



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of San Diego
CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

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History: In 1936, the Diocese of San Diego was erected for Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties from portions of the Diocese of Los Angeles-San Diego and in 1978, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties became the Diocese of San Bernardino. In 1999, the San Diego Diocese reported 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics. The San Diego Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools:

1769-1853, 1862-1907 (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936)	San Diego de Alcalá Mission (Campo), San Diego
1780-1781 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)	Puerto de la Purísima Concepción Mission (Yuma), Fort Yuma
1795-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	San Antonio de Pala Mission (Aguas Calientes, Cahuilla, Campo and Cupeño), Pala, Pala Reservation
1798-1900? (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936)	San Luís Rey de Francia Mission (Aguas Calientes), Oceanside
1818-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Warners Springs
1818-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Santa Ysabel Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Santa Ysabel
1858-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	St. Joseph Mission (Aguas Calientes), San Jacinto
1878-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	Santa Rosa Mission (Yokuts), Santa Rosa
1884-1929 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)	Fort Yuma Government School (Yuma), Fort Yuma
1886-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Our Lady of Refuge Mission (Aguas Calientes), La Jolla
1887-1907 (closed) (San Diego, 1936)	St. Anthony School (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), San Diego

1890-1952 (no longer Indian) (San Diego, 1936-1978)	St. Boniface Mission and School (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Riverside
1890-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	St. Mary Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, Cupeño), Banning, Morongo Reservation
1890-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	St. Florian Mission (Cahuilla, Serrano, and Cupeño), Cabazon
1894-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Thomas Mission (Yuma), Winterhaven, Quechan Reservation
1898-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Dominic Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Mesa Grande
1903-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Mary Mission/ Holy Trinity Church (Campo), El Cajon
1903-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Peter/ St. Therese Mission (Campo), Jamul
1904-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Mission (Cahuilla), Thermal, Torres-Martinez Reservation
1909-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	St. Michael Mission (Aguas Calientes), Temecula, Pechanga Reservation
1912-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Campo), Boulevarde-Manzanita
1918-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), El Cajon
1918-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Immaculate Conception Mission (Campo), Sycuan Reservation
1920s-1990s (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Michael Mission (Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Cosmit-Inaja Reservation
1925-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission and School (Cahuilla and Campo), San Ysidro
1930-present (San Diego, 1936-1978)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Cahuilla), Riverside
1930-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. James Mission (Aguas Calientes), Valley Center/ Pauma, Pauma Reservation
1930-present (San Diego, 1936-present)	St. Bartholomew Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Rincon Reservation
1940-present	St. Adelaide Mission (Campo), Cameron Corners
1960-1989 (closed?)	San Antonio de Pala School (Cahuilla, Campo, and Cupeño), Pala, Pala Reservation
1982-present	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), Lakeside
1982-present	St. Kateri Tekakwitha/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission (Campo), Lakeside
1982-present	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Campo), Alpine
2000-present	El Centro Guadalupaño Mission (Cahuilla, Campo, Cupeño, and Yuma), Valley Center

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1769-present

Volume: Approximately .2 cubic foot

Description: The Diocese of San Diego Archives are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

/1 "Bishops Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1936-present

Volume: Few letters

Description: Divided by administration.

- A. Bishop Charles Francis Buddy (1887-1966), ca. 1936-1966; Reverend Bonaventure [Oblasser, O.F.M.?], was a notable correspondent since 1938
- B. Bishop Francis James Furey (1905-1979), ca. 1963-1969
- C. Bishop Leo Thomas Maher (1915-1991), ca. 1969-1990
- D. Bishop Robert Henry Brom (1938-), ca. 1990-present

/2 "Parish File"

Inclusive dates: 1891-1911, 1952-1964, n.d.

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; re: Santa Ysabel Mission, Santa Ysabel includes parish history and photographs of sketches by Russell and Elaina Quinn.

/3 "Sacramental Records"

Inclusive dates: 1769-present

Volume: 21 reels of microfilm, in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for Indian and non-Indian parishes with a few Indian parishioners and/or attended Indian missions and stations; microfilmed by Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

- A. El Cajon, Our Lady of Grace Church, 1954-present, 2 reels
- B. El Cajon, Holy Trinity Church, 1917-present, 1 reel
- C. Oceanside, San Luis Rey de Francia Mission, 1869-present, 3 reels
- D. Pala, San Antonio de Pala Mission, 1903-present, 2 reels
- E. San Diego, St. Joseph Cathedral, 1856-present, 4 reels
- F. San Diego, San Diego de Alcalá Mission, 1775?-present, 2 reels
- G. San Ysidro, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission, 1925-present, 2 reels
- H. Santa Ysabel, Santa Ysabel Mission, 1937-present, 2 reels
- I. Winterhaven/ Fort Yuma, St. Thomas Mission, 1894-present, 3 reels

/4 "Diocesan Newspaper"

Inclusive dates: 1913-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: *The Southern Cross*, <http://www.thesoutherncross.org/>, has included a few articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese.