



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

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Holy Cross Mission

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History:

1888-1984	Jesuits (formerly Turin, Canada, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered Holy Cross Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik), Holy Cross/ Koserefsky
1888-1956 (school closed)	Jesuits with Sisters of St. Ann (formerly Lachine and St. Joseph; now St. Marie Province, Marlboro, Massachusetts) established and administered Holy Cross Boarding and Day School and Orphanage (Eskimo, Ingalik, and others)
1888-late 1950s	Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross in pre-school, catechizing, medical care, and fishing/gardening
1956	Students were transferred by airplane from Holy Cross to Copper Valley School, Glenallen, in "Operation Snowbird"
1956-1966, 1968-1969	Three Sisters of St. Ann with lay volunteers ministered to Holy Cross
1984-1992	A diocesan priest attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa's, Aniak
1987-1993	Two Sisters of St. Ann ministered to Holy Cross
1992-1998, 2001-present	Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Cross from St. Theresa's, Aniak
1998-2000	Lay administrators administered Holy Cross

Jesuits from Holy Cross attended the following Indian and Eskimo missions:

1890s	Bethel station (Eskimo); also attended from St. Joseph's, Tununak
1896-1920 (closed)	Sacred Heart and Shagelok/ Shageluk River District stations (Koyukon)
1929-1970 (closed)	St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute
1980-1984 (became a parish)	St. Theresa Church (Eskimo), Aniak

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Holy Cross Mission and its attended Indian and Eskimo missions.