



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: In 1853, the Archdiocese of San Francisco was erected for northern California from part of the Diocese of Monterey. With substantially reduced area, the San Francisco Archdiocese reported 4,000 baptized Native American Catholics in 1999. San Francisco and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and school in California:

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| 1776-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1853-ca. 1900) | San Francisco de Asís [Dolores] Mission (Ohlone and Wintun), San Francisco |
| 1777-1851 (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1853) | Santa Clara de Asís Mission (Miwok and Ohlone), Santa Clara |
| 1797-1868 (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1853-1868) | San José de Guadalupe Mission (Miwok, Ohlone and Yokuts), Fremont |
| 1817-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1853-ca. 1900) | San Rafael Arcángel Mission (Miwok, Pomo, and Wintun), San Rafael |
| 1823-ca. 1840s (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1853) | San Francisco de Solano Mission (Miwok, Pomo, Wintun, Yuki), Sonoma |
| 1861-ca. 1969 (closed) (San Francisco, 1888-1969) | St. Theresa of Avila Mission (Ohlone?), Bodega |
| 1888-1971 (closed) (San Francisco, 1888-1962) | St. Patrick Mission (Pomo), Yokayo Rancheria |
| 1888-1905 (closed) (San Francisco, 1888-1905) | St. Turibius School (Pomo and Yuki), Kelsyville |
| 1893-1922 (closed) (San Francisco, 1893-1922) | St. Turibius Mission (Pomo and Yuki), Kelsyville |

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| 1893-present (San Francisco, 1893-1962) | St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Pomo), Hopland Rancheria |
| 1902-present (San Francisco, 1902-present) | St. Helen Mission (Coast Miwok? Ohlone?), Marshall |
| 1904-1970 (no longer Indian) (San Francisco, 1904-1962) | St. Anthony Church (Pomo), Willits |
| 1916-1969 (closed) (San Francisco, 1916-1962) | St. Joseph Mission, Guidiville Rancheria |
| 1917-1971 (closed) (San Francisco, 1917-1962) | St. Dominic Mission, Pinoleville Rancheria |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1772-present

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet

Description: 7 record series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Papers of Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany y Conill, O.P. (1814-1888)"

Inclusive dates: 1850-1863

Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot with scant amount Native Catholic

Description:

- A. Diary, H 18, 1855-1863, 1 volume; re: visitations and appointments with some descriptions of life in California
- B. Letters, H 19, 1861-1862, 1 volume (40 letters); re: outgoing correspondence; copies
- C. Journals of Correspondence, H 20-21, 1862-1868, 2 volumes; re: summaries
- D. Letter Book, H 22, 1879-1881, 1 volume; re: includes legal proceedings of Pious Fund lawsuit and Santa Ines Ranch
- E. Visitation Book, H 24, 1850-1874, 1 volume; re: visitations of Diocese of Monterey, 1850-1853 and Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1853-1874

/2 "Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, A14.1"

Inclusive dates: 1887-1960

Volume: 4 folders Native Catholic

Description: Correspondence, reports, and parish censuses, re: St. Turibius, Lakeport, St. Dominic Mission, Pinoleville, St. Mary of the Angels, Ukiah and other missions and schools in Northern California; also reference to urban Indians in Oakland and San Francisco, 1960.

/3 "Legal Files, 'Lake County Lands, 1870-1913, L-261'"

Inclusive dates: 1870-1913

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Deeds to church lands including Indian missions, e.g. Big Valley, Kelseyville, Lakeport, Middletown, and Sulphur Bank School; signed by Padre Luciano Osama, Archbishop Joseph S. Alemany, Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan, and the Franciscans of California.

/4 "Sacramental Records"

Inclusive dates: 1797-present

Volume: More than 5 volumes and several reels of microfilm in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by place and there under by name; contain baptisms, marriages, and deaths for Indian and non-Indian parishes that have had Indian parishioners.

- A. San Francisco, San Francisco de Asís [Dolores] Mission, 1757-1856, several reels of microfilm in part
- B. San Jose, San José de Guadalupe Mission, 1797-1859, 4 volumes; 1859-present; several reels of microfilm in part
- C. San Rafael, San Rafael Arcángel Mission, 1817-1839, 1 volume; 1839-present; 1 reel of microfilm in part
- D. Tomales, Assumption Church; includes St. Teresa of Avila Mission, Bodega, 1861-1960s, and St. Helen Mission, Marshall, 1902-present; several reels of microfilm in part

/5 Diocesan Newspapers

Inclusive dates: ca. 1870-1930s

Volume: Several articles

Description: The following included occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization in California:

1. *The San Francisco Monitor*, ca. 1870-1930s; official archdiocesan newspaper, 1892-1930s
2. *The San Francisco Western Witness*, 1890s; a de facto Catholic newspaper

/6 "Catala Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1883-1884

Volume: 1 volume

Description: 52 depositions, some by Native Americans; re: beatification of Fray Magnin Catala, O.F.M. of Santa Clara Mission.

/7 "Taylor Papers, H 1"

Inclusive dates: 1772-1849

Volume: Approximately 2.5 cubic feet with several items Native Catholic

Description: 2,550 letters collected by Alexander S. Taylor (1817-1876) and gifted to the San Francisco Archdiocese in 1933; mostly Franciscan correspondence and reports with Spanish and Mexican civil and military officials; re: Spanish Franciscan missions and expeditions in California; notable correspondents include Juan Bautista Alvarado [proclamation, 1828], Fray Narciso Durán, O.F.M. and Fray Vicente Francisco de Sarría, O.F.M.