



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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History: The Diocese of Vincennes was erected in 1834 for Indiana and part of Illinois. It was renamed the Diocese of Indianapolis in 1898 and succeeded by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1944. Previously present-day Illinois and Indiana were part of the dioceses of Québec, 1674-1796, Baltimore, 1796-1808, and Bardstown, Kentucky, 1808-1834. Indianapolis and its predecessors administered the following Indian missions in Indiana:

1686-1721 (Indianapolis, 1834)	St. Joseph River Mission (Miami)
1719-1763 (Indianapolis, 1834)	Fort Ouiatenon (Miami), Wabash River and Fort Miami (Miami)
1834-1838	Chichipi-Outipe Village (Potawatomi) and Chickako's Village (Potawatomi)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1836-1839

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Native Catholic records are found in the series "Bishops' Papers, Bishop Bruté Papers":

- A. Correspondence, 1836-1839, 29 letters; major correspondents include Reverend Benjamin Petit and Bishop Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur (1779-1839)
- B. Financial report, 1837-1838, 1 folder; by Reverend Benjamin Petit Re: his work at Lake St. Mary (South Bend) and at the northern Indiana Indian villages, particularly the Chichipi-Outipe Village; also includes references to other Indian settlements from Illinois to Kansas as the Potawatomi moved west
- C. Historical notes, 1837, 4 items; by Reverend Benjamin Petit