



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Archdiocese of Milwaukee*  
WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE

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**Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives**

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<http://www.archmil.org/default.asp>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00  
Access: Some restrictions apply  
Copying facilities: Yes

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Catholic Cemeteries  
7301 West Nash Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216  
<http://www.cemeteries.org>

Access: Burial records for archdiocesan cemeteries are accessible  
Online; parish cemeteries not included

History: In 1843 Milwaukee was erected as a diocese that initially encompassed most of Wisconsin and in 1875 it was elevated to an archdiocese. Previously Wisconsin had been part of the dioceses of Quebec, 1674-1796, Baltimore, 1796-1808, Bardstown, Kentucky, 1808-1821, Cincinnati, 1821-1838, and Detroit, 1838-1843. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee reported no baptized Native American Catholics for Southeast Wisconsin in 1900 and 5,000 in 1999. Within Southeast Wisconsin the Milwaukee Archdiocese has included the following Indian school, center, and parish:

1884-1889 (closed)	Good Shepherd School (Ojibwa), Milwaukee
1980-1988 (closed)	Siggenauk Center (Menominee, Ojibwa, and other), Milwaukee
1988-present	Congregation of the Great Spirit (Menominee, Ojibwa, and other), Milwaukee
1988-2004 (closed)	Siggenauk Interfaith Spiritual Center (various), Milwaukee

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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1970s-present

Volume: Few items

Description: 3 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Archbishops' Papers: Rembert George Weakland (1927- ), O.S.B.

Inclusive dates: 1977-2002

Volume: Few letters

Description: Contain a few letters, re: Siggenauk Center, Congregation of the Great Spirit, and the Siggenauk Interfaith Spiritual Center.

/2 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1980-present

Volume: Few entries among a few volumes and a few reels of microfilm, in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location and there under by parish name.

- A. Milwaukee, Congregation of the Great Spirit, 1988-present; microfilm only
- B. Holy Spirit Church (closed), 1980-1988; includes Siggenauk Center, in part; microfilm only with original records at St. Rafael Church
- C. Milwaukee, St. Barbara Church (closed), 1980-1988; includes Siggenauk Center, in part; microfilm only with original records at St. Rafael Church
- D. Milwaukee, St. Mathew Church (closed), 1980-1988; includes Siggenauk Center, in part; few entries among a few original volumes plus microfilm
- E. Milwaukee, St. Michael Church, 1980-1988; includes Siggenauk Center, in part; microfilm only
- F. Wauwatosa, Christ the King Church, 1980-1988; includes Siggenauk Center, in part; microfilm only

/3 Archdiocesan Newspapers

Inclusive dates: 1970s-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: Since the 1970s, *The Catholic Herald Citizen*, formerly *The Star of Bethlehem* and other titles, has included occasional Articles pertaining to American Indians and Catholic evangelization within the Archdiocese.

#### Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans: Include a few records of American Indian burials.