



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

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*Diocese of Tucson*  
ARIZONA, TUCSON

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History: The Vicariate Apostolate of Arizona was erected in 1868 for Arizona and southern New Mexico from portions of the Diocese of Santa Fe. The Diocese of Tucson succeeded the vicariate in 1897. The Tucson Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico:

1682-present (Tucson, 1872-1890)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel/ Corpus Christi/ San Antonio de la Ysleta Church (Tiwa), El Paso/ Ysleta del Sur, Ysleta del Sur Reservation, Texas/ New Mexico
1692-present (Tucson, 1868-present)	San Xavier del Bac Mission (Tohono O'odham), Tucson, San Xavier Reservation, Arizona
1873-1876, 1888-present (Tucson, 1873-present)	San Xavier del Bac School (Tohono O'odham), Tucson, San Xavier Reservation, Arizona
1883-1983 (Tucson, 1883-1969)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Pima and Yaqui), Phoenix, Arizona
1888-1956 (Tucson, 1888-1956)	Ss. Simon and Jude Mission (Tohono O'odham), Gila Bend, Arizona
1897-present (Tucson, 1897-1969)	St. John the Baptist Church (Pima), Laveen, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1897-1990 (closed) (Tucson, 1897-1969)	St. John the Baptist School (Apache, Pima, and Tohono O'odham), Laveen, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1898-present (Tucson, 1898-1939)	St. Michael Mission (Navajo), St. Michaels, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1902-present (Tucson, 1898-1939)	St. Michael School (Navajo), St. Michaels, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1902-present (Tucson, 1902-1969)	St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Pima), Salt River Reservation, Arizona
1902-present (Tucson, 1902-1969)	St. Anthony Mission (Pima), Sacaton, San Xavier Reservation, Arizona
1905-present (Tucson, 1905-1939)	Our Lady of Fatima Church (Navajo), Chinle, Navajo Reservation, Arizona

1905-present (Tucson, 1905-1939)	St. Anthony Mission (Navajo), Many Farms, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1906-present (Tucson, 1906-1969)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Yaqui), Guadalupe, Arizona
1906-present (Tucson, 1906-1969)	St. Anne Mission (Pima), Santan, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1906-present (Tucson, 1906-1969)	St. Michael Mission (Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1906-present (Tucson, 1909-1969)	St. Paschal Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Blackwater, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1906-present (Tucson, 1907-1969)	St. Peter Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1908-present	San Solano Missions/ St. Catherine Church (Tohono O'odham), Topawa, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1910-present (Tucson, 1910-1939)	St. Isabel Church (Navajo), Lukachukai, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1912-present	St. Augustine Mission (Tohono O'odham) Chuichu, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1913-present	Coyote Village Mission (Tohono O'odham), Coyote Village, Tohono O'odham Reservation
1913-present	St. Elizabeth Mission (Pima), Cockleburr, Arizona
1913-present	San Jose Village Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Jose, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1913-present	San Pedro Village Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Pedro, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1914-present (Tucson, 1914-1939)	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church (Navajo), Fort Defiance, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1916-1956 (no longer Indian)	Immaculate Conception Church (Tohono O'odham), Ajo, Arizona
1917-present	Vaf Kuech Village Mission (Tohono O'odham), Vaf Kuech, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1918-present	San Carlos Apache Mission (Apache), San Carlos, Arizona
1919-present	Santa Cruz School (Pima, Maricopa and Tohono O'odham), Tucson, Arizona
1920-1940 (closed)	Cowlic Mission (Tohono O'odham), Cowlic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Tucson, 1920-1939)	St. John the Evangelist/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission (Navajo), Houck, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Tucson, 1920-1939)	St. Joseph Church (Hopi and Navajo), Keams Canyon, Hopi Reservation, Arizona
1921-present (Tucson, 1921-1939)	St. Francis Church (Apache), Whiteriver, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Tucson, 1928-1969)	St. Anthony Mission (Apache), Cedar Creek, San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Tucson, 1928-1939)	St. Catherine Church (Apache), Cibecue, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Tohono O'odham), Cowlic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-1961 (closed)	Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Tohono O'odham), Cowlic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	Our Lady of Lourdes Mission School (Tohono O'odham), Little Tucson, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1930-present	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church (Tohono O'odham), Sells, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	Queen of Angels/ Our Lady of Angels Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Miguel, Tohono O'odham Reservation
1930-1932 (closed) (Tucson, 1930-1969)	Sacate Day School (Pima), Sacate, Gila River, Reservation, Arizona
1930-1932 (closed) (Tucson, 1930-1932)	Sacaton Flats Day School (Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1930-1944 (closed)	San Jose Village School (Tohono O'odham), San Jose Village, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-1960 (closed)	St. Joseph School (Tohono O'odham), San Miguel, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	Sacred Heart Church (Tohono O'odham), Covered Wells, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	St. Aloysius Mission (Tohono O'odham), Big Field, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	St. Anthony School (Tohono O'odham), Topawa, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	St. Clare Mission (Tohono O'odham), Anegam, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	St. Elizabeth Mission (Tohono O'odham), Santa Rosa, Tohono O'odham Reservation
1930-present (Tucson, 1930-1969)	St. Francis Mission (Tohono O'odham and Pima), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	St. Mary Mission (Tohono O'odham), Cobabi, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1930-present	San Jose Mission and School (Tohono O'odham), Pisinemo, Arizona
1930-present (Tucson, 1930-1939)	Santa Cruz School (Pima), Santa Cruz, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1930s-present (Tucson, 1930s-1939)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Navajo), Round Rock, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1930s-present (Tucson, 1930s-1939)	Our Lady of the Lake Mission (Navajo), Wheatfield, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1932-1936 (closed)	Gue Va Mission School (Tohono O'odham), Gue Va
1932-present	Sacred Heart School (Tohono O'odham), Covered Wells, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1932-1950 (closed) (Tucson, 1932-1950)	St. Francis School (Pima and Tohono O'odham), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation, Arizona
1932-1970 (closed?)	St. Margaret Mary Chapel (Tohono O'odham), Emika, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1932-1950 (closed) (Tucson, 1932-1950)	St. Peter School (Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1936-1941 (closed)	Sacred Heart School (Tohono O'odham), Sells, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1936-present (Tucson, 1936-1969)	St. Peter Church (Pima), Sacaton/ Bapchule, Gila River Reservation, Arizona
1937-present (Tucson, 1937-1939)	St. Mary of the Rosary Mission (Navajo), Pinon, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1938-present	San Serafin Mission (Tohono O'odham), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation, Arizona
1939-1943 (closed)	St. Paschal School (Tohono O'odham), Vamuri, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1939-1943 (closed)	Cold Fields School (Tohono O'odham), Cold Fields, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1939-1943 (closed)	Tecolote Valley School (Tohono O'odham), Tecolote Valley, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	Immaculate Conception/ Santa Maria Mission (Tohono O'odham), Ventana, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Tohono O'odham), Comobabi, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Agatha /St. Maurice Mission (Tohono O'odham), Sil Nakya, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Anthony Mission (Tohono O'odham), Cold Fields, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Anthony Mission (Tohono O'odham), Gu Vo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Martin Mission (Tohono O'odham), Gunsight, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Paschal Mission (Tohono O'odham), Vamori, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	St. Paul Mission (Tohono O'odham), Fresnal, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	Santa Rosa Ranch Mission (Tohono O'odham), Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1940-present	Sonoyta Mission (Tohono O'odham), Sonoyta, Sonora, Mexico
1942-present	St. Catherine School (Tohono O'odham), Topawa, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1944-present (Tucson, 1944-1969)	St Mary Church (Hualapai), Kingman, Arizona
1950-present	Choulic Mission (Tohono O'odham), Choulic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	Queenswell Village/ Queen's Wells Mission (Tohono O'odham), Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	Sacred Heart Church (Chemehuevi, Cocopa, Havasupai, Hualapai, Mohave, and Yavapai), Parker, Colorado River Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	St. Barbara Mission (Tohono O'odham), Vaya Chin, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	St. Mary Mission (Tohono O'odham), South Hickiwan, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	St. Simon Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Simon, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	St. Therese Mission (Tohono O'odham), Pia Oik, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	St. Victor Mission (Apache), Bylas, San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	Ss. Peter and Paul/ St. Rafael Mission (Tohono O'odham), Menegers Dam, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	San Isidro Mission (Tohono O'odham), Havana Nakya, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
1950-present	Santa Maria Mission (Tohono O'odham), Nolic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
ca. 1950	Big Flats Chapel (Tohono O'odham), Big Flats, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona
ca. 1950	Cubo Chapel (Tohono O'odham), Cubo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

ca. 1950 Copeka Chapel (Tohono O'odham), Copeka, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

ca. 1950 Lourdes Church and School (Tohono O'odham), Lourdes, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

ca. 1950 Pacinimo Church and School (Tohono O'odham), Pacinimo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

ca. 1950 San Lorenzo Chapel (Tohono O'odham), San Lorenzo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

ca. 1950 Wahewa Vo Chapel (Tohono O'odham), Wahewa Vo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1953-present St. Anthony School (Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O'odham), Casa Grande, Gila River Reservation, Arizona

1956-present Santa Cruz School (Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O'odham), Tucson, Arizona

1950s-present Kateri Tekakwitha/ Ss. Elizabeth and Margaret Mission (Chemehuevi, Cocopa, Hualapai, Havasupai, Mohave, and Yavapai), Poston, Colorado River Reservation, Arizona

1960-present Mount Carmel Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Carmelo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1960-present St. Ignatius Mission (Tohono O'odham), North Komelic, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1960-present St. Francis Mission (Tohono O'odham), South Hickiwan, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1960-present St. Jude Mission (Tohono O'odham), South Komelic, Arizona

