



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans  
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**Benedictines,**

**St. John's Abbey**

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History: St. John's Abbey was established in 1856. Benedictines from St. John's have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and parishes:

1878-present	St. Benedict Church, White Earth
1883-present	St. Mary Mission, Red Lake
1885-1896 (closed)	St. John Industrial School, Collegeville
1893-present	Holy Family Church, Cloquet
1895-ca. 1940 (no longer Indian)	St. Michael Church, Mahnomon
1895-1971	St. Joseph Church, Beaulieu
1896-1964 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum
1901-1908 (closed)	Purest Heart of Mary Mission, Rosebud
1903-present	St. Theodore Church, Ponsford
1906-present	St. Joseph Church, Ball Club
1907-ca. 1950s (no longer Indian)	St. John Church, Grand Marais
1907-present	Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage
1908-1917 (no longer Indian)	Assumption Church, Callaway
1910-present	St. Ann Church, Waubun
1911-present	Most Holy Redeemer Mission, Ogema
1912-present	St. Patrick Mission, Brookston
1915-1966 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission, Round Lake
1916-1971	Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1917-1923	Immaculate Conception Mission, Nett Lake
1918-present	St. Anne Church, Naytahwaush
1923-present	St. Ann Mission, Bena
1926-1952 (closed)	St. Catherine Mission, Cass Lake
1926-1952 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission, Mission Corner
1928-1971 (closed)	St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake
1933-1940 (closed)	St. Francis Xavier Mission, Chippewa Village

1939-1974 (closed)	Christ the King Mission, Redby
1942-present	St. Francis Cabrini Mission, Big Elbow Lake
1947-present	Ss. Mary and Joseph Mission, Sawyer
1948-1962	St. Catherine Mission, Squaw Lake
1963-present	Sacred Heart Mission, Federal Dam

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1835-1980s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 21.7 cubic feet, 6 reels of microfilm, 2 motion pictures, and 4 audiotape cassettes

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Abbots' Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1875-1967, n.d.

Volume: 1.3 cubic feet

Description: Mostly correspondence arranged by administration. Correspondence for 1856-1921 is transcribed, with the transcriptions arranged alphabetically by the correspondent's surname. When surveyed in 1980-1981, the Abbots' papers since 1971 had not been transferred to the archives.

- A. Abbot Alexis Edelbrock, O.S.B., 1875-1890, .2 cubic foot: incoming correspondence from:
1. Borgerding, Reverend Thomas, O.S.B., 1879, 1888-1890, 14 letters
  2. Buh, Reverend Joseph Francis, 1886, 3 letters
  3. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 1880-1881, 1883-1885, 1889, 8 letters
  4. Drexel, Saint Katharine, S.B.S., 1886, 1889, 3 letters
  5. Ebner, Reverend Claude, O.S.B., 1879, 1883-1884, 1889, 5 letters
  6. Foffa, Reverend John Chrysostom, O.S.B., 1878-1879, 1889, 18 letters
  7. Hermanutz, Reverend Aloysius, O.S.B., 1878-1890, 101 letters
  8. Lampe, Reverend Simon, O.S.B., 1889, 1 letter
  9. Marty, Reverend Martin, O.S.B., 1875, 1878, 1880-1884, 1886-1888, 23 letters
  10. Tomazin, Reverend Ignatius, 1875, 1883, 2 letters
- B. Abbot Bernard Locnikar, O.S.B., 1891-1894, .1 cubic foot:
1. Borgerding, Reverend Thomas, O.S.B., 1891-1892, 4 letters
  2. Drexel, Mother [Saint] Katharine, S.B.S., 1892, 1 letter
  3. Hermanutz, Reverend Aloysius, O.S.B., 1891-1892, 1894, 11 letters
  4. Homar, Reverend Roman, O.S.B., 1894, 1 letter
  5. Lampe, Reverend Simon, O.S.B., 1891, 1893, 3 letters
- C. Abbot Peter Engel, O.S.B., 1894-1920, .2 cubic foot:
1. Borgerding, Reverend Thomas, O.S.B., 1895, 1897-1906, 1914, 1920, 30 letters
  2. Hermanutz, Reverend Aloysius, O.S.B., 1894-1899, 1901, 1903-1908, 1910-1912, 1914, 1916-1918, 83 letters
  3. Ketcham, Reverend William, 1900, 1907, 1915, 5 letters
  4. Lampe, Reverend Simon, O.S.B., 1896-1897, 1899-1908, 1910-1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 48 letters
  5. Nelles, Reverend Felix, O.S.B., 1898-1899, 1902-1904, 1906-1909, 1911-1914, 1917, 21 letters
- D. Abbot Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., 1907-1950, n.d., .5 cubic foot: Records are divided into various subseries according to topic

