



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Fairbanks*  
ALASKA, GALENA

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**St. John Berchmans Church**

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<http://www.cbna.info/churches/galena.html>

Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1870s?	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Canada) visited Galena (Koyukon)
1880s?	Jesuits (Turin Province) visited Galena
1921-1960	Jesuits (formerly California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and attended St. John Berchmans Mission (Koyukon) from St. Peter's, Nulato
1960-1970	Became a parish; Jesuits administered St. John Berchmans Church
1966-1980	Jesuits attended St. John's from St. Aloysius, Tanana
1978-1990	St. Columbans Foreign Mission Society (American Region, St. Columbans, Nebraska) administered St. John's
1981-1990	Various women religious ministered to St. John's including 1 or more members of the Sisters of St. Ann, Dominican Sisters, and Sisters of Notre Dame
1990-present	Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri), Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (Milwaukee Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin), and diocesan priests have shared administration of St. John's
2003-present	The Kateri Tekakwitha Native Interior Ministry Study Center was established and administered at St. John's by a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and a Sister of St. Joseph

Jesuits, St. Columbans Foreign Mission Society, and Franciscans from St. John's have attended the following Indian and Eskimo missions:

1960-1966 (became a parish)	St. Aloysius Church (Eskimo), Tanana
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1960-1987 (became a St. Peter in Chains Mission (Koyukon), Ruby  
parish)  
1980-after 1990 (became a St. Patrick Mission (Koyukon), Koyukuk  
parish)  
1998-present Our Lady of the Snows Church (Koyukon), Nulatto

Various priests and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have attended St. Francis  
Regis Mission (Koyukon), Huslia, 1989-present.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1960-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. John Berchmans Church and its  
attended Indian and Eskimo missions.