Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans

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History: The United States Province of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart was established in 1933. The Sacred Heart priests and brothers have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and school in South Dakota:

- **1933-ca. 1938 (closed)**
  - St. Matthew Mission (Sans Arc), Parade, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-ca. 1948 (closed)**
  - St. Peter Mission (Sans Arc), Cheyenne River, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-1950 (closed)**
  - St. Basil Mission (Sans Arc), Mossman, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-1958 (closed)**
  - St. Catherine Mission (unknown), Four Bears

- **1933-1959 (closed)**
  - Corpus Christi Church (Sans Arc), Cheyenne Agency, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-1970 (closed)**
  - St. Mary Mission (Sans Arc), La Plant Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-present**
  - St. Joseph School (Brulé, Sans Arc, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Chamberlain

- **1933-present**
  - St. Catherine/ St. John the Evangelist Mission (Sans Arc), Promise/ Moreau River, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-present**
  - St. Therese/ St. Paul Mission (Sans Arc), White Horse, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1933-present**
  - St. Joseph Mission (Sans Arc), Ridgeview, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1937-1945 (closed)**
  - Blessed Sacrament/ St. Leo Mission (Sans Arc), Bull Creek, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1937-1949 (closed)**
  - St. Patrick/ St. Mark Mission, Lower Cherry Creek, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1937-present**
  - Immaculate Heart of Mary/ St. Pius Mission (Sans Arc), Bridger, Cheyenne River Reservation

- **1937-present**
  - St. Joseph Church (Sans Arc), Cherry Creek, Cheyenne River
Reservation
1938-1958 (closed)  Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Mission (Sans Arc), Moreau River, Cheyenne River Reservation
1939-present  Sacred Heart Mission (Sans Arc), Red Scaffold, Cheyenne River Reservation
1948-ca. 1966 (closed)  St. John the Evangelist Mission (Sans Arc), Lantry, Cheyenne River Reservation
1948-present  Sacred Heart Mission (Sans Arc), Dupree, Cheyenne River Reservation
1950-present  St. Luke Mission (Sans Arc), Thunderbutte, Cheyenne River Reservation
1953-present  All Saints Church (Sans Arc), Eagle Butte, Cheyenne River Reservation
1997-present  Immaculate Conception Church (Santee and Sisseton), Stephan, Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota
1997-present  St. Joseph Church (Brulé), Fort Thompson, Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
1997-present  St. Catherine/ Sacred Heart Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Big Bend, Sisseton Reservation, South Dakota

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1911-present, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: 5 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Provincial Chapters and Conferences"
Inclusive dates: 1930-present
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Minutes of provincial chapter meetings, which included discussions of staffing and financing of Indian missions.

/2 "Provincial Superior"
Inclusive dates: 1932-1965
Volume: .2 cubic foot

/3 "Oral History Interviews"
Volume: 5 audiotapes
Description:
A. "Reverend Roger Dieckhaus, O.S.B., Prior, Blue Cloud Abbey, answers questions regarding Indian missions in South Dakota, March 24, 1966"
B. "History of Establishing All Saints Church, Eagle Butte" by Monsignor Joseph H. Golden, Deadwood, South Dakota, 1967
D. "Brother Mathias Schaefer interviewed by Tom Kane at St. Joseph's Indian School, South Dakota, August 2, 1969"
E. Sister Ambrose Brand, O.S.B. interviewed by Tom Kane at St. Joseph's Indian School, South Dakota, August 3, 1969"
S.C.J. Communities in the U.S.A.
Volume: 2.8 cubic feet
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location and thereunder by institution with Native Catholic records under "Chamberlain, South Dakota and vicinity.
B. Histories and historical notes, 1920s-1960s, n.d., .3 cubic foot:
2. Works of Samuel Charger, 1922, 1 folder:
   a. "Story of the Calf Pipe or Pipe with Many Notches, told by Solomon Yellow Hawk, La Plant, South Dakota, April 2, 1922," 2 typed pages
   b. "How and When the Teton Sioux Occupied the Reservation," June 6, 1922, 33 pages
   c. "Explanation of the New Dances," June 6, 1922, 5 pages
   d. "Biography of Martin Charger," March 28, 1922, 5 pages
4. History of Cherry Creek, n.d., 6 typed pages: author unidentified
5. Draft of a publication entitled "Wakan Tanka" by Reverend Joseph H. Golden, n.d., 1 folder
C. Chronicles and diaries, 1930-1975, .3 cubic foot:
3. Diary, 1930-1931, 1 volume: author unidentified
4. Journals, 1936-1940, 1942-1943, 3 volumes: contain information on date when masses were given, the title of the sermon, and the number of communicants, and information on special events at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Mission, Moreau River; St. John the Evangelist Mission, Promise; and St. Catherine Mission, Four Bears
D. Minutes of meetings, 1911-1981, .3 cubic foot:
1. Minutes of board of directors meetings, St. Joseph Mission, Cherry Creek, 1912-1933, 1 volume
3. Minutes of board of directors meetings, All Saints Church, Eagle Butte, 1911-1952, 1968, 1 volume
4. Minutes of parish council meetings, All Saints Church, Eagle Butte, 1970-1975, 1 volume
E. Financial records, 1911-1967, 1.0 cubic foot: include day and cash books and annual reports to the diocese from the missions on the Cheyenne River Reservation

F. School publications, 1935-1981, .1 cubic foot:
1. *Children of the Prairie*, publication of St. Joseph Indian School, Chamberlain, 1935-1941, 1 folder
2. Student writings and drawings, 1979-1981, 2 folders: by students at St. Joseph Indian School

G. Indian language records, n.d., .1 cubic foot: most are by Reverend John Vogel, S.C.J. and include lists of words in English and Dakota and prayers in Dakota

H. Clippings, 1930s-1960s, .1 cubic foot

/5 Photographs and Films
Inclusive dates: 1920s-1970s
Volume: Approximately 7 cubic feet
Description: Arranged alphabetically by institution and there under by major subject headings. Most Indian related photographs are from St. Joseph Indian School, ca. 1950s-1960s. Included is a 16 mm. film on the South Dakota Indian missions, ca. 1950s.