St. Joseph Church and School
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1847-1856 (closed) Reverend Eugene C. Chirouse, O.M.I. and Oblates of Mary Immaculate (now Vancouver Province, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) established and administered St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission (Yakama), Yakima River until burned by the U.S. Cavalry

1867-1871 Reverend Louis Napoleon St. Onge reestablished and administered St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission, Yakima

1872-present Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) have administered St. Joseph Church

1875-present Sisters of Charity of Providence (formerly St. Ignatius; now Mother Joseph Province, Seattle, Washington) established and have administered St. Joseph School/ Academy; now staffed mostly by lay teachers

Jesuits from St. Joseph’s attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1877-ca. 1912 Chilen station (Yakama and Cowlitz)
1877-ca. 1912 Klikitat station (Yakama and Cowlitz)
1877-ca. 1912 Natchis station (Yakama and Cowlitz)
1877-ca. 1912 Sinpskneusi station (Yakama and Cowlitz)
1882-1958 (became a parish) St. Mary Mission (Yakama), White Swan
1908-1910 Yakima Government Indian School (Yakama), Yakima Reservation
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans

Inclusive dates: 1867-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: The records at St. Joseph Church and School are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

Parish Office

A. Sacramental records
Inclusive dates: 1867-present
Volume: Several volumes
Description: For St. Joseph Church, its attended Indian missions and stations, and students at the Yakima School.

School Office

B. School records
Inclusive dates: 1875?-present
Volume: Several volumes
Description: Student cumulative files for St. Joseph School.