



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Archdiocese of Dubuque
IOWA, DUBUQUE

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History: The Diocese of Dubuque was erected in 1837 and elevated to the Archdiocese of Dubuque in 1893. Since 1900 Dubuque reported fewer than 100 baptized Native American Catholics. The former Dubuque Diocese had included the following Indian missions and parishes:

1838-1841 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission (Potawatomi), Council Bluffs, Iowa
1843-1846 (closed)	St. Francis Xavier Mission (Dakota), Little Prairie, Minnesota
1843-1848 (closed)	Our Blessed Lady of the Seven Dolors/Winnebago Mission (Winnebago), Iowa
1848-1870s (no longer Indian) (Dubuque, 1848-1850)	Assumption Church (Cree, Métis, and Ojibwa), Pembina, North Dakota

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1843-1856

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: "Bishops' Papers: Bishop Mathias Loras (1792-1858) Papers"

- A. "Council Bluffs Correspondence," 1852, 1854, 1856, 3 letters; from St. Mary Mission, St. Marys, Kansas
- B. "Cretin to Loras Correspondence," 1843-1856, 1 folder; letters between Bishop Loras and Bishop Joseph Cretin
- C. "General Correspondence," 1843-1850, 1 folder
- D. "Indian Affairs Correspondence," 1848, 1853-1854, 1 folder
- E. "Propagation of the Faith Correspondence," 1844-1850, 1 folder