



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of St. Cloud*  
MINNESOTA, ST. CLOUD

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**Diocese of St. Cloud Archives**

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History: The Vicariate Apostolate of Northern Minnesota was erected in 1875 and succeeded by the Diocese of St. Cloud in 1889, which has included the following Indian missions and parishes in Minnesota and North Dakota:

1848-1870s (no longer Indian) (St. Cloud, 1875-1879)	Assumption Church (Métis and Ojibwa), Pembina, North Dakota
1853-1870s (no longer Indian) (St. Cloud, 1875-1879)	St. Joseph Church (Ojibwa), St. Joseph's, North Dakota
1865-present (St. Cloud, 1875-1889)	Holy Rosary Mission (Ojibwa), Grand Portage, Minnesota
1873-present (St. Cloud, 1875-1889)	St. Benedict's Church (Ojibwa), White Earth, Minnesota
1874-present (St. Cloud, 1875-1879)	Seven Dolours/ Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton), Fort Totten, North Dakota
1877-1879, 1882-1897 (closed)	St. Paul Industrial School (Ojibwa), Clontarf, Minnesota
1885-1898 (closed)	St. Mary Academy (Ojibwa), Graceville, Minnesota
1879-present (St. Cloud, 1879-1889)	St. Mary Mission (Ojibwa), Red Lake, Minnesota
1880-present (St. Cloud, 1880-1889)	Holy Family Church (Ojibwa), Cloquet, Minnesota
1884-1896 (closed)	St. Benedict Industrial School (Ojibwa), St. Joseph, Minnesota
1885-1896 (closed)	St. John Industrial School (Ojibwa), Collegeville, Minnesota
1885-1896 (closed)	Indian Industrial School (Ojibwa), Morris, Minnesota
1944-present	Little Flower Mission (Ojibwa), Vineland, Minnesota

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1852-present

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: 5 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1941, 1954-present

Volume: 2 folders

Description: Correspondence arranged alphabetically by parish location, "Vineland, Minnesota, Little Flower Mission": major correspondents include Sister Laura Hesch, O.S.B., Reverends Justin Weger and William J. Straka, and Bishops Peter W. Bartholome and George H. Speltz.

/2 Bishops' Files

Inclusive dates: 1884-1889

Volume: 1 volume (368 pages)

Description: Contains Bishop Rupert Seidenbusch's (1830-1895) letterpress book of outgoing correspondence with references to Indian mission and schools. According to Robert F. Karolevitz in *Bishop Martin Marty, "The Black Robe Lean Chief,"* ca. 1980, most of the papers of Bishop Martin Marty, O.S.B. were burned by his housekeeper upon his death in 1896.

/3 Diocesan Chronicle

Inclusive dates: 1889-1950

Volume: 1 volume (313 pages)

Description: Pertains to Indian missions and schools, in part.

/4 Financial and Statistical Reports

Inclusive dates: 1955-present

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Contains annual reports for Little Flower Mission, Vineland, Minnesota.

/5 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1852-1879, 1882-1887

Volume: 3 volumes

Description:

- A. Baptisms and marriages, 1852-1870, 1 volume: created by Reverend Francis Pierz for St. Francis Xavier Church, Crow Wing, Minnesota, and its missions and stations
- B. Baptisms, 1865-1879, and confirmations, 1868, 1 volume: created by Reverends Joseph Buh and Ignatius Tomazin for Holy Family Church, Belle Prairie, Minnesota, and its missions and stations
- C. Marriages, 1865-1878, first communions, 1882-1887, and Scapular of Mount Carmel, 1882-1884, 1 volume: created by Reverend Joseph Buh for Holy Family Church, Belle Prairie, and its missions and stations