



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**  
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**Black and Indian Mission Office**

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The Black and Indian Mission Office houses two agencies pertaining to Native American Catholics, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Black and Indian Mission Collection (formally known as the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians.)

History:

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| 1874 | Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions incorporated by a committee of prelates, including the Archbishop of Baltimore  |
| 1884 | The Third Council of Baltimore established the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians as a fundraising organizations for Catholic missions among American Indians and African Americans |

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, administers the archives of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Black and Indian Mission Collection within one collection known as the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Records:  
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/collections/archives/Mss/BCIM/BCIMmain.html>.