1. "Correspondence with Monks," 1921-1950, .25 cubic foot: The sub-series contains outgoing and incoming correspondence arranged alphabetically by surname.
  - a. Fruth, Reverend Alban, O.S.B., 1940-1950, 1 folder
  - b. Goeb, Reverend Egbert, O.S.B., 1929-1950, 2 folders
  - c. Homar, Reverend Roman, O.S.B., 1927-1950, 2 folders
  - d. Hoppe, Reverend Leo, O.S.B., 1923-1948, 1 folder
  - e. Lampe, Reverend Simon, O.S.B., 1922-1940, 1 folder
  - f. Locnikar, Reverend Florian, O.S.B., 1923-1943, 1 folder
  - g. Nelles, Reverend Felix, O.S.B., 1921-1930, 1 folder
  - h. Parnell, Reverend Denis, O.S.B., 1922-1950, 2 folders
  - i. Stovik, Reverend Jordan, O.S.B., 1943-1950, 1 folder
  - j. Thelen, Reverend Valerian, O.S.B., 1925-1950, 2 folders
  - k. Watrin, Reverend Benno, O.S.B., 1922-1950, 2 folders
2. "Indian Missions," 1907-1950, n.d., .1 cubic foot:
  - a. "Appeals-Collection Letters," 1949-1950, 1 folder
  - b. "Ball Club," 1939, 1 folder: correspondence and historical notes
  - c. "Cloquet," 1919-1949, 1 folder: correspondence and historical notes
  - d. "Grand Marais and Grand Portage," n.d., 1 folder: historical notes
  - e. "Ponsford," 1929-1941, 1 folder: correspondence and historical notes
  - f. "Red Lake," 1907, 1915-1943, 1 folder of correspondence: major correspondents include Reverends Thomas Borgerding, O.S.B., Simon Lampe, O.S.B., and Egbert Goeb, O.S.B., Bishop Timothy Corbett, and Abbots Peter Engel, O.S.B. and Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
3. "Dioceses," 1919-1950, .1 cubic foot:
  - a. Crookston Diocese, 1920-1950, 2 folders: correspondence with bishops, containing frequent references to Indian evangelization
  - b. Duluth Diocese, 1919-1951, 2 folders: correspondence with bishops, containing frequent references to Indian evangelization
4. "Convents," 1920-1950, 1 folder: correspondence with sisters at St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota, with frequent references to Indian evangelization and school administration
- E. Abbot Baldwin Dworschak, 1951-1967, .3 cubic foot: Records are divided into topical sub-series.
  1. "Correspondence with Monks," 1951-1955, .1 cubic foot: outgoing and incoming correspondence arranged alphabetically by forenames
    - a. Reverend Alban Fruth, O.S.B., 1955, 1 folder
    - b. Reverend Benno Watrin, O.S.B., 1951-1955, 1 folder
    - c. Reverend Denis Parnell, O.S.B., 1951-1955, 1 folder
    - d. Reverend Jordan Stovik, O.S.B., 1951-1955, 1 folder
    - e. Reverend Roman Homar, O.S.B., 1951-1952, 1 folder
    - f. Reverend Valerian Thelan, O.S.B., 1951-1954, 1 folder
  2. "Dioceses," 1951-1967, .1 cubic foot:
    - a. Crookston Diocese, 1951-1967, 2 folders: correspondence with bishops, containing frequent references to Indian mission activity
    - b. Duluth Diocese, 1951-1967, 2 folders: correspondence with bishops, containing frequent references to Indian evangelization
  3. "Convents," 1933-1967, 2 folders: correspondence with sisters of Benedictine Sisters Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota, containing frequent references to Indian evangelization and school administration

/2 "Historical Records"

Inclusive dates: 1835-1981, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 4.6 cubic feet, 6 reels of microfilm, 2 motion pictures, and 4 audiocassettes

Description: This series is divided into various subseries, primarily by type of record or subject.

- A. "Audio-Visual Collection," 1875-1981, n.d., 6 reels of microfilm, 2 motion pictures, and 4 audiocassettes:
  - 1. Microfilm, 1875-1901, 6 reels: selected records (copies) relating to Benedictine Indian missions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Records, 1880-1881, the Minnesota Historical Society, 1875-1891, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Records, 1880-1901
  - 2. Motion pictures, n.d., 2 films: "Hoppe, Leo, O.S.B., Red Lake"; and "Blackfeet [Siksika] Indians"
  - 3. Audiotapes, 1979, 1981, 4 tapes:
    - a. "Beaulieu, Jane, Red Lake," 1981, 2 tapes
    - b. "Watrin, Reverend Benno, O.S.B., Indian Missions," 1979, 1 tape
    - c. "Thelen, Reverend Constantine, O.S.B., White Earth," 1979, 1 tape
- B. "Clippings," 1871-1920, approximately 30% of 10 cubic feet on Indian missions and schools: created by Reverends Francis Merschman and Alexius Hoffman; indices exist, primarily by names of monks and parishes
- C. Diaries, 1922, 1934, 1939-1943, 3 volumes: created by Reverend Florian Locnikar, O.S.B., while at Red Lake, Minnesota
- D. "Indian and Industrial School, Pupils Accounts," 1886-1896, 2 volumes: St. Benedict School, White Earth, Minnesota; entries for some years also provide student entry and departure dates, Indian tribe, weight, height, sex, age, and parents' names
- E. "Photographs and Slides," 1890s-1960s, approximately 1,440 prints:
  - 1. "Albums," 1900s-1920s, 1940s, 2 albums containing 70 prints:
    - a. "Dimpfl, Clement," 1900s-1920s, 60 prints: photographs and articles created by Reverend Dimpfl on Indians and missionaries of Minnesota and North and South Dakota
    - b. "Grand Portage," 1940s, 10 prints
  - 2. "Photograph Collection of Individuals," primarily 1940s, several hundred prints: By Reverend Leo Hoppe, O.S.B.; many from the Red Lake Reservation
  - 3. "Print Collection, Missions," 1890s-1960s, 995 prints:
    - a. "Cloquet," 1960s, 11 prints
    - b. "Grand Marias-Grand Portage," 1966, 6 prints
    - c. "Indians: Churches, Rectories, etc.," majority 1920s-1940s, 160 prints of Benedictine Indian missions in Minnesota
    - d. "Indian [Catholic Chippewa] Congresses," 1910-1930, 16 prints
    - e. "Indians: Groups, Individuals, etc.," majority 1890s-1940s, 150 prints
    - f. "Red Lake: Indians," 1900-1960s, 210 prints
    - g. "Red Lake: Monks and Nuns," 1950s-1960s, 35 prints
    - h. "Red Lake: Mission Buildings," 1940s-1960s, 18 prints
    - i. "Red Lake: School Activities," 1950s-1960s, 10 prints
    - j. "Red Lake: Miscellaneous," 1950s, 35 prints
    - k. "White Earth: Indians," 1920s-1960s, 140 prints
    - l. "White Earth: Father Hermanutz," n.d., 14 prints
    - m. "White Earth - Buildings," majority 1900s-1920, 40 prints
    - n. "White Earth - Sisters," 1900s-1960s, 30 prints
    - o. "White Earth - Miscellaneous," 1940s-1960s, 120 prints

