Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Access: Some restrictions apply
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History: The Diocese of Yakima was erected in 1951 from portions of the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Diocese of Spokane. The Yakima Diocese reported 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics in 1999. Yakima and its predecessors have administered the following Yakama Indian missions, parish, and school in Washington State:

1847-1856 (closed) St. Rose Mission (Yakama), Yakima River
1847-1856 (closed), 1867-present (Yakima, 1951-present) St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission (Yakama), Yakima/ Yakima River
1875-present (Indians diminished) (Yakima, 1951-present) St. Joseph School/ Academy, Yakima
1882-present (Yakima, 1951-present) St. Mary Church (Yakama), White Swan, Yakima Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:
Inclusive dates: 1847-present
Volume: Approximately .9 cubic foot
Description: The archives of the Diocese of Yakima are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1847-1889
Volume: 1 volume
Description: Yakima, Ahtanum Mission/ St. Joseph’s Mission, 1847-1889; 1 volume; baptisms and marriages

B. Parish Files
Inclusive dates: 1853-present
Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot
Description:

2. St. Joseph’s Mission, 1853-present; .3 cubic foot; correspondence, clippings, printed materials, and photographs; notable correspondents

C. Diocesan Files
Inclusive dates: 1983-present
Volume: Approximately .3 cubic foot
Description:

1. Black and Indian Missions Office, 1983-2003; 1 folder; correspondence and reports between diocese and office, re: diocesan financial contributions and use of funds received

2. Tekakwitha Conference, 1990-present; 2 folders, re: Participation in annual conference by Native Catholics of the Yakima Diocese