



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Fresno*  
CALIFORNIA, FRESNO

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History: The Diocese of Fresno was erected in 1967 from part of the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno. In 1999 the Fresno Diocese reported fewer than 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics. The Fresno Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions and parishes:

1893-1950 (closed) (Fresno, 1967)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Miwok), Tejon
1912-present (Fresno, 1967-present)	Mater Dolorosa Mission (Yokuts), Terra Bella
1912-present (Fresno, 1967-present)	St. Peter Church (Yokuts), Lemoore
1920-present (Fresno, 1967-present)	St. Edward Mission (Yokuts), Stratford
1926-present (Fresno, 1967-present)	Santa Rosa Mission (Yokuts), Santa Rosa Rancheria
1926-present	St. Rose Mission (Yokuts), Tache Reservation
1933-present (Fresno, 1967-present)	St. Rita Mission (Miwok), Squaw Valley

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1896-present

Volume: Approximately .05 cubic foot

Description: Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1892-present

Volume: Few reels of microfilm, in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; the following non-Indian parishes have had at least a few Indian parishioners and/or attended Indian missions.

1. Bakersfield, St. Joseph Church, 1913-1950
2. Hanford, St. Bridget Church, 1896-1912
3. Lemoore, St. Peter Church, 1920-present
4. Orange Cove, St. Isidore the Farmer Church, 1980-present
5. Porterville, St. Anne Church, 1912-present

6. Sanger, St. Mary Church, 1933-1980