- F. Sacramental records (copies), 1835-1900, .1 cubic foot: copied by Reverend Simon Lampe
1. Baptismal registers, St. Francis Xavier Church, Crow Wing, Minnesota, and Holy Family Church, Belle Prairie, Minnesota, 1852-1879
  2. Baptisms, St. Joseph Mission, Beaulieu, Minnesota, 1899-1900
  3. Baptisms and marriages, St. Francis Xavier Church, Superior, Wisconsin, 1856-1891
  4. Baptisms and marriages, Holy Family Mission, Bayfield, Wisconsin, 1835-1884
  5. Baptisms, Leech Lake Station, Minnesota, 1883-1889
- G. Writings on Indian missionaries by Reverend Benno Watrin, O.S.B., n.d., 54 pages:
1. Reverend Joseph Buh, 5 pages
  2. Reverend Francis Pierz, 22 pages
  3. Reverend Ignatius Tomazin, 27 pages

/3 "Indian Missions"

Inclusive dates: 1858-1981, n.d.

Volume: 9.4 cubic feet

Description:

- A. Alphabetical name and subject files, 1869-1981, n.d., 3.0 cubic feet: prominent files or types of records include: "Drawer 146A"
1. "Borgerding, O.S.B., Thomas, Reminiscences of Red Lake," 1947-1949, 2 folders: copies of interview of Sister Laurentia Parenteu, O.S.B., with Reverend Borgerding, O.S.B.
  2. "Hermanutz, Aloysius, O.S.B., 'Leech Lake Indian Uprising'," 1898, 2 letters: from Reverend Hermanutz, O.S.B., to Abbot Peter Engel, O.S.B., regarding the Leech Lake Indian uprising of 1898
  3. "Indian Bureau, Catholic Indian Missions," 1939-1940, 1945, 1952, 10 letters: between the Bureau, the abbots, and the superiors at the White Earth and Red Lake missions
  4. "Chippewa, Minnesota," 1894-1956, 1 folder:
    - a. A transcript (2 pages) of an interview conducted in 1956 with John Morrison, a former student at St. John Industrial School, Collegeville, Minnesota
    - b. "Indian missions in the Diocese of Duluth," by Reverend Simon Lampe, O.S.B., ca. 1895, 10 pages
  5. "History, Benno Watrin, O.S.B." 1934-1939, 3 folders: Reverend Watrin's historical notes on Red Lake, the Beaulieu and Mahnomen area, and the Benedictine Indian missions of northern Minnesota
  6. "Mallessy, Brother Gonzaga de, O.S.B." 1874-1912, 5 folders:
    - a. Correspondence, 1874-1877, 1881-1882, 1884-1892, 1895, 1898-1900, 1904-1908, 104 letters: primarily to Brother Mallessy, O.S.B., from St. Benedict Mission, White Earth, Minnesota; major correspondents include Reverends Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., Ignatius Tomazin, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
    - b. Journal, ca. 1910-1912, 15 pages on Indian missions, particularly from Belle Prairie, Minnesota
  7. "Mission Reports," 1904-1929, 1 folder:
    - a. "Ball Club," 1927
    - b. "Beaulieu," 1905
    - c. "Cloquet," 1904, 1906-1909, 1912-1917, 1923-1924
    - d. "Naytahwaush," 1927
    - e. "Ponsford," 1912, 1923, 1929
    - f. "Red Lake," 1909, 1923, 1928-1929
    - g. "White Earth," 1909, 1911, 1923
  8. "Nelles, O.S.B., Felix, 'Thirty Years on the Missions,'" 1930, 160 pages

