip Benizi Church (Spokane), Wellpinit/Ford, Spokane Reservation
1994-present St. Aloysius Church (various), Spokane

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1883-present

Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: The Diocese of Spokane archives are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.
A. Bishops’ Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1915, 1917, and dates unknown  
Volume: Approximately .6 cubic foot  
Description: Divided by bishop and there under by topic and record type.  
1. Bishop Augustin Magloire Alexandre Blanchet (1797-1887), dates unknown; approximately .5 cubic foot; clippings, correspondence (copies), and notes  
2. Bishop Augustine Francis Schinner (1863-1937), 1915, 1917, few letters; includes the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians

B. Sacramental Records  
Inclusive dates: 1883-1990  
Volume: Few reels of microfilm  
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by parish name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations and/or a few Indian parishioners; microfilmed through 1990 with original records held by parishes.  
1. Colville, Immaculate Conception Church, 1883-1990  
2. Inchelium, St. Michael Mission, 1925-1990  
3. Monse, St. Louis Church, 1910-1920s  
5. Omak, St. Mary Church, 1945-1990  
6. Usk, St. Jude Church, 1920s-1990  
7. Wellpinit, Sacred Heart Church, 1920-1990  
8. Westend, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1943-1990

C. Parish Files  
Inclusive dates: After 1899-present  
Volume: Approximately 1.2 cubic feet  
Description: Correspondence, clippings, histories, reports, and photographs arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes the following Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations:  
1. Colville, Immaculate Conception Church, 1937-present, .2 cubic foot  
2. Colville, St. Francis Regis Mission, 1910-present, .2 cubic foot  
3. Inchelium, St. Michael Mission, 1928-present, .2 cubic foot  
4. Nespelem, Sacred Heart Church, 1915-present, .1 cubic foot  
5. Omak, St. Mary Mission, 1899-present, .2 cubic foot  
6. Usk, St. Jude Church, 1961-present, .2 cubic foot  
7. Wellpinit, Sacred Heart Church, 1978-present, .1 cubic foot

D. Personnel Files  
Inclusive dates: After 1913-present  
Volume: Few folders  
Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname; mostly diocesan priests with few Jesuits included.

E. Religious Community Files  
Inclusive dates: 1894-present  
Volume: Approximately 1.1 cubic feet  
Description: Clippings, correspondence, ephemera, histories, photographs, and reports arranged alphabetically by topic, i.e. “Indian Reservations” and community name.

F. Diocesan Newspapers
Inclusive dates: 1919-present
Volume: Few articles
Description: Occasional articles pertaining to American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese have appeared in the Inland Empire, Catholic Messenger, 1919-1931, the Inland Catholic, 1934-1942, and The Inland Register, http://www.dioceseofSpokane.org/Communications/ir.htm, 1942-present; the latter has been archived online, 2001-present.