



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: In 1966 the Archdiocese of Anchorage was erected for south central Alaska from portions of the Vicariate Apostolate of Alaska. The Anchorage Archdiocese reported fewer than 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics in 1999. The Archdiocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian and Eskimo mission, parishes, and schools:

1955-present (Anchorage, 1966-present)	St. Mary School (Eskimo), Kodiak
1960s-1980 (Anchorage, 1966-1980)	Copper Valley School (Ahtna), Glenallen
1987-present	Our Lady of Compassion Center (Denaina and Eskimo), Anchorage

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1908-present

Volume: Less than .5 cubic foot

Description: The archives of the Archdiocese of Anchorage are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Arch/Bishops' Papers

Inclusive dates: ca. 1966-present

Volume: Few folders

Description: re: Copper Valley School and native claims

1. Archbishop John Joseph Thomas Ryan (1913-2000), ca. 1966-1975
2. Archbishop Francis Thomas Hurley (1927-), ca. 1976-2001
3. Archbishop Roger Lawrence Schwietz, O.M.I. (1940-), Coadjutor, ca. 2001-present

B. Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: ca. 1908-present

Volume: Several entries within few reels of microfilm

Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by parish name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for native and non-native parishes with at least a few native parishioners and/or attended native missions; copies and some original records included.

1. Anchorage, Holy Family Cathedral, ca. 1915-present
2. Glenallen, Holy Family Church, ca. 1950-present
3. Seward, Sacred Heart Church, ca. 1908-present

C. Parish Files

Inclusive dates: ca. 1966-present

Volume: Few folders, in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by parish name; includes clippings, correspondence, history notes, maps, photographs, and property deeds for native and non-native parishes with at least a few native parishioners and/or attended native missions or schools; 1 or more folders/parish;

1. Anchorage, Holy Family Cathedral
2. Glenallen, Holy Family Church
3. Seward, Sacred Heart Church

D. Photographs

Inclusive dates: ca. 1966-present

Volume: Few photographs

Description: Photograph file from the *Anchor* [newspaper]; re: Copper Valley School and native celebrations and claims.

E. Religious Community Files

Inclusive dates: ca. 1966-present

Volume: Few folders

Description: Divided by men's and women's communities and arranged alphabetically there under; 1 folder/ religious community, including men's: Jesuits and Oblates of Mary Immaculate and women's: Daughters of Charity.

F. Archdiocesan Newspaper and Clipping File

Inclusive dates: 1966-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: The *Catholic Anchor*, <http://www.catholicanchor.org/> has included a few articles on American Indians and Eskimos and Catholic evangelization in the diocese, such as regarding Copper Valley School and native celebrations and claims; a chronologically arranged clipping file has been maintained.