9. "Steiner, O.S.B., Urban, 'Cloquet Memoirs,'" 1964-1965, 11 pages  
"Drawer 146B"
10. "Cloquet, Carlton County," 1900-1920s, 1 folder:
  - a. Census record created by Reverend Thomas Borgerding, O.S.B., 1920s
  - b. Photographs, 40 prints
11. "Red Lake, Benedictine Sisters," 1907, 1909, 1911-1914, 1 folder:  
letters from Sister Hyacinthe, O.S.B., to Abbot Peter Engel, O.S.B.
12. "Red Lake, Borgerding, O.S.B. Thomas," 1893-1956, 2 folders:
  - a. Correspondence, 1893, 1901-1902, 1906-1909, 1912-1914, 1923-1924, 1956, 34 letters: primarily correspondence from Reverend Borgerding, O.S.B. to Abbot Peter Engel, O.S.B.
  - b. "Catholic Missionary Activity Among the Red Lake Chippewas," 1949, 1 folder: By Reverend Thomas Borgerding, O.S.B., and Charles Vanderslius primarily from interviews with Reverends Borgerding, O.S.B. and Valerian Thelan, O.S.B.
13. "Red Lake, Drexel, Saint Katharine, S.B.S., 1899-1895, 1916, n.d., 20 letters: primarily correspondence (copies) between Mother Katharine, Reverend Thomas Borgerding, O.S.B., and Abbot Bernard Locnikar, O.S.B.
14. "Red Lake, Hermanutz, O.S.B., Aloysius," Diary, 1883, 20 pages in German
15. "Red Lake, Manuscripts," 1890-1895, 1897-1900, 23 letters (some copies)
16. "Red Lake, Photographs," 1900-1960 (majority 1920s-1940s), 106 prints
17. "Red Lake, St. John's Correspondence," 1902, 1914-1917, 1920, 1923-1930, 1933-1934, 1938-1942, 1951-1952, 1954-1959, 112 letters: major correspondents include Reverends Thomas Borgerding, O.S.B., Simon Lampe, O.S.B., and Alban Fruth, O.S.B. and Abbots Peter Engel, O.S.B., Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
18. "St. Benedict Industrial School," 1876, 1884-1886, 31 items: correspondence, financial reports, and contracts
19. "St. John Industrial School," 1884-1887, 1892, 42 items: correspondence, financial reports, and contracts
20. "St. John Industrial School," 1886-1896, 17 photographs
21. "White Earth, Becker County," 1885, 30 pages: historical notes by Reverend Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B.
22. "White Earth, Abbatial Correspondence," 1881, 1883, 1889, 1911-1912, 1922, 1925-1927, 1930, 1933, 1937-1942, 55 letters: correspondence between the abbots, mission superiors, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs
23. "White Earth, Beaulieu Correspondence," 1869, 1873, 1875, 1878, 8 letters to/ from the Beaulieu family
24. "White Earth, Benedictine Sisters," 1879-1880, 1882-1884, 8 letters from Sisters Philomena, O.S.B. and Lioba, O.S.B. to Abbot Alexis Edelbrock, O.S.B.
25. "White Earth, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions," 1911-1912, 1915, 1917, 1919-1920, 1922, 1925-1926, 22 letters: primarily between Reverend Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B. and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
26. "White Earth, Mother Drexel, Katharine, S.B.S., 1888-1889, 1909, n.d., 1 folder:
  - a. Correspondence, 1888-1889, 1909, 9 letters
  - b. Account of a visit by Saint Katharine Drexel to St. Benedict Mission by Reverend Benno Watrin, n.d.
27. "White Earth, Government Correspondence," 1883, 1908, 1910-1913, 1915, 1918-1922, 1924-1925, 1928, 34 letters: primarily between Reverend Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., Mr. Beaulieu (Ojibwa), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs

28. "White Earth, Hermanutz, O.S.B., Aloysius," 1869-1927, 1 folder:
  - a. Correspondence, 1869, 1899, 1910-1913, 1915, 1920, 1923, 1925-1927, 19 letters
  - b. "History of White Earth mission," dictated by Reverend Hermanutz, O.S.B., summer of 1924, 25 pages
  - c. "Reminiscences about White Earth," by Reverend Alexis Hoffmann, 1926, 15 pages
29. "White Earth, History," 1887, n.d., 1 folder: includes histories on missions at Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Ball Club, and White Earth by Reverends Benno Watrin, O.S.B., Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., and others
30. "White Earth, Land Grants" 1878-1926, 1 folder:
  - a. Correspondence, 1878, 1907, 1910-1912, 1920, 8 letters
  - b. Notes on visits to White Earth and discussions with Reverend Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., 1926, 10 pages: author unidentified
31. "White Earth, Photographs," 1880-1900, 80 prints
- B. "Indians Missions: Parish Records, White Earth, Ogema, Ponsford, Beaulieu, Minnesota," 1878-1973, n.d., 3.4 cubic feet:
  1. "Ogema, Minnesota, Most Holy Redeemer Church," 1925-1972, .8 cubic foot:
    - a. Census for Onigum and Round Lake area, 1940s-1950s, 1 volume: includes names of parents and children with birth and marriage dates
    - b. Announcement book, 1940-1949, 1 volume
    - c. Financial records, 1925-1933, 1943-1948, 1950-1972, 8 volumes
  2. "Ponsford, St. Theodore Church," 1920s-1972, .4 cubic foot
    - a. Census, 1920s, 1940s-1950s, 3 volumes: lists names of parents and children with marriage, birth, death and baptismal dates
    - b. Notifications of confirmations, 1956-1972, 1 folder
    - c. Minutes of Board of Trustees meetings, 1951-1972, 1
    - d. Financial records, 1964-1972, 2 volumes
  3. "White Earth, St. Benedict Mission and School," n.d., 1.6 cubic feet:
    - a. Census records, 1890s, 1920s, 2 volumes: lists names of parents and children, birth and death dates, and whether sacraments were received
    - b. Enrollment books, 1878-1956, 2 volumes
    - c. Notebook with Ojibwa to English translations by Reverend Benno Watrin, n.d.
    - d. Announcements, 1925-1970, 9 volumes
    - e. Financial records, 1909-1960, 1963, 1968-1972, 10 volumes
  4. "Beaulieu, St. Joseph Mission," 1933-1973, n.d., .2 cubic foot
    - a. Correspondence, 1933-1934, 1966, 1973, 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverend Roman Homar, O.S.B. and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
    - b. Historical notes, n.d.
  5. "Various Records," n.d., .4 cubic foot:
    - a. Notebook with Ojibwa to English translations by Reverend Benno Watrin, O.S.B., n.d.
    - b. Items written in Ojibwa, n.d.
    - c. Historical notes, n.d.
- C. "White Earth Reservation, Jude Koll, O.S.B., Records," 1886-1970s, .8 cubic foot:
  1. Correspondence, 1886, 1888-1892, 1902, 1906-1910, 1914, 1921-1924, 1935-1970, .4 cubic foot: originals and copies; major correspondents include Reverends Valerian Thelan, O.S.B., Justin Leutmer, Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., Saint Katharine Drexel, S.B.S., the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs
  2. "Brief History of St. Benedict Mission School," 1928-1929, 1938-1950," 18 pages: author unidentified
  3. Transcript of interview of Reverend Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., conducted by Reverend Cuthbert Goeb, O.S.B., 1924, 25 pages

4. Financial records, 1881-1889, 1896-1897, 1928-1950, 2 volumes
5. Photographs, 1940s, 15 prints
6. Clippings, 1950s, 1970s, 4 folders
7. Published histories and articles, 1900-1960, 1 folder
- D. "Homar, O.S.B., Roman, Sermons in Chippewa," 1894, 1896-1897, n.d., .15 cubic foot
- E. "Borgeyding, O.S.B., Thomas," 1858-1938, .3 cubic foot:
  1. Ojibwa catechisms, prayer, and hymn books, published 1858-1931, .2 cubic foot
  2. Financial records, 1932-1938, .1 cubic foot
- F. "Nelles, O.S.B., Felix, 'Thirty Years Among the Indians--Memoirs of an Indian Missionary and Historical Sketches of the Chippewas in Northern Minnesota,'" ca.1900, 170 pages
- G. Verwyst, Reverend Chrysostom, O.F.M., 1913-1920, .8 cubic foot:
  1. "English-Chippewa Dictionary," 1918-1920, 4 volumes
  2. "Repertorium of Chippewa Words and Expressions," 1913-1916, 4 volumes
- H. Announcements, Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage, Minnesota, 1935-1943, 1953-1963, 2 volumes
- I. Photographs, 1900s-1970s, 850 prints: primarily from Red Lake but also Other Benedictine Indian missions in Minnesota
- J. Clippings, 1970s, .3 cubic foot: re: Red Lake Mission, School, and Reservation

/4 "Monks"

Inclusive dates: 1870s-1980s

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet, re: Indian missionaries

Description: Primarily biographical and personal records, such as biographies, chapter reports, chronologies, death cards, and photographs with contents and quantity of files varying widely. The series is divided into living and deceased monks and alphabetically there under.

