



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Tulsa*  
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History: In 1972, the Diocese of Tulsa was erected for eastern Oklahoma from part of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The Tulsa Diocese reported approximately 1,000 practicing Native American Catholics in 1999. Within its area the following mission, parishes, and schools have served American Indians:

1887-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Pawhuska
1897-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Agnes Mission (Choctaw), Antlers
1902-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. William/ St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Durant
1913-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	Sacred Heart Church (Osage), Fairfax
1916-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Edward Mission (various), Pittsburg
1921-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. William/ Sacred Heart Church (Osage), Skiatook
1923-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	Immaculate Conception/ St. Patrick Church (Choctaw), Hugo
1925-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Ann Mission (Osage), Shidler
1925-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Joseph Mission (Cherokee), Webber's Falls
1930-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Joseph Church (Osage), Hominy
1940-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Cecilia/ Christ the King Church (Cherokee), Claremore
1942-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Mary Mission (Osage), Barnsdell
1958-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. John the Evangelist Mission (Cherokee), Cookson
1960-present (Tulsa, 1973-present)	St. Clement Church (Creek), Bixby

1982-present

Kateri Tekakwitha Mission (Cherokee),  
Roland

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1847-present, n.d.

Volume: At least 2.7 cubic feet and several hundred microfiche cards

Description: The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa transferred to the Diocese of Tulsa the parish files for all active and inactive Indian missions and parishes now within the Tulsa Diocese. However, all bishops' files, priests' files, and deeds generated before 1973, and all financial and statistical reports created before 1950, remain at the Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Archives. 2 series in the Tulsa Diocesan Archives include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1886-1972, n.d.

Volume: 2.7 cubic feet

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.

- A. Antlers, St. Agnes Mission and Academy, 1897-1970, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1897-1899, 1901-1910, 1912, 1914-1915, 1917, 1919, 1921-1923, 1925-1933, 1935-1936, 1938-1939, 1941-1948 (most written in the years 1897-1930), 377 letters: Major correspondents include Reverends William Ketcham, Hubert Van Reehem, F.L. Teyssier, Charles Van Hulse, and Eloi Justou, Bishops Theophile Meerschaert, Francis C. Kelley, Sisters Henrietta and Prudentia, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Saint Katharine Drexel, and Governor Victor Locke (Choctaw)
  - 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1966, 1969-1970, 1 folder
  - 3. Photographs, 1900-1920, 20 prints
  - 4. Historical notes and clippings, n.d., 1 folder
- B. Cayuga, Splitlog Church, n.d., 1 folder: Historical notes and clippings
- C. Durant, St. William Church, 1903-1972, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1903-1904, 1907, 1912, 1914-1915, 1918-1919, 1921-1929, 1933-1936, 1938-1972, .35 cubic foot: Major correspondents include Reverends S.L. Wiersma, Martin Mulcahy, and John W. Kerns and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert, Francis Kelley, Eugene McGuinness, and Victor J. Reed
  - 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1951-1972, 1 folder
  - 3. Photographs, n.d., 8 prints
- D. Fairfax, Sacred Heart Church, 1926-1972, n.d., .3 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1926-1928, 1931-1935, 1937, 1939, 1946-1972, .25 cubic foot: Major correspondents include Reverends Albert Achtergael, Bernard Collins, Philip Wilkiemeyer, Patrick Murtaugh, Cletus Bash, and Anthony Spain, and Bishops Francis Kelley, Eugene McGuinness, and Victor J. Reed
  - 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1972, 1 folder
  - 3. Photographs, n.d., 4 prints
  - 4. Clippings and historical notes, n.d., 1 folder
- E. Hartshorne, Holy Rosary Church, 1910-1972, n.d., .2 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1910-1972, .15 cubic foot: includes references to St. Edward Mission, Pittsburg, and St. Henry Mission, Bentley
  - 2. Historical notes, n.d., 1 folder
- F. Hominy, St. Joseph Church, 1948-1972, .1 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1948-1959, 1961, 1964-1969, 93 letters: Major correspondents include Reverends Victor Van de Walle, Fintan P. McMahon, and John M. Cefai and Bishops Eugene McGuinness, and Victor J. Reed

