



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**  
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The Oblates of Mary Immaculate established the United States Province in 1999 by restructuring its U.S. provinces as areas under one national province. The former North Central and Southern Provinces, now the North Central and Southern Areas, have administered the following Indian missions and parishes:

History: The Oblates of Mary Immaculate of the North Central and Southern Areas/ Provinces have worked at the following Indian missions, children's home, and station:

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| 1923-1965 (closed) | St. Benedict Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton),<br>Peevey Ranch, Lake Traverse Reservation, South<br>Dakota      |
| 1923-present       | St. Matthew Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton),<br>Veblen, Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota                |
| 1927-present       | Immaculate Conception Mission (Ojibwa), Nett Lake,<br>Nett Lake Reservation, Minnesota                         |
| 1935-1938 (closed) | Our Lady of the Snows Mission (Sisseton and<br>Wahpeton), Sisseton, Lake Traverse Reservation,<br>South Dakota |
| 1938-1969 (closed) | Tekakwitha Children's Home (Sisseton and<br>Wahpeton), Sisseton, Lake Traverse Reservation,<br>South Dakota    |
| 1956-present       | St. Joseph Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton),<br>Pickerel Lake, Lake Traverse Reservation, South<br>Dakota       |
| 1958-present       | St. Catherine Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton),<br>Sisseton, Lake Traverse Reservation, South<br>Dakota         |
| 1962-present       | St. Catherine Mission (Ojibwa), Squaw Lake,<br>Minnesota                                                       |
| 1970-present       | Kickapoo Reservation station (Kickapoo), Eagle<br>Pass, Texas                                                  |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume: Approximately 1.4 cubic feet

Description: The description is limited to records surveyed in 1980 at the North Central Area Office. At that time, an outline of a classification system had been developed, but arrangement and description of the archival records had not begun. Consequently, only approximations regarding dates and volume had been made. Three series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Provincial Administrations"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume Approximately .8 cubic foot

Description: This series is arranged chronologically by administration. Files contain 4 basic types of records dealing with Indian mission activity.

- A. Correspondence between the provincials and the bishops regarding the Indian missions
- B. Records dealing with land or property
- C. Financial and statistical reports, monthly, quarterly, and annual, from the Indian missions to the province
- D. Mission newsletters, letters of solicitation, and the like

/2 "Correspondence Files of Members of the Province - with the Provincial"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot

Description: Files are divided into deceased and living members thereunder arranged alphabetically by surname. A review of the files of some of the more prominent Indian missionaries of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate revealed the following:

#### Deceased Members

Pohlen, Reverend John, O.M.I., 1931-1969, 4 folders:

primarily correspondence from the Missions and Children's Home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota, with former Provincials Reverend Aloys

Rosenthal, O.M.I., Reverend Alphonse Simon, O.M.I., Reverend Edwin Guild, O.M.I., Stanley Sergot, O.M.I., and Reverend William Coovert, O.M.I.

#### Living Members

1. Antus, Reverend Lawrence, O.M.I., 1959-1975, 2 folders: regarding Immaculate Conception Mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincials Reverend Stanley Sergot, O.M.I., Reverend William Coovert, O.M.I., Reverend Leo Figge, O.M.I., and Reverend Francis George, O.M.I., primarily
2. Bladus, Reverend Leonard, O.M.I., 1969-1979, 3 folders: primarily correspondence from the Missions and Children's Home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota, with former Provincials Reverend Leo Figge, O.M.I., Reverend Francis George, O.M.I., and Reverend William Woestman, O.M.I.
3. Fitzgerald, Reverend Vincent, O.M.I., 1956-1973, 1 folder: primarily correspondence regarding Immaculate Conception mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, and St. Catherine Church, Squaw Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincials Reverend Stanley Sergot, O.M.I., Reverend William Coovert, O.M.I., and Reverend Leo Figge, O.M.I.

4. Hitpas, Reverend Thomas, O.M.I., 1973-1978, 1 folder: primarily correspondence regarding Immaculate Conception mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincial Reverend William Woestman, O.M.I.

/3 Photographs

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description: The majority of the photographs are from the missions and children's home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota.