



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: The Diocese of Two Californias (Alta and Baja California, Mexico) was erected in 1840 from a portion of the Diocese of Sonora, subject to the Metropolitan See of Mexico City, Mexico. In 1853 it was reorganized as the Diocese of Monterey, subject to the Metropolitan See of San Francisco, California. It was renamed first the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles and then Los Angeles-San Diego in 1859 and 1922 respectively, and elevated as the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1936. By 2000, there were an estimated 25,000 to 40,000 Native American Catholics in the Archdiocese. The Los Angeles Archdiocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in California:

1769-1853, 1862-1907 (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1907)	San Diego de Alcalá Mission (Campo), [San Diego]
1770-1836 (Indians diminished) (Los Angeles, 1840)	San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission (Esselen and Ohlone), [Carmel]
1771-1834, 1843-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)	San Gabriel Arcángel Mission (Serrano), San Gabriel
1771-1882 (closed) (Los Angeles, 1840-1882)	San Antonio de Padua Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), [Jolon]
1772-1845, 1859-1860s (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1922)	San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission (Chumash and Yokuts), [San Luis Obispo]
1775-1834, 1845 (Indians declined) (Los Angeles, 1840-1976)	San Juan Capistrano Mission (Aguas Calientes and Juaneño), [San Juan Capistrano]
1776-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1853)	San Francisco de Asís [Dolores] Mission (Ohlone and Wintun), [San Francisco]
1777-1836 (closed)	Santa Clara de Asís Mission (Miwok and Ohlone), [Santa Clara]
1780-1781 (closed)	Puerto de la Purísima Concepción Mission (Yuma), [Fort Yuma]

1781-ca. 1850s (no longer Indian)	Our Lady Queen of Angels/ La Placita Church/ Iglesia Nuestra Señora Reina de los Angeles Mission (Mestizos and various), Los Angeles
1782-ca. 1925 (no longer Indian)	San Buenaventura Mission (Chumash), Ventura
1786-1845 (closed)	Santa Barbara Mission (Chumash), Santa Barbara
1787-1845 (closed)	La Purísima Concepción de Maria Santisima Mission (Chumash), Lompoc
1791-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian) (Los Angeles, 1840-1922)	Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission (Esselen, Ohlone and Yokuts), Soledad
1791-1834 (closed)(Los Angeles, 1840-1922)	Santa Cruz Mission (Chumash and Ohlone), Santa Cruz
1795-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	San Antonio de Pala Mission (Aguas Calientes, Campo and Cupeño), Pala, Pala Reservation
1797-1834 (no longer Indian)	San Fernando Rey de España Mission (Gabrielino), Mission Hills
1797-1868 (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1840-1853)	San José de Guadalupe Mission (Miwok, Ohlone and Yokuts), Fremont
1797-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1840-1922)	San Juan Bautista Mission (Miwok, Ohlone and Yokuts), San Juan Bautista
1797-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1840-1922)	San Miguel Arcángel Mission (Yokuts), San Miguel
1798-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	San Luís Rey de Francia Mission (Aguas Calientes), Oceanside
1804-present	Santa Inés Mission (Chumash), Solvang
1817-ca. 1900 (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1840-1853)	San Rafael Arcángel Mission (Miwok, Pomo and Wintun), San Rafael
1818-1834 (closed) (Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	St. Francis of Assisi Visita (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Warner's Hot Springs
1818-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	Santa Ysabel Mission/ Asistencia (Campo), Santa Ysabel
1823-1846 (closed)(Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	Las Flores Asistencia (Aguas Calientes), San Diego County
1823-1881 (closed)(Los Angeles, 1840-1853)	San Francisco Solano Mission (Miwok, Pomo, Wintun, and Yuki), Sonoma
1858-present (Los Angeles, 1858-1936)	St. Joseph Mission (Aguas Calientes), San Jacinto
1878-present (Los Angeles, 1878-1936)	Santa Rosa Mission (Yokuts), Santa Rosa
1886-present (Los Angeles, 1886-1936)	Our Lady of Refuge Mission (Aguas Calientes), La Jolla
1887-1907 (moved to Banning) (Los Angeles, 1892-1936)	St. Anthony School (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), San Diego
1890-1950s (no longer Indian)(Los Angeles, 1890-1936)	St. Boniface School (Cahuilla, Cupeño, and Serrano), Banning
1890-present (Los Angeles, 1890-1936)	St. Mary Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Banning, Morongo Rerservation
1890-present (Los Angeles, 1890-1936)	St. Florian Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Cabazon

