



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Diocese of Marquette  
MICHIGAN, MARQUETTE

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**Bishop Baraga Association Archives**

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<http://www.bishopbaraga.org/archives.htm>

Hours: By appointment only  
Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:00  
Access: No restrictions  
Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1660-present (bulk: 1830s-1860s)

Volume: Approximately 52 cubic feet

Description: The Bishop Baraga Association administers both its collections and certain archival records of the Diocese of Marquette. The Bishop Baraga Association collections include Native Catholic records regarding Bishop I. Frederic Baraga's evangelizing of Ojibwa and Ottawa Indians in Michigan and Wisconsin. The Bishop Baraga Association website contains more information regarding its records and the diocesan records herein.

Bishop Baraga Association Collections

/1 "Manuscripts (MSS) by Reverend Frederic Baraga"

Inclusive dates: 1852-1866

Volume: 1 cubic foot

Description:

- A. Diary, 1852-1863, 3 volumes comprising 193 pages
- B. Extracts of letters written by Reverend I. Frederick Baraga, 1854-1866, 2 volumes: entries include the date when letter was written, the person to whom it was addressed, and a summary of the letter; arranged chronologically
- C. Letters written by Reverend I. Frederick Baraga, 1854-1860, 117 pages: lists date and the name of the person to whom the letter was written; arranged alphabetically by name
- D. Letters received by Reverend I. Frederick Baraga, 1854-1866, 1 volume listing 1,784 letters: lists name of person writing the letter; only a few include dates; arranged according to a number assigned to each entry
- E. Record of expenditures made by Reverend I. Frederick Baraga, 1855-1860, 1 volume with 56 pages

/2 "Copies of Letters written by Reverend Baraga"

Inclusive dates: 1818-1867

Volume: Approximately 800 letters

Description: From the University of Notre Dame Archives, Notre Dame, Indiana; the Leopoldine Society Archives, Archdiocese of Vienna, Vienna, Austria; and the U.S. National Archives, Record Group 75, Bureau of Indian Affairs Records.

/3 "Copies of Records about Reverend Baraga"

Inclusive dates: 1812-1942

Bulk dates: 1828-1869

Volume: 1,256 documents

Description: Records (copies) from over 50 archives throughout the United States and Europe.

/4 "Copies of Miscellaneous Records - About the time period, etc."

Inclusive dates: 1660-1880s

Volume: 8 file drawers

Description: Records (copies) from archives throughout the United States and Europe.

/5 "Chronological File"

Inclusive dates: 1660-1942

Volume: 143 ringed binders

Description: Include all collected records (copies) filed chronologically.

/6 "Photographs"

Inclusive dates: 1870s-1920s

Volume: Approximately 300-400

Description: Arranged by place or name; headings include "Assinins, Baraga, L'Anse, Mackinac, and St. Ignace."

/7 "Microfilm"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1695-1910

Volume: Approximately 630 reels

Description: Prominent collections on microfilm include U.S. Office of Indian Affairs Correspondence files, 1818-1881; Propagation of the Faith Archives, Paris and Lyon, France, 1822-1900; Leopoldine Society Archives [Leopoldinen Stiftung], Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria, 1829-1909; Ludwig Mission Verein Archives, Munich, Germany; American Fur Company Papers, 1835-1849; P.B. Barbeau Papers, 1789-1856; St. Mary's College, Kansas, Records, 1832-1880s; American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Papers, 1827-1873; sacramental records of various former Indian missions, including St. Ann Mission, Mackinac Island, and Reverend Francis Pierz's missions in Michigan and Minnesota. See entry number M-11 for more detailed descriptions of these Microfilm collections.

/8 "Published Material"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-present

Volume: Approximately 500 items

Description: Includes the publications relating to Reverend I. Frederick Baraga.