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

Diocese of Green Bay

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Archives

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History: Established in 1869, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity have staffed the following Catholic Indian schools:

1897-1920, 1924-1953 Holy Cross School (Ottawa and Ojibwa), Cross Village, Michigan
1913-present St. Joseph School (Oneida), Oneida, Oneida Reservation, Wisconsin
1929-present Immaculate Conception School (Oneida), De Pere, Oneida Reservation, Wisconsin
1936-1941, 1945-1973 Sacred Heart School (Tohono O’odham), Covered Wells, Tohono O’odham Reservation, Arizona
1936-present St. Anthony of Padua School (Menominee), Neopit, Menominee Reservation, Wisconsin
1936-present San Jose School (Tohono O’odham), Pisinemo, Tohono O’odham Reservation, Arizona
1936-present St. Peter School (Pima), Bapchule, Pima Reservation, Arizona
1938-1980 (closed) St. John School (Apache, Pima, and Tohono O’odham), Laveen/Komatke, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1939-1960 St. Joseph School (Tohono O’odham), San Miguel, Tohono O’odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present San Xavier del Bac School (Tohono O’odham), Tucson, San Xavier Reservation, Arizona
1941-1961 Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Tohono O’odham), Cowlic, Tohono O’odham Reservation, Arizona
1942-present St. Catherine School (Tohono O’odham), Topawa, Tohono O’odham Reservation, Arizona

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1920s-present, n.d.

Volume: 2 cubic feet
Description: 5 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "General Administration"
Volume: .3 cubic foot
Description: Arranged chronologically by administration.
A. Mother Inez Phelan, O.S.F. (1927-1933), 1930-1952, .1 cubic foot:
1. Correspondence with Franciscans at the Arizona missions, 1930-1933, 30 letters: major correspondents include Reverends Fidelis Voss, O.F.M., Novatus Benzing, O.F.M., and Antonine Willenbrink O.F.M.
B. Mother Generose Cahill, O.S.F. (1919-1927, 1933-1939), ca. 1930s, .15 cubic foot:
1. Correspondence with Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the Arizona missions, 1935-1939, .1 cubic foot:
   a. "Re Covered Wells," 1936-1937, 4 letters: major correspondent is Sister Borromeo, O.S.F.
   b. "Re: Pisinemo," 1936, 1939, 3 letters
   c. "Re: Casa Blanca, Covered Wells, Santa Barbara," 1935-1936, 1 folder: major correspondent is Reverend Novatus Benzing, O.F.M.
   d. "Re: St. John's, Komatke," 1938, 1 folder: major correspondent is Reverend Novatus Benzing, O.F.M.
   e. "Re: Bapchule and St. John's, Komatke," 1937-1939, 1 folder
   f. "Re: Topawa," 1938-1939, 9 letters: major correspondents include Reverend Burkard Kuksht, O.F.M. and Augustine Schwarz, O.F.M.
   g. "Re Tucson," 1939, 3 letters: major correspondent is Reverend Bonaventure Oblasser, O.F.M.
   h. "Miscellaneous," 1937, 1939, 4 letters
2. "Personal Possessions," ca.1930s, 2 photo albums: on the Arizona missions
C. Mother Edna Ryan (1945-1957), 1946-1952, n.d., 46 letters: correspondence primarily with Franciscans at the Arizona missions; major correspondents include Reverends Alfred Boeddeker, Burkard Kuksht, O.F.M., Marcian Bucher, O.F.M., and Mathias Curtin, O.F.M.

/2 "Congregation and the Church"
Inclusive dates: 1930-1967
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Correspondence between the mother superiors and bishops of the Diocese of Tucson, re: primarily to financial matters at the missions served.

/3 "Meetings and General Chapters"
Inclusive dates: 1936-present
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Minutes of Council meetings, which include discussions of the Indian missions and schools in Arizona.

/4 "Local Houses"
Inclusive dates: 1920s-present, n.d.
Volume: .6 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the house.
A. Bapchule, Arizona, St. Peter School, 1936-present, .1 cubic foot:
1. Correspondence, 1936-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Mothers Generose Cahill, O.S.F., M. Perpetua, O.S.F., Edna Ryan, O.S.F., and M. Agna, O.S.F., and Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the local superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
2. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 87 prints
B. Covered Wells, Arizona, Sacred Heart School, 1936-1960s, 2 folders:
1. Correspondence, 1936-1938, 1951, 1956, 1968, 20 letters: major correspondents include Mother Generose Cahill, O.S.F., Sister Borromeo, O.S.F., and Reverend Augustine Schwarz, O.F.M.
2. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 22 prints
C. Cowlic, Arizona, Our Lady of Guadalupe School, 1941-1960s, 2 folders:
1. Correspondence, 1944, 2 letters
2. Annals, 1941-1961
4. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 22 prints
D. Cross Village, Michigan, Holy Cross School, 1920s-1950s, n.d., .1 cubic foot:
2. School enrollment cards, 1926-1952
3. Historical notes, n.d.
4. Photographs, ca. 1920s-1950s, 30 prints
E. Komatke, Arizona, St. John School, 1930s-present, .15 cubic foot:
1. Correspondence, 1938-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Mothers Generose Cahill, O.S.F., M. Perpetua, O.S.F., Edna Ryan, O.S.F., and M. Agna, O.S.F., and Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
2. Photographs, 1930s-1960s, 150 prints
F. Neopit, Wisconsin, St. Anthony of Padua School, 1938-present, 1 folder of correspondence: major correspondents include Mothers Generose Cahill, O.S.F., M. Perpetua, O.S.F., Edna Ryan, O.S.F., M. Agna, O.S.F., and Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
G. Pisinemo, Arizona, San Jose School, 1937-present, n.d., 2 folders:
1. Correspondence, 1937-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Mother Generose Cahill, O.S.F., Mother M. Perpetua, O.S.F., Mother Edna Ryan, O.S.F., Mother M. Agna, O.S.F., Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
3. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 25 prints
H. San Miguel, Arizona, St. Joseph's School, 1934-1960s, 1 folder:
1. Correspondence, 1934, 1937, 3 letters
2. Annals, 1951-1960
4. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 35 prints
I. Topawa, Arizona, St. Catherine’s School, 1936-present, n.d., 2 folders
1. Correspondence, 1936-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Mothers Generose Cahill, O.S.F., M. Perpetua, O.S.F., Edna Ryan, O.S.F., and M. Agna, O.S.F., and Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
2. Historical notes, clippings, n.d.
3. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 30 prints
J. Tucson, Arizona, San Xavier del Bac School, 1940s-present, n.d., 2 folders:
1. Correspondence, 1959-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Mother M. Agna, O.S.F., Sister M. Henrielda Cloutier, O.S.F., and the superiors, both Franciscans and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at the school and mission
2. Clippings, n.d.
3. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, 34 prints

/5 Photographs
Inclusive dates: 1940s-1960s, n.d.
Volume: Approximately 1,000 prints
Description: Primarily albums with photographs from the Indian mission and schools in Arizona.