/5 "Parishes"

Inclusive dates: 1880s-1980, n.d.

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: Primarily historical notes and published histories with some correspondence and census records.

- A. "Parish files," 1912-1950s, n.d., .1 cubic foot: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.
  1. Beaulieu, Minnesota, St. Joseph Church, 1912-1950s, n.d., 1 folder:
    - a. Correspondence, 1912-1913, 3 letters
    - b. History of St. Joseph by Reverend Simon Lampe, O.S.B., n.d., 4 pages
    - c. Financial statements, 1939, 1944-1949
    - d. Photographs, 1950s, 50 prints
  2. Grand Marais, St. John Church, n.d., 1 folder: historical notes and clippings
  3. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church, 1922-1946, n.d., 1 folder:
    - a. Financial reports, 1922-1923, 1925-1932, 1936, 1938, 1945-1946
    - b. Photographs, n.d., 20 prints
    - c. Historical notes, n.d.
- B. "Parish Histories," 1900s-1980s, .1 cubic foot: Published histories for anniversaries of parishes; histories exist for Indian missions at Fort Totten, North Dakota and Ball Club, Cloquet, Grand Marias, Ponsford, Red Lake, and White Earth, Minnesota
- C. "Parish Records," 1880s-1930s, .2 cubic foot:
  1. "Elbow Lake and Island Lake Missions, Census," 1930s, 1 volume: Lists names of parents and children with birth, marriage, death, and baptismal dates

2. "Fond du Lac Reservation: Cloquet, Sawyer, Kettle River, Census," 1880s 1890s, 1 volume: created by Reverend Simon Lampe, O.S.B.; lists names of parents and children, and birth dates
3. "Naytahwaush, St. Anne Mission, Census," 1930s, 1 volume: Lists names of parents and children with birth, marriage, death, and baptismal dates
4. "Red Lake, St. Mary Mission, Announcement Book," 1923-1925, 100 pages

/6 "Personal Papers of Monks" Inclusive dates: 1878-1950s, n.d.

Volume: 4 cubic feet

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

- A. Borgerding, Reverend Thomas, O.S.B., 1883-1950s, 3 cubic feet:
  1. Correspondence, 1890s, 1950s, 2 cubic feet: personal and official correspondence
  2. Diary, journal, 1883-1885, 1888-1895, 2 volumes
  3. Sacramental records, Red Lake, 1913-1919; Cloquet, 1932-1938; 2 volumes
  4. Financial records, 1885-1888, 1890-1892, 1901-1903, 5 volumes
  5. School record, grades, 1879-1886, 1 volume
- B. Hermanutz, Reverend Aloysius, O.S.B., 1878-1929, .1 cubic foot:
  1. Correspondence, 1878, 1880-1881, 1883, 1886, 1910, 1912, 1917-1929, 50 letters: personal and official correspondence
  2. Financial record, day book, 1878-1881, 1 volume: re: St. Benedict Mission, White Earth
- C. Homar, Reverend Roman, O.S.B., 1928, 1935-1936, 1940, 1945, 1953, 10 letters
- D. Hoppe, Reverend Leo, 1930s-1940s, approximately 1,000 prints: primarily of missions at Naytahwaush, Red Lake, Big Elbow Lake, Bejou, Island Lake, and White Earth
- E. Lampe, Reverend Simon, O.S.B., 1894, 1922, 1931, 1933-1935, 1939, 8 letters
- F. Locnikar, Reverend Florian, O.S.B., 1892, 1904, 1910, 1912-1913, 1915-1917, 1923-1925, 1930-1932, 29 letters
- G. Parnell, Reverend Denis, O.S.B., 1935-1937, n.d., 1 folder:
  1. Financial record, day book, 1935-1937, 1 volume: re: St. Joseph Church, Ball Club
  2. Photographs, n.d., 15 prints
- H. Thelen, Reverend Valerian, O.S.B., ca. 1940s, 50 photographs: primarily from St. Benedict Mission, White Earth