1894-present (Los Angeles, 1894-1936)	St. Thomas Mission (Yuma), Winterhaven, Quechan Reservation
1898-present (Los Angeles, 1898-1936)	St. Dominic Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Mesa Grande
1903-present (Los Angeles, 1903-1936)	St. Mary Mission/ Holy Trinity Church (Campo), El Cajon
1904-present (Los Angeles, 1904-1936)	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Mission (Cahuilla), Thermal
1909-present (Los Angeles, 1909-1936)	St. Michael Mission (Campo), Temecula
1912-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1967)	Mater Dolorosa Mission (Mono), Terra Bella
1912-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Campo), Boulevarde-Manzanita
1918-present (Los Angeles, 1918-1936)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), El Cajon
1920-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1967)	St. Edward Mission (Yokut), Stratford
1920s-1990s (closed) (Los Angeles, 1920-1936)	St. Michael Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Cosmit-Inaja
1927-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1936)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission and School (Cahuilla and Campo), San Ysidro
1930-present (Los Angeles, 1930-1936)	St. James Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Valley Center
1930-present (Los Angeles, 1930-1936)	St. Bartholomew Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Rincon Reservation
1933-present (Los Angeles, 1840-1967)	St. Rita Mission (Miwok), Squaw Valley

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1840-present with 1840-1935, 1989-present Native Catholic

Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Arch/Bishops Papers

Inclusive dates: 1840-1947

Volume: Approximately 5% of approximately 20 cubic feet (17,911 letters)

Description: Approximately 18,000 letters arranged chronologically by administration; a number pertain to Indian missions and evangelization to 1934. For further information, see *Calendar of Documents and Related Historical Materials in the Archival Center, Archdiocese of Los Angeles*, Mary Rose Cunningham, compiler, Saint Francis Historical Society, Mission Hills, California, 1990-1997, 14 volumes with index.

- A. Bishop Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno, O.F.M. (1785-1846), 1840-1846, and Diocesan Administrator Fray José María González Rubio, O.F.M., (1804-1875), 1846-1851, approximately 50% of .6 cubic foot (612 letters), re: mission administration and secularization in Alta and Baja California. Major correspondents include Governor Juan Bautista Alvarado, Fray Narcisco Durán, O.F.M., Padre Gabriel González, O.P., Fray Antonio Jimeno, O.F.M., Fray José Joaquín Jimeno, O.F.M., Fray Jess del Mercado, O.F.M., Governor Manuel Micheltoarena, Governor Pio Pico, Padre Ignacio Ramírez, O.P., Fray Antonio Real, O.F.M., and Fray José María González Rubio, O.F.M.
- B. Bishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany y Conill, O.P. (1814-1888), 1850-1853, approximately 35% of .2 cubic foot (160 letters), re: mission administration and Indian advocacy. Major correspondents include Luke Lea, Fray José Maria González Rubio, O.F.M., and Padre Prudencio Santillan.
- C. Bishop Thaddeus Amat y Brusi, C.M. (1810-1878), 1854-1878, approximately 15% of approximately 1.5 cubic feet (1,620 letters), re: mission and school administration and mission land titles. Major correspondents include Reverend John Baptist A. Brouillet (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Agent J.L. Burchard, Eugene Casserly, C.C. Delano, General Charles Ewing (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Thomas Henley, T. William Moore, Padre Luciano Osuna, Fray José Maria Gonzales Rubio, O.F.M., and Reverend Anthony Ubach.
- D. Bishop Francisco Mora y Borrell (1827-1905), 1873-1896, approximately 30% of approximately 1 cubic foot (1,072 letters), re: mission and school administration. Major correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Reverend Joachim Adam, Reverend Florian Hahn, C.Pp.S., Charles Lusk (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Thomas J. Morgan, Reverend Stanislaus Riemann, O.F.M., Reverend Joseph A. Stephan (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Reverend Anthony Ubach, and Reverend George Willard.
- E. Bishop George Thomas Montgomery (1847-1907), 1896-1903, approximately 50% of approximately .4 cubic foot (420 letters), re: mission and school administration. Major correspondents include Reverend Florian Hahn, C.Pp.S., Charles Lusk (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), and Reverend Anthony Ubach.
- F. Bishop Thomas James Conaty (1847-1915), 1903-1915, and Diocesan Administrator, 1915-1917, approximately 5% of approximately 4 cubic feet (3,427 letters), re: mission and school administration and mission building restoration. Major correspondents include Reverend Florian Hahn, C.Pp.S., Reverend William H. Ketcham (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Reverend Edward La Pointe, and Charles Lummis.
- G. Archbishop/Bishop John J. Cantwell (1874-1947), 1917-1947, approximately 2% of approximately 12 cubic feet (10,600 letters), re: mission and school administration. Major correspondents include Reverend Edward R. Dyer, S.S., Reverend William M. Hughes (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), Reverend William H. Ketcham (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions), and Reverend Tiburtius Wand, O.F.M.

