



Guide to Catholic-Related Records outside the U.S. about Native Americans
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Archdiocese of Sainte-Boniface
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History: In 1844, Sainte-Boniface was erected as the Vicariate Apostolic of Nord-Ouest (North-West) from portions of the Archdiocese of Québec. In 1847 and 1871 respectively, it was elevated to the Diocese and Archdiocèse of Sainte-Boniface. Sainte-Boniface and its predecessors administered the following Métis and Ojibwa Indian missions in Pembina, North Dakota/ Dakota Territory:

1818-1823 (closed) (Sainte-Boniface, 1844)	St. Francis Xavier School
1821-1823 (closed) (Sainte-Boniface, 1844)	St. Francis Xavier Church
1834-ca. 1870s (no longer Indian) (Sainte-Boniface, 1844?)	Assumption Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Holding of U.S. Native Catholic records include:

Inclusive dates: 1815-1880, 1908, n.d.

Volume: Possibly 1 cubic foot or more

Description: Overall holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans in the United States are unknown. However, U.S. repositories cite that record copies of the following 5 record types originated from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives:

A. Bishop's Papers

Inclusive dates: 1861-1868

Volume: 1 folder?

Description: Bishop Alexander-Antonine Taché (1823-1894), O.M.I.: correspondence from Reverend Jean Baptiste Genin and other missionaries, re: Métis and Ojibwa Indians in Pembina and the Red River Valley, Dakota Territory; majority in French.

B. Correspondence

Inclusive dates: Between 1815-1880

Volume: Possibly 1,000 pages

Description: re: Métis and Ojibwa Indians in Pembina and the Red River Valley, North Dakota; majority in French; major correspondents include Archbishop Joseph-Octave Plessis of Québec, Bishop Alexander-Antoine Taché, O.M.I. of Sainte-Boniface, Reverends Severe Joseph Nicholas Dumoulin, Joseph Norbert Provencher, Georges Antoine Belcourt, Joseph Goiffon, J. Lafleche, Lawrence Simonet, and Jean Baptiste M. Genin, O.M.I., and Joseph Rolette. Also includes historical notes by Reverend Julius Belleau and biographies of Reverends Joseph Goiffon and Georges Belcourt; from the Archdiocesan Archives of Saint-Boniface and/or Québec.

C. Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1858-1862

Volume: 1 register

Description: Baptismal records for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission, Pembina, North Dakota by Reverend Joseph Goiffon; from the Archdiocesan Archives of either Québec or Saint-Boniface.

D. Bilingual Dictionary

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: 1 folder?

Description: French-Ojibwa dictionary compiled by Reverend Georges Antoine Belcourt; arranged alphabetically by words in French followed by Ojibwa equivalents.

E. Biographical Records

Inclusive dates: 1908, n.d.

Volume: 1 folder? (31 pages)

Description: Autobiography by Reverend Joseph Goiffon.