



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1797-1935, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: 11 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Baraga, Frederick"

Inclusive dates: 1797-1872

Volume: 2 folders and 1 reel of microfilm

Description: Primarily correspondence (copies) in German pertaining to Reverend I. Frederick Baraga.

/2 "Belcourt, Georges Antoine"

Inclusive dates: 1832-1857, n.d.

Volume: 76 letters and 2 reels of microfilm

Description:

- A. Correspondence, 1832-1857, 76 letters: from Reverend Belcourt to the Bishop of Quebec and others describing his life as missionary at Pembina and Turtle Mountain (Ojibwa and Métis), Dakota Territory; typed copies in French from the Québec Archdiocesan Archives, Quebec, Canada
- B. French-Ojibwa Dictionary compiled by Reverend Belcourt, n.d., 2 reels of microfilm: Arranged alphabetically in French with Ojibwa equivalents; from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives, Manitoba, Canada.

/3 "Catholic Church, in Canada"

Inclusive dates: 1861-1868

Volume: 1 reel of microfilm

Description: Primarily letters to Bishop Alexander Taché from Reverend Jean Baptiste Genin and other French missionaries in the Red River Valley (Métis and Ojibwa), of Manitoba, Canada and North Dakota; from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives, Manitoba, Canada.

/4 "Goiffon, Joseph"

Inclusive dates: 1908, n.d.

Volume: 81 pages

Description:

- A. Partial autobiography from 1824 to 1910, n.d., 50 pages: from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- B. Autobiography, 1908, 31 pages on microfilm: from the Sainte-Boniface Archdiocesan Archives, Manitoba, Canada.

/5 "Grace, Thomas [L.]"

Inclusive dates: 1861

Volume: 1 volume (copy)

Description: Journal of Bishop Grace's trip on the Red River (Ojibwa and Métis); from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota.

/6 "La Pointe, Wisconsin, St. Joseph Mission Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1835-1854

Volume: 94 pages

Description: Baptismal register (copy) of St. Joseph Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), La Pointe, Wisconsin; from Holy Family Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin.

/7 "Loras, Mathias Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1843-1850

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Correspondence (copies) to Bishop Loras from Reverend Georges Antoine Belcourt, missionary at Pembina (Ojibwa and Métis), Dakota Territory, and Reverend Augustin Ravoux, regarding his missionary trip on the Missouri River (possibly Santee, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Yankton); from the Dubuque Archdiocesan Archives, Dubuque, Iowa.

/8 "McLaughlin, James Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1876-1920

Volume: Approximately 1% (300 letters) of 37 reels of microfilm

Description: Written primarily when McLaughlin was Indian Agent at first Fort Totten Reservation (Santee, Sisseton, and Wahpeton) and then Standing Rock Reservation (Hunkpapa); major correspondents include Bishop Martin Marty of Dakota Territory and Reverends John Baptist A. Brouillet, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Joseph A. Stephan, Indian Agent, Martin Kenel, O.S.B., Claude Ebner, O.S.B., Francis M. Craft, and Louis Bonin, and Sister Clapin, S.G.N.; from Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota.

/9 "Nute, Grace Lee"

Inclusive dates: Compiled ca. 1926-1935

Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot

Description: Manuscripts (copies) by Catholic and Protestant Indian missionaries in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and the Dakotas arranged alphabetically by surname or topic including "Reverend [I. Frederic] Baraga," "Reverend [Georges Antoine] Belcourt," "Reverend [Joseph] Cretin," "Reverend [Lucien] Galtier," "Reverend [Francis] Pierz," "Reverend [Augustin] Ravoux," "financial problems of the missions," "formation of the routine aspect of the missions," "hiring of teachers," and "progress made in conversion and education of the Indians."

/10 "Pierz, Francis Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1852-1887

Volume: 1 reel of microfilm

Description:

- A. "Crow Wing Mission. Parish Register," 1852-1870, 1 volume: Baptisms and marriages, 1852-1870, and deaths, 1852-1869
- B. "Belle Prairie Mission. Parish Register," 1865-1887, 2 volumes: Baptisms, 1865-1879, marriages, 1865-1878, confirmations, 1868, first communions, 1882-1887, Sunday announcements, 1880, and recipients of scapulars and entrants into holy orders, 1882-1883; from the St. Cloud Diocesan Archives, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

/11 "Ravoux, Augustin"

Inclusive dates: 1841-1844, n.d.

Volume: 32 pages and 1 reel of microfilm

Description:

- A. "Register of Baptisms, Deaths, and Marriages Among Sioux Indians" (copy), 1841-1844, 32 pages: Possibly from Santee, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Yankton Indian converts; from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota
- B. "Book of Instructions, Prayers, and Hymns in the Sioux Language," n.d., and Prayer and Hymn Book in Sioux Language published in 1843, 1 reel of microfilm: from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Archives, St. Paul, Minnesota