



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Pueblo*  
COLORADO, PUEBLO

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**Diocese of Pueblo Archives**

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Access: Some restrictions apply  
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History: In 1941, the Diocese of Pueblo was erected for southern Colorado from part of the Diocese of Denver. The Pueblo Diocese and its predecessor have administered the following Indian missions and parishes:

1898-present (Pueblo, 1941-present)	St. Ignatius Mission (Ute), Ignacio, Southern Ute Reservation
1911-present (Pueblo, 1941-present)	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Ute), Pagosa Springs
1911-present (Pueblo, 1941-present)	St. John Baptist Mission (Ute), Pagosa Junction, Southern Ute Reservation
1951-ca. 1998 (closed)	Towaoc Mission (Ute), Towaoc, Ute Mountain Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1857?-present

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: 7 series includes Native Catholic records:

/1 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1857?-present

Volume: Several entries among a number of diocesan-wide volumes and 2 reels of microfilm

Description: Divided into volumes by year starting in 1942 and arranged beginning with the see city of Pueblo and the cathedral parish followed alphabetically by other parishes in Pueblo and then alphabetically by other places and there under by parish name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for the following Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations and/or a few Indian parishioners:

A. Conejos, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1942-present

B. Cortez, St. Margaret Mary Church, 1942-present; includes Towaoc Mission

- C. Durango, Sacred Heart Church, 1942-present; also reel 41: baptisms, 1948-1957, communions, 1924-1937, confirmations, 1920-1953, marriages, 1917-1957, deaths, 1917-1953; includes Ignacio, St. Ignatius Mission, Monticello, St. Joseph Mission, and Pagosa Junction, St. John the Baptist Mission
- D. Grand Junction, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1942-present; also portion of reel 41: communions, 1955-1957, confirmations, 1957, marriages, 1955-1957, and deaths, 1956-1957
- E. Ignacio, St. Ignatius Mission, 1976-present

/2 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1886-present

Volume: 9 folders

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; includes clippings, correspondence (between pastors and bishops and Catholic Church Extension Society), and property deeds for parishes and attended missions and stations; re: some Indian-related documents may be included.

- A. Conejos, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1886-present, 3 folders
- B. Cortez, St. Margaret Mary Church, 1948-present, 1 folder; includes Towaoc Mission, 1951-1990s
- C. Durango, Sacred Heart Church, 1904-present, 4 folders; included Ignacio, St. Ignatius Mission, 1905-1975, Monticello, St. Joseph Mission, 1947-1953, and Pagosa Junction, St. John the Baptist Mission, 1911-ca. 1970
- D. Ignacio, St. Ignatius Mission, 1976-present, 1 folder

/3 Architectural Drawings

Inclusive dates: 1940, 1950

Volume: 2 sets of drawings

Description: Arranged numerically by number with an alphabetical inventory arranged by location of parishes and there under by name; includes Durango, Sacred Heart Church, number 13, 1940 and number 31, 1950; names of architectural firms also given.

/4 Photographs

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: Few prints

Description: Unprocessed.

/5 Priests' Personnel Religious Communities

Inclusive dates: 1943-present

Volume: Few folders

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

/6 Religious Communities

Inclusive dates: 1943-present

Volume: 2 folders

Description: Arranged alphabetically by religious community, including the Theatines, Rome, Italy, re: mostly financial and personnel concerns.

/7 Diocesan Newspapers

Inclusive dates: 1941-present

Volume: Very few articles

Description: The diocesan newspapers have included virtually no coverage of American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the Pueblo Diocese. The newspapers are: the *Denver Catholic Register*, 1941-1945, the *Southern Colorado Register*, 1945-1962, *Dateline Colorado*, 1962-1971, *Catholic Crosswinds*, 1972-1988, and the *Chronicle of Catholic Life*, <http://www.dioceseofpueblochronicle.com>, 1988-present; the latter is archived online, 2004-present.