/2 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1770-1937

Volume: 69 volumes plus several reels of microfilm

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials for the following Indian missions and stations; inventory online, <http://www.archivalcenter.org/Sacramental/sacramental.html>.

- A. Carmel, San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission, 1770-1915, 11 volumes
- B. Jolon, San Antonio de Padua Mission, 1771-1872, 6 volumes
- C. Lompoc, La Purísima Concepción de Maria Santisima Mission, 1788-1851, 2 volumes
- D. Mission Hills, San Fernando Rey de España Mission, 1797-1855, 3 volumes
- E. San Gabriel, San Gabriel Arcángel Mission, 1771-1868, 8 volumes
- F. San Juan Bautista, San Juan Bautista Mission, 1792-1937, 4 volumes
- G. San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission, 1772-1906, 4 volumes
- H. San Miguel, San Miguel Arcángel Mission, 1797-1925, 3 volumes
- I. San Rafael, San Rafael Arcángel Mission, 1817-1907, 6 volumes
- J. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Mission, 1786-1857, 3 volumes
- K. Soledad, Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission, 1791-1851, 2 volumes
- L. Solvang, Santa Inés Mission, 1804-1917, 4 volumes
- M. Ventura, San Buenaventura Mission, 1782-1912, 8 volumes
- N. Mexico, Santiago Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1739-1768, 1 Volume
- O. Mexico, All Saints Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1768-1862, 1 Volume
- P. Mexico, San Francisco Borja Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, 1762-1819, 1 Volume
- Q. Mexico, Santa Gertrudis Mission, Diocese of Tijuana, n.d., 2 Volumes

/3 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1779-1919

Volume: 41 volumes

Description: Books of accounts, decretos obispado, padron, patentes, and visitors from parishes; parishes outside of the present-day Archdiocese are so noted; inventory online,

<http://www.archivalcenter.org/Sacramental/sacramental.html>.

- A. Carmel, San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1818-1842, 2 volumes
- B. Lompoc, La Purísima Concepción de Maria Santisima Mission, 1779-1834, 8 volumes
- C. Jolon, San Antonio de Padua Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1811-1841, 4 volumes
- D. Mission Hills, San Fernando Rey de España Mission, 1806, 1 volume
- E. San Diego, San Diego de Alcalá Mission [Diocese of San Diego], 1806-1846, 1 volume
- F. San Gabriel, San Gabriel Arcángel Mission, 1773-1832, 2 volumes
- G. San Juan Bautista, San Juan Bautista Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1810-1826, 2 volumes
- H. San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1840, 2 volumes
- I. San Miguel, San Miguel Arcángel Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1801-1844, 2 volumes
- J. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Mission, 1786-1857, 3 volumes
- K. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1878, 2 volumes
- L. Soledad, Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Mission [Diocese of Monterey], 1806-1833, 1 volume
- M. Solvang, Santa Inés Mission, 1804-1919, 7 volumes
- N. Ventura, San Buenaventura Mission, 1790-1867, 6 volumes

/4 Personnel Files

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: Few folders

Description: Contains records on Monsignor William M. Hughes (1880-1939), a diocesan priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, who served the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D.C., as a lecturer, 1910-1916, and director, 1921-1935.

/5 Archdiocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1895-1935, 1989-present

Volume: Several articles

Description: *The Tidings*, <http://www.the-tidings.com/>, has included occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the archdiocese.