



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Gaylord
 MICHIGAN, HARBOR SPRINGS

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Holy Childhood of Jesus Church

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History:

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| 1799-1823 | Reverend Gabriel Richard visited Arbre Croche station (Ottawa) |
| 1825-1829 | Diocesan priests established and attended St. Vincent de Paul Chapel (Ottawa), Seven Mile Point, which was moved to Harbor Springs/ New Arbre Croche |
| 1829-1833, 1839-1884 | Diocesan priests established and administered Holy Childhood of Jesus/ St. Peter Church (Ottawa), Harbor Springs/ New Arbre Croche; renamed Holy Childhood when remodeled in 1851 |
| 1829-1886 | Diocesan priests established and lay teachers staffed Holy Childhood of Jesus/ St. Peter School (Ottawa) |
| 1833-1839 | Redemptorists (presently, Denver, Colorado) administered St. Peter's |
| 1884-present | Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) have administered Holy Childhood |
| 1886-1998 (closed) | School Sisters of Notre Dame (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) administered Holy Childhood School |

From 1829-1955, various priests from Holy Childhood/ St. Peter's Church attended

the following missions and stations among the Ojibwa and Ottawa Indians:

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| 1829-1840 (became a mission) | Cross Village station |
| 1829-1929 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey) | St. Mary Mission, Burt Lake/ Sheboygan Village |
| 1831-1852 (becomes a parish) | Grand Traverse Bay station |
| 1832-1847 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village) | St. Leopold Mission, Beaver Island |
| 1833-1847 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village) | St. Francis Xavier Mission, Middletown |
| 1833-1847 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village) | St. Vincent de Paul Mission, Manistique |
| 1833-ca. 1840s (closed) | Detroit Island station |
| ca. 1842-1847 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village) | Garden Island station |
| ca. 1842-1847 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village) | Muskegon station |

1840-1847 (became a parish)	St. Anthony Mission, Cross Village
1859-1897 (closed)	St. Francis Solano Mission, Petoskey
1868-1929 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village
1876-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	Elk Rapids station
1876-1896 (became a mission)	Porcupine Ridge station
1896-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Francis Solanus Mission, Bay Shore
1884-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	Garden Island station
1884-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	High Island station
1886-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Leopold and St. Ignatius Missions, Beaver Island
1895-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Mary Mission, Eagletown
1895-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Joseph Mission, Elbridge
1896-1897 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	Fern station
1896-1941 (becomes a parish)	Holy Cross Mission, Cross Village
1900-1931 (closes)	Five Mile Creek station
1918-1920 (transferred to St. James, Montague)	St. Joseph Mission, Elbridge
1918-1920 (transferred to St. Jerome, Scottville)	St. Helen Mission, Fern
1918-1929 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	Sacred Heart Mission, Garden Island
1918-1929 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Joseph Mission, High Island
1918-1929 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Mary Mission, Peshabestown
1948-1953 (becomes a parish)	Holy Cross Mission, Cross Village
1948-1953 (transferred to Holy Cross, Cross Village)	St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village
1948-1955 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey)	St. Francis Solanus Mission, Bay Shore

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1856-present

Volume: 1.5 cubic feet

Description: The records at Holy Childhood of Jesus Church not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type. In 1984, they were kept at two locations.

At the Church

Sacramental records, 1856-present, 1 cubic foot: for Holy Childhood Church and its Indian missions and stations; baptisms, 1856-present; marriages, deaths, and first communions, 1884-present; confirmations, 1886-present.

At the Convent

- A. House chronicle, 1886-present, 2 volumes: volume I, 1886-1956, contains 300 handwritten pages; both volumes contain daily entries, and include some correspondence, school programs, and clippings
- B. School chronicle, 1953-present, 1 volume: contains daily entries