



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**

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*Diocese of Fairbanks*  
ALASKA, HOLY CROSS

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**Holy Cross Mission**

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History:

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| 1888-1984                 | Jesuits (formerly Turin, Canada, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered Holy Cross Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik), Holy Cross/ Koserefsky                                           |
| 1888-1956 (school closed) | Jesuits with Sisters of St. Ann (formerly Lachine and St. Joseph; now St. Marie Province, Marlboro, Massachusetts) established and administered Holy Cross Boarding and Day School and Orphanage (Eskimo, Ingalik, and others) |
| 1888-late 1950s           | Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross in pre-school, catechizing, medical care, and fishing/gardening                                                                                                                    |
| 1956                      | Students were transferred by airplane from Holy Cross to Copper Valley School, Glenallen, in "Operation Snowbird"                                                                                                              |
| 1956-1966, 1968-1969      | Three Sisters of St. Ann with lay volunteers ministered to Holy Cross                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1984-1992                 | A diocesan priest attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa's, Aniak                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1987-1993                 | Two Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1992-1998, 2001-present   | Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa's, Aniak                                                                                                                         |
| 1998-2000                 | Lay administrators administered Holy Cross                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Jesuits from Holy Cross attended the following Indian and Eskimo missions:

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| 1890s                       | Bethel station (Eskimo); also attended from St. Joseph's, Tununak     |
| 1896-1920 (closed)          | Sacred Heart and Shagelok/ Shageluk River District stations (Koyukon) |
| 1929-1970 (closed)          | St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute                         |
| 1980-1984 (became a parish) | St. Theresa Church (Eskimo), Aniak                                    |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Holy Cross Mission and its attended Indian and Eskimo missions.