1960-present (Tucson, 1868-1969) St. Lucy Mission (Pima), Gila Bend, Arizona

1960-present St. Mary Magdalene Mission (Tohono O'odham), Kohatk, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1960-present San Isidro Mission (Tohono O'odham), Sikul Himatk, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1970-present St. Louis Mission (Tohono O'odham), San Luis, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1970-present Santa Cruz Mission (Tohono O'odham), Charco 27, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1970-present Santa Cruz Mission (Tohono O'odham), Komovo, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1980-present St. Anthony Mission (Tohono O'odham), Jackrabbitt, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1980-present St. Clare Mission (Tohono O'odham), Cockleburr, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1980-present St. Francis Mission (Tohono O'odham), Whitehorse Pass, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Arizona

1984-present Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church and Center/ St. Nicholas Center (Yaqui), Tucson, Arizona

1988 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha/ St. Victor Mission (Apache), Bylas, San Carlos Reservation, Arizona

1996-present Cristo Rey Mission (Yaqui), Tucson, Arizona

1996-present San Ignacio de Loyola Mission (Yaqui), Tucson, Arizona

1996-present San Juan Bautista Mission (Yaqui), Marana, Arizona

1996-present San Martin de Porres Mission (Yaqui), Tucson, Arizona

1996-present Santa Rosa de Lima Mission (Yaqui), Tucson, Arizona

1999-present El Señor de los Milagros Mission (Yaqui), Tucson,  
Arizona  
2004-present San Miguel High School (Tohono O'odham and Yaqui),  
Tucson, Arizona

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1721-present

Volume: At least 54 cubic feet

Description: 8 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Bishops' Papers

Inclusive dates: ca. 1868-present

Volume: Few items presumed

Description:

- A. Bishop John Baptist Salpointe (1825-1898), ca. 1868-1884
- B. Bishop Peter Bourgade (1845-1908), ca. 1885-1899
- C. Bishop Henry Regis Granjon (1863-1922), ca. 1900-1922
- D. Bishop Daniel James Gercke (1874-1964), ca. 1923-1960
- E. Bishop Francis Joseph Green (1906-1995), ca. 1953-1981
- F. Bishop Thomas Joseph O'Brien (1935- ), ca. 1961-1981
- G. Bishop Manuel Duran Moreno (1930- ), ca. 1982-2003
- H. Bishop Gerald Frederick Kicanas (1941- ), ca. 2001-present

/2 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1739-2000

Volume: Several volumes and reels of microfilm, at least in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by parish name;  
includes Indian and non-Indian parishes that have had at least a few Indian  
parishioners and/or attended Indian missions.

- A. Ajo, Immaculate Conception Church, 1916-1956
- B. Bisbee, Sacred Heart Church, 1905-1966
- C. Bisbee, St. Patrick Church, 1910-1949
- D. Douglas, Immaculate Conception Church, 1900-1942
- E. Florence, Assumption Church, 1870-1941
- F. Parker, Sacred Heart Church, 1950-present
- G. San Carlos, San Carlos Mission, 1918-present
- H. Tombstone, Sacred Heart Church, 1881-1917
- I. Topawa, San Solano Missions , 1908-present
- J. Tubac, Tubac Presidio, 1741-present; includes Los Santos Angeles de  
Guevavi, San José de Tumacacori, and Tubac Missions
- K. Tucson
  1. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 1984-present
  2. Holy Family Church, 1915-1944
  3. St. Augustine Cathedral, 1863-1951
  4. St. Margaret Mary Church, 1938-1969
  5. San Xavier del Bac Mission (Tohono O'odham), unknown
- L. Tumacacori, Los Santos Angeles de Guevavi (Tohono O'odham) and San Jose  
de Tumacacori (Tohono O'odham) Missions, 1721-1763, 1769-1825, 1 reel  
of microfilm and few volumes; baptisms

/3 "San Xavier Mission Collection"

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet

Description: Unknown.

/4 School Records

Inclusive dates: 1873?-present

Volume: Approximately 34 cubic feet

Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by parish name; includes Indian and non-Indian schools with at least a few Indian students.

A. Casa Grande, St. Anthony School, 1935?-present, **less than 10% of 12** cubic feet

B. San Carlos, St. Charles School, 1965?-present, 4 cubic feet

C. Tucson, San Xavier del Bac School, 1873?-present, 1 cubic foot

D. Tucson, Santa Cruz School, ca. 1919-present, 17 cubic feet

/5 Catholic Organizations

Inclusive dates: 1873-1930s

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot and 7 reels of microfilm

Description: Diocesan correspondence with the following organizations, arranged chronologically:

A. American Board of Catholic Missions, 1920s-1930s, less than 10% of 1 cubic foot; annual reports

B. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 1873-1920, 6 reels of microfilm

C. Franciscan Missions of the Southwest, 1913-1922, 1 reel of microfilm

/6 "Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. Collection"

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet

Description: Unknown.

/7 "Father Charles W. Polzer, S.J. Collection"

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: Approximately 20 cubic feet

Description: Unprocessed and unknown.

/8 Diocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1995-present

Volume: Several articles

Description: The *Catholic Vision*, <http://www.catholic-vision.org>, includes articles about American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese.