



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

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**St. Joseph Mission**

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History:

1889-1892	Jesuits (Turin Province) established and administered St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Nelson Island
1890-1892 (closed)	Jesuits established and staffed a school (Eskimo) at St. Joseph's
1892-1927, 1928-1934	Jesuits (formerly Turin, Canadian, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon), including Reverend Martin Lonneux, S.J. (1900-1953) attended St. Joseph's from St. Mary's, Akulurak
1927-1928, 1934-1935	Jesuits administered St. Joseph Mission
1931-1960s	Catechists (Eskimo) staffed St. Joseph Mission
1962-present	Became a parish; Jesuits have administered St. Joseph Mission assisted by permanent deacons (Eskimo)
1968-1976	A Jesuit lay volunteer staffed a Montessori school at St. Joseph's
1978-1987	A Dominican Sister served St. Joseph's

Jesuits from St. Joseph's attended the following Eskimo missions and stations:

1890s	Bethel, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; also attended from Holy Cross, Holy Cross Umkumute station
1930-1970 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cheforniak)	
1964-1980s	St. Peter the Fisherman Mission, Toksook Bay
1979-1990s	Christ the King Chapel, Umkumute
1980s (became a parish)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission, Nightmute

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: ca. 1890-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. Joseph Church and its attended Eskimo missions and station.