



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Orange in California*  
CALIFORNIA, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

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**Diocese of Orange in California Archives**

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Hours: By appointment only, Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00

Access: Some restrictions apply

Copying facilities: Yes

History: In 1976, the Diocese of Orange was erected for Orange County from part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The Orange Diocese and its predecessors have administered Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano.

History of San Juan Capistrano Mission Basilica

1775 (closed), 1776-1834 (Orange, 1976-present)	Franciscans (Santo Evangelico Province, Mexico City, Mexico) established and administered San Juan Capistrano Mission (Agua Calientes and Juaneño)
1834-1845 (Indians declined) (closed), 1865-present (Orange, 1976-present)	Diocesan priests have administered San Juan Capistrano

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1776-present

Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: 2 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files: Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano

Inclusive dates: 1850s-present

Volume: Several items within approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: Clippings, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera, re: the mission with a few items on American Indians.

/2 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1776-present

Volume: Several volumes and few reels of microfilm

Description: parishes are arranged alphabetically by location and there under by name; re: Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, which includes at least a few American Indian records to the present.