



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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MINNESOTA, GRAND MARAIS

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St. John Church

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History:

1837	Reverend I. Frederic Baraga visited Grand Portage (Ojibwa)
1838-1839	Reverend Francis Pierz established and administered St. Peter Chapel and School (Ojibwa), Grand Portage
1842	Reverend Pierz established and administered a chapel and school at Pigeon River (Ojibwa)
1846-1848	Diocesan priests attended the chapels at Grand Portage and Pigeon River from St. Joseph's, La Pointe, Wisconsin
1848-unknown	Jesuits (Canadian Province, Toronto, Ontario, Canada) established and administered Immaculate Conception Mission, Pigeon River, which in 1849 was moved to Thunder Bay/ Fort William, Ontario, Canada
1849-1856, 1858-1907	Jesuits attended the stations and later missions at Grand Portage and Grand Marais from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay
1856-1857	A Jesuit resided at Grand Portage and established a school
1865-1907	Jesuits established and attended Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay
1894-1907	Jesuits established and attended St. Francis Xavier Mission, Grand Marais from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay
1907-1933	Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended St. John's/ St. Francis Xavier, Grand Marais from Holy Family, Cloquet
1907-1933	Benedictines attended Holy Rosary, Grand Portage from Holy Family, Cloquet
1933-present	St. John's became a parish; Benedictines administered St. John Church, which became predominantly non-Indian by ca. 1950s

Benedictines from St. John's attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1933-present	Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage
1933-1940 (closed)	St. Francis Xavier Mission, Chippewa Village
1939-1953 (closed)	Cramer station

1939-1953 (closed) Good Harbor Hill station
1939-1956 (closed) Lutsen station
1939-1956 (closed) Hovlan station
1950-1953 (closed) Tofteovlan station

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1938-present

Volume: 1 volume

Description: Sacramental records for St. John's Church and its attended Indian missions and stations.