



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**

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*Diocese of Jackson*  
MISSISSIPPI, PHILADELPHIA (TUCKER)

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**Holy Rosary Indian Mission**

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History:

1883-1884	Father B.J. Bekkers visited the Choctaw Indians of the Tucker area
1884-1911	Father Bekkers established and administered Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mission (Choctaw), Tucker
1885-1906	Father Bekkers added a day school, which the Sisters of Mercy (then St. Francis Xavier Convent, Vicksburg, Mississippi; later St. Louis Regional Community, St. Louis, Missouri) administered
By 1903	Many Choctaw Indians moved to the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma, but later, several returned to Tucker
1900-1905	Rosminians [Institute of Charity] (Peoria, Illinois) administered Holy Rosary
1905-1922	A diocesan priest administered Holy Rosary
1906-1944	Holy Rosary school continued with a lay teacher
1922-1932	The Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Arlington, Virginia) administered Holy Rosary and Tekakwitha House (catechetical program)
1932-1946	A diocesan priest administered Holy Rosary
1934-1944	Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) administered Tekakwitha House (catechetical program)
1946-present	Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (Arlington, Virginia) have administered Holy Rosary
1970-1980	Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) administered the catechetical program

Since 1903, priests residing at Holy Rosary attended the following Choctaw Indian missions and stations:

1903-1916	Forest station, Scott County
1914-1923	Lake station, Newton and Scott Counties
1923-1944	Standing Pine station, Leake County

1944-present	St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Conehatta
1945-1950	Pearl River station, Neshoba County
1950-1970	St. Francis de Sales Mission, Pearl River, Neshoba County
1973-present	St. Theresa Mission, Pearl River, Neshoba County

Holding of Catholic-related records about Native Americans are unknown.