



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

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**St. Joseph Mission**

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History:

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1889-1892            | Jesuits (Turin Province) established and administered St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Nelson Island                                                                                               |
| 1890-1892 (closed)   | Jesuits established and staffed a school (Eskimo) at St. Joseph's                                                                                                                              |
| 1892-1927, 1928-1934 | Jesuits (formerly Turin, Canadian, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon), including Reverend Martin Lonneux, S.J. (1900-1953) attended St. Joseph's from St. Mary's, Akulurak |
| 1927-1928, 1934-1935 | Jesuits administered St. Joseph Mission                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1931-1960s           | Catechists (Eskimo) staffed St. Joseph Mission                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1962-present         | Became a parish; Jesuits have administered St. Joseph Mission assisted by permanent deacons (Eskimo)                                                                                           |
| 1968-1976            | A Jesuit lay volunteer staffed a Montessori school at St. Joseph's                                                                                                                             |
| 1978-1987            | A Dominican Sister served St. Joseph's                                                                                                                                                         |

Jesuits from St. Joseph's attended the following Eskimo missions and stations:

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| 1890s                                                  | Bethel, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; also attended from Holy Cross, Holy Cross Umkumute station |
| 1930-1970 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cheforniak) |                                                                                           |
| 1964-1980s                                             | St. Peter the Fisherman Mission, Toksook Bay                                              |
| 1979-1990s                                             | Christ the King Chapel, Umkumute                                                          |
| 1980s (became a parish)                                | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission, Nightmute                                             |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: ca. 1890-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. Joseph Church and its attended Eskimo missions and station.