



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1704-1887, n.d.

Volume: .8 cubic foot and 1 reel of microfilm

Description: 8 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Arbre Croche Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1831-1833, 1855-1856

Volume: 2 volumes

Description: Sacramental records and index (copies) for Harbor Springs, Holy Childhood/ St. Peter Mission (Ottawa): baptisms and marriages, 1831-1833, 1855; and deaths, 1831-1833, 1855-1856.

/2 "Baraga Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1960s

Volume: 1 volume

Description: Primarily correspondence (copies), re: Bishop I. Frederic Baraga; mostly from the University of Notre Dame Archives, Notre Dame, Indiana.

/3 "Detroit, St. Anne's Church"

Inclusive dates: 1704-1848

Volume: 7 volumes

Description: Sacramental records (copies) from St. Anne Church (Wyandot): baptisms, 1704-1848; marriages, 1704-1842; deaths, 1704-1843; from the Archdiocese of Detroit Archives.

/4 "Gaillard Papers"

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: 1 reel of microfilm

Description: Papers of Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., that include "a complete English-Potawatomi Dictionary;" from the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.

/5 "Indians of North America"

Inclusive dates: 1832-1844, n.d.

Volume: 8 items

Description:

- A. Correspondence (copies), 1832, 1835, 1841, 1844, n.d., 5 letters: major correspondents include Reverend Theodore Van den Broek, Bishop Edward D. Fenwick, O.P., and Reverend Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P.
- B. School reports (copies), 1834-1835, 1840-1841, 3 annual reports: re: schools for Menominee Indian children at Green Bay and Little Chute, Wisconsin

/6 "Jacker Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1768-1887, n.d.

Volume: .15 cubic foot

Description: Papers of Reverend Edward Jacker.

- A. Correspondence, 1836, 1847, 1870-1887 (majority from 1875-1876), 100 letters: majority are written by Reverend Jacker to Reverend Joseph Marie Finotti and discuss his experiences as an Indian missionary to the Ojibwa and Ottawa Indians at St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, Harbor Springs, Middle Village, and Burt Lake, Michigan; and the activities of other Indian missionaries, such as Reverend F.N. Sifferath, Reverend John Weikamp, T.O.R., Reverend P.S. Zorn, Reverend Frederic Baraga, and Reverend Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P.; several letters are written to John Gilmary Shea, Catholic historian; the collection also includes original letters by Reverends Florimond Bonduel, 1836, and by Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., 1847
- B. Sacramental records, 1768-1796, 1836, 2 folders:
  - 1. Baptismal record by Reverend Florimond Bonduel, 1836, 1 folder
  - 2. Baptisms (copy) by Reverend Jacker, 1768-1796, 1 folder: for Mackinac Island, St. Ignace and surrounding area
- C. Historical notes, n.d., 1 folder
- D. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder

/7 "Poitier Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1733-1791

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Papers of Reverend Pierre Poitier, S.J.

- A. Notebook and baptismal record, 1733-1791, 1 volume: relating to St. Anne Mission (Huron), Detroit, and Assumption Church (Wyandot), Windsor/Sandwich, Ontario, Canada
- B. Travel journal (copy), 1743-1744, 1 volume
- C. Account book (copy), 1775-1781, 1 volume
- D. List of occupants of 33 cabins in a Wyandot Indian Village at Boblo Island (copy), 1747, 1 folder

/8 "Richard Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1792-1832

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Papers of Reverend Gabriel Richard.

- A. Correspondence, 1796-1832, 1 folder: includes copies of correspondence written in 1799 to Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore describing Reverend Richard's activities among Indians of Michigan and Wisconsin; copies of letters and petitions by Reverend Richard to the U.S. Congress and President outlining his plans for Indian education, 1809; letters (copies) from Reverend Richard to Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. of St. Louis written in 1824-1825; and copy of a petition from the Ottawa Indians at Arbre Croche, Michigan to the U.S. President requesting a priest or teacher, 1823
- B. "Memorandum Book" (copy), 1792-1806, 1 volume