



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Fairbanks
ALASKA, GALENA

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St. John Berchmans Church

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<http://www.cbna.info/churches/galena.html>

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History:

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| 1870s? | Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Canada) visited Galena (Koyukon) |
| 1880s? | Jesuits (Turin Province) visited Galena |
| 1921-1960 | Jesuits (formerly California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and attended St. John Berchmans Mission (Koyukon) from St. Peter's, Nulato |
| 1960-1970 | Became a parish; Jesuits administered St. John Berchmans Church |
| 1966-1980 | Jesuits attended St. John's from St. Aloysius, Tanana |
| 1978-1990 | St. Columbans Foreign Mission Society (American Region, St. Columbans, Nebraska) administered St. John's |
| 1981-1990 | Various women religious ministered to St. John's including 1 or more members of the Sisters of St. Ann, Dominican Sisters, and Sisters of Notre Dame |
| 1990-present | Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri), Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (Milwaukee Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin), and diocesan priests have shared administration of St. John's |
| 2003-present | The Kateri Tekakwitha Native Interior Ministry Study Center was established and administered at St. John's by a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and a Sister of St. Joseph |

Jesuits, St. Columbans Foreign Mission Society, and Franciscans from St. John's have attended the following Indian and Eskimo missions:

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| 1960-1966 (became a parish) | St. Aloysius Church (Eskimo), Tanana |
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1960-1987 (became a parish) St. Peter in Chains Mission (Koyukon), Ruby
1980-after 1990 (became a parish) St. Patrick Mission (Koyukon), Koyukuk
1998-present Our Lady of the Snows Church (Koyukon), Nulatto

Various priests and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have attended St. Francis Regis Mission (Koyukon), Huslia, 1989-present.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1960-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. John Berchmans Church and its attended Indian and Eskimo missions.