



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Tucson
ARIZONA, TOPAWA

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San Solano Missions

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History: St. Catherine Church, Topawa, Tohono O'odham Reservation, was established in 1908. In 1912, it became the Franciscans' (Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) mission headquarters for San Solano Missions, which has attended the following Tohono O'odham Indian missions on the Tohono O'odham/ Papago Reservation:

1912-present	St. Augustine Mission, Chuichu
1913-present	St. Elizabeth Mission, Cockleburr
1913-1950, 1960-present	Coyote Village Mission, Coyote Fields
1913-1950, 1970-present	St. Peter/ San Pedro Village Mission, San Pedro
1913-1964 (closed)	Ss. Simon and Jude Mission, Gila Bend
1917-present	Vaf Kuech Village Mission
1920-present	Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Cowlic Mission, Cowlic
1930-present	Lady of the Sacred Heart Mission, Covered Wells
1930-present	St. Clare Mission, Anegam
1930-present	St. Elizabeth Mission, Santa Rosa
1930-present	St. Mary Mission, Cobabi
1930-present	Queen/ Our Lady of Angels Mission, San Miguel
1930-present	St. Aloysius Mission, Big Field
1930-present	San Jose Mission, Pisinemo
1932-1970 (closed?)	St. Margaret Mary Chapel, Emika
1936-1941 (closed)	Sacred Heart School, Sells
1938-present	San Serafin Mission, Ak Chin
1940-1990 (closed?)	Kaka station
1940-present	Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, Sells
1940-present	St. Paschal Mission, Vamori
1940-present	Santa Cruz Mission, Santa Cruz
1940-present	Our Lady of Lourdes Mission, Little Tucson
1940-present	St. Paul Mission, Fresnal
1940-present	St. Anthony Mission, Gu Vo
1940-present	Sacred Heart Mission, Comobabi
1940-present	St. Agatha/ St. Maurice Mission, Sil Nakya
1940-present	Santa Rosa Ranch Mission, Santa Rosa Ranch [Same as St. Elizabeth Mission, Santa Rosa?]
1940-present	St. Martin Mission, Gunsight
1940-present	Immaculate Conception/ Santa Maria Mission, Ventana
1940-present	St. Anthony Mission, Cold Fields
ca. 1950 (closed?)	Big Flats Chapel, Big Flats

ca. 1950 (closed?)	Cubo Chapel, Cubo
ca. 1950 (closed?)	Copeka Chapel, Copeka
ca. 1950 (closed?)	Lourdes Church and School, Lourdes
ca. 1950 (closed?)	Pacinimo Church and School, Pacinimo
ca. 1950 (closed?)	San Lorenzo Chapel, San Lorenzo
ca. 1950 (closed?)	Wahewa Vo Chapel, Wahewa Vo
1950-present	Ss. Peter and Paul/ St. Rafael Mission, Meneger's Dam
1950-present	St. Simon Mission, San Simon
1950-present	St. Therese Mission, Pia Oik
1950-present	San Isidro Mission, Havana Nakya
1950-present	Queenswell Village/ Queen's Wells Mission, Queenswell Village/Queen's Wells
1950-present	St. Barbara Mission, Vaya Chin
1950-present	Santa Maria Mission, Nolic
1950-present	Choulic Mission, Choulic
1950-present	St. Mary Mission, South Hickiwan
1960-present	St. Ignatius Mission, North Komelic
1960-present	St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Kohatk
1960-present	St. Francis Mission, South Hickiwan
1960-present	San Isidro Mission, Sikul Himatk
1960-present	Mount Carmel Mission, San Carmelo
1960-present	St. Jude Mission, South Komelic
1970-present	Santa Cruz Mission, Charco 27
1970-present	Santa Cruz Mission, Komovo
1970-present	St. Louis Mission, San Luis
1980-present	St. Francis Mission, Whitehorse Pass
1980-present	St. Clare Mission, Cockleburr
1980-present	St. Anthony Mission, Jackrabbitt
Unknown-present	St. Francis Mission, Cockleburr
Unknown-present	San Jose Mission, North Hickiwan
Unknown-present	Pan Tak Village Mission, Pan Tak Village
Unknown-present	St. Francis Xavier Mission, unknown village
Unknown-present	St. Michael Mission, New Fields

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (United States Province, Tucson, Arizona) staffed the following Tohono O'odham Indian schools on the Tohono O'odham Reservation:

1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange)	St. Anthony School, Topawa
1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange)	St. Joseph School, San Miguel
1930-1939 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange)	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
1930-1939 (closed)	Our Lady of Lourdes School, Little Tucson
1930-1939 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity)	St. Joseph School, Pisinemo
1932-1936 (closed)	Gue Va School, Gue Va
1932-1936 (transferred to Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange)	St. Aloysius School, Big Fields
1932-1939 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity)	Sacred Heart School, Covered Wells

Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (Orange, California) staffed the following Tohono O'odham Indian schools on the Tohono O'odham Reservation:

1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity)	St. Anthony School (Tohono, Topawa)
1939-1941 (closed)	St. Aloysius School, Big Fields
1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity)	St. Paschal School, Vamuri
1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity)	Cold Fields School, Cold Fields
1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity)	Tecolote Valley School, Tecolote Valley
1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity)	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
1939-1941 (transferred to Franciscan Sisters of Charity)	St. Joseph School, San Miguel

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) have staffed, at least in part, the following Tohono O'odham Indian schools on the Tohono O'odham Reservation:

1939-1985 (transferred to School Sisters of Notre Dame)	Sacred Heart School, Covered Wells
1939-present	St. Joseph School, Pisinemo
1941-1943 (closed)	Cold Fields School, Cold Fields
1941-1943 (closed)	Tecolote Valley School, Tecolote Valley
1941-1961 (closed)	Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Cowlic
1941-1960 (closed)	St. Joseph School, San Miguel
1941-1943 (closed)	St. Paschal School, Vamuri
1941-1968 (merged with Sells Public Schools)	St. Anthony School, Topawa
1994-2002	Public elementary and secondary schools, Sells and Topawa

School Sisters of Notre Dame (Dallas Province, Dallas, Texas) have staffed Sacred Heart Mission School (Tohono O'odham), Covered Wells, Tohono O'odham Reservation, 1985-present.

Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family (Dubuque, Iowa) have evangelized San Solano Missions, 1994-present.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1909-present

Volume: Several volumes and files

Description: 2 series include Native Catholic records:

1/ San Solano Mission Reports

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: At least 5 volumes

Description: Annual mission and school reports.

2/ Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1908-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description:

- A. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Florence, 1922-1954; few Pima Indians
- B. Immaculate Conception Mission, Ajo, 1955-1956; few Tohono O'odham Indians
- C. [Fort Yuma Government Indian School?], Fort Yuma, dates unknown; Yuma Indians
- D. San Solano Missions, Topawa, dates unknown; Tohono O'odham Indians
- E. Santa Cruz Mission, Tucson, dates unknown; Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O'odham Indians
- F. St. Anthony of Padua Church, Casa Grande, 1932-1958; Maricopa, Pima, and Tohono O'odham Indians
- G. St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson, dates unknown; few Pima, Tohono O'odham and/or Yaqui Indians
- H. St. Catherine Mission, Topawa, dates unknown; Tohono O'odham Indians
- I. Unidentified parishes, 1913-1952, 1 volume; marriage registrar; no Indians known