- 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1972, 1 folder
- G. Hugo, Immaculate Conception Church, 1938, 1946-1972, .2 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1938, 1946-1970, .15 cubic foot: Major correspondents include Reverends James W. Traut, Vincent C. McGouldrick, and Howard A. Anthony, and Bishops Eugene McGuinness and Victor J. Reed
  - 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1972, 1 folder
- H. Muskogee, Assumption Church, 1892-1902, 1905-1907, 1909-1910, 1912-1916, 1919-1969, .3 cubic foot of correspondence: re: Nazareth College and Institute and its attended Indian missions and stations; major correspondents include Reverends William H. Ketcham and Charles Van Hulse and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert, and Francis Kelley
- I. Pawhuska, Immaculate Conception Church, 1886-1970, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1886-1890, 1892, 1894-1895, 1898-1902; 1905-1935, 1937-1939, 1941, 1946-1970, .35 cubic foot: Major correspondents include Reverends Felix De Grasse, Savinian Louismet, Edward Van Waesberghe, William Huffer, Emil Depreitere, Albert Achtergael, and Justin H. Gavin, Bishops Theophile Meerschaert, Francis Kelley, Eugene McGuinness, Victor J. Reed, and M. Pierre, Sisters Mary Paul and Melitina, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and Saint Katharine Drexel, S.B.S.
  - 2. Financial and spiritual reports, 1950-1970, 1 folder
  - 3. Photographs, 1920s-1930s, 8 prints
  - 4. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder
- J. Pittsburg, St. Edward Church, 1912-1966, .1 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1912, 1915, 1924-1925, 1929-1930, 1938, 1943-1944, 41 letters: Major correspondents include Reverends Joseph Osca, John Peris, and Leopold Guerola and Bishops Theophile Meerschaert and Francis Kelley
  - 2. Statistical reports, 1950-1966, 1 folder
- K. Quapaw, St. Mary Church, 1903, n.d., 1 folder: Historical notes, including *A Trip to Quapaw June 1903* by Bishop M. Lawrence, edited and annotated by Velma Nieberding, 27 pages
- L. Skiatook, St. William Church, 1919-1970, .2 cubic foot:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1919-1921, 1923, 1925-1930, 1932, 1937-1939, 1942, 1945-1949, 1950-1958, 1961-1962, 1964-1965, 1967-1969, .15 cubic foot: Major correspondents include Reverends Thomas Gorman, B.N. Forner, and George Forner and Bishops Francis Kelley, and Eugene McGuinness
  - 2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1960, 1 folder
  - 3. Photographs, n.d., 3 prints
  - 4. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder
- M. Vinita, Holy Ghost Church and Sacred Heart Institute, 1894-1931, n.d., 2 folders:
  - 1. Correspondence, 1894, 1896-1897, 1899, 1902-1903, 1905-1908, 1910-1912, 1914-1917, 1921-1931, 69 letters: Major correspondents include Reverends Arthur Versavel, Charles Van Hulse, and John F. Davlin, Bishops Theophile Meerschaert and Francis Kelley, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
  - 2. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder

/2 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1847-1981

Volume: Several hundred microfiche cards

Description: Sacramental records (microfiche) updated every 5 years and arranged alphabetically by parish location; a multi-year indexing project began in 2006 will identify the record locations for attended missions and stations.

- A. Bartlesville, St. John Church, 1906-1911, 1925-1939: includes records for St. Joseph Mission, Cleveland, and Sacred Heart Mission, Claremore

- B. Bixby, St. Clement Church, 1970-1981
- C. Claremore, St. Cecilia Church, 1940-1981
- D. Coalgate, Blessed Sacrament Church, 1876-1925: includes St. Patrick Church, Atoka, and the Indian missions and stations attended from Coalgate, Atoka, Leigh, and St. Michael
- E. Durant, St. William Church, 1912-1981
- F. Eufala, St. Paul Church, 1909-1925, 1941-1942: includes the Indian missions and stations at Checotah, Tahlequah, and Webber's Falls
- G. Fairfax, Sacred Heart Church, 1887-1981
- H. Hartshorne, Holy Rosary Church, 1900-1977: includes St. Edward Mission, Pittsburg, and St. Henry Mission, Bentley
- I. Hominy, St. Joseph Church, 1949-1981
- J. Hugo, Immaculate Conception Church, 1918-1981: includes St. Agnes Mission, Antlers
- K. Krebs, St. Joseph Church, 1887-1897: includes the Indian stations on the Choctaw Reservation, Eufala, Fort Gibson, Muskogee, South Canadian River, Tahlequah, and Vinita
- L. McAlester, St. John Church, 1888-1892, 1977-1981: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from McAlester
- M. Miami, Sacred Heart Church, 1847-1927: includes St. Mary of the Quapaws Mission, Quapaw
- N. Muskogee, Assumption Church, 1890-1969: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from Muskogee
- O. Pawhuska, Immaculate Conception Church, 1887-1908, 1922-1981
- P. Sallisaw, St. Francis Xavier Church, 1969-1981: includes St. John the Evangelist Mission, Cookson, and St. Joseph Mission, Webber's Falls
- Q. Sand Springs, St. Patrick Church, 1920-1932: includes Sacred Heart Mission, Claremore, and St. Joseph Mission, Cleveland
- R. Sapulpa, Sacred Heart Church, 1909-1912, 1965-1973: includes the Indian stations at Claremore and Skiatook and St. Clement Mission, Bixby
- S. Skiatook, St. William Church, 1921-1981
- T. Stillwater, St. Francis Xavier Church, 1900-1904, 1915-1949: includes the Cleveland station, St. John the Evangelist Mission, Pawnee, and Sacred Heart Mission, Fairfax
- U. Tahlequah, St. Brigid Church, 1909-1981: includes the Indian stations attended from Holy Cross Church, Wagoner, and students at the Cherokee Government Indian School
- V. Tulsa, Holy Family Cathedral, 1899-1910, 1917-1920: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from Tulsa
- W. Vinita, Holy Ghost Church, 1867, 1869, 1892-ca. 1920s