



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend*  
INDIANA, NOTRE DAME

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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1799-1960s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet and 5 reels of microfilm

Description: 18 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Baltimore, Archdiocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1960s

Volume: Few items within 1.5 cubic feet and 42 reels of microfilm

Description: Includes correspondence between the Archbishops of Baltimore and other bishops and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, re: Indian mission and schools throughout the United States.

/2 "Blanchet Papers, [Archbishop] Francis Norbert"

Inclusive dates: 1846-1902

Volume: 15 of 30 letters plus clippings and pamphlets within .2 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence of an Indian missionary in the Pacific Northwest who served as the Vicar General of the Oregon Country and the first Archbishop of Oregon City (now Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon). In 1839, Blanchet created the first Catholic ladder, a singular mnemonic and pictorial catechism for evangelizing Native Americans who spoke diverse languages. Major correspondents include Major Edward Mallet, 1881-1882, and Bishop Augustin Magloire Alexandre Blachet of Vancouver's Island (then a suffragan of Oregon City and now the Archdiocese of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), 1883. Related pamphlets and clippings also included.

/3 "Catholic Central Verein of America"

Inclusive dates: 1871-1952

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot within 11.0 cubic feet

Description: The Central Verein was a national federation of German- American mutual aid societies established in 1855. Included is a limited amount of correspondence with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and Indian missionaries throughout the United States, re: financing of Indian mission and schools.

/4 "Cincinnati, Archdiocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1815-1870s

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot within 4.5 cubic feet

Description: Includes a limited amount of correspondence between Indian missionaries and Bishops Edward D. Fenwick and John B. Purcell. Major correspondents include Reverends Frederic Baraga and Stephen T. Badin.

/5 "Detroit, Archdiocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1810s-1870

Volume: Approximately .6 cubic foot within 2.5 cubic feet

Description:

- A. Correspondence (some copies), 1810s-1870, .4 cubic feet; major correspondents include Reverends Frederic Baraga, Gabriel Richard, Francis Pierz, and Stephen T. Badin and Bishops John Frédéric Résé and Peter Lefevre
- B. Diary (copy) of Reverend Frederic Baraga, 1816-1822, 1 volume
- C. Baptismal register (copy) for St. Joseph Mission, La Pointe Wisconsin, 1835-1854, 1 volume
- D. Indian prayer book, 1820, 1 volume
- E. "Forty-three Years in the Life of a Missionary Apostolic in Europe, Asia, and America," by Reverend Louis Baroux, n.d., 2 volumes; handwritten manuscripts

/6 "Holy Family Mission, Montana Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1890s-1929

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description:

- A. Chronicle (copy) for Holy Family Mission (Siksika), Browning, Montana, 1908-1917, 200 pages
- B. History of Holy Family Mission, 1890s-1929, 1 folder: comprised primarily of "Historia Domus" and "Litterae Annuae"

/7 "Hudson, Daniel Eldred (1849-1934)"

Inclusive dates: 1873-1933

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot within 8 cubic feet

Description: Editor of *Ave Maria*, from 1873-1924; primarily of correspondence with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, re: financing of Catholic Indian missions and schools throughout the United States.

/8 "Indian Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1881-1939

Volume: 50 items

Description: Primarily clippings, re: Catholic Church involvement with American Indians; also a letter by Reverend J.B. Miede, 1881, scattered issues of *Anishinabe Enamiad* of Holy Childhood Mission (Ottawa), Harbor Springs, Michigan, 1896-1898, and historical notes.

/9 "Leopoldinen Stiftung, Der"

Inclusive dates: 1828-1912

Volume: Approximately 5% within 18 reels of microfilm

Description: The collection contains 16 reels of letters from missionaries to the Society and 2 reels of annual reports from U.S. dioceses and religious communities. The correspondence and reports are primarily concerned with describing conditions at the missions and requesting funds. There are calendars arranged chronologically and by name. Further information is provided in the entry for the Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria.

/10 "Ludwigs, Verein"

Inclusive dates: 1831-1875

Volume: Less than 1 reel within 7 reels of microfilm

Description: The collection contains 5 reels of correspondence arranged by diocese and 2 reels of the Society's magazine, which routinely published letters of missionaries, most of which pertain to conditions at the missions and requests for funds. There is a calendar arranged by name.

/11 "McMaster, James Alphonsus"

Inclusive dates: 1844-1888

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot within 5,000 items

Description: McMaster (1820-1886) edited the *Freeman's Journal and Catholic Register* from 1844-1888. His papers contain a few letters, re: Catholic Indian mission activities and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

/12 "Marquette, Diocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1830s, 1895, n.d.

Volume: .5 cubic foot within 4.0 cubic feet

Description:

- A. Correspondence (mostly typescripts), 1830s-1895, .2 cubic foot; by Reverends Frederic Baraga and Ignatius Mrak, both Indian missionaries and bishops of the Diocese of Marquette
- B. Indian language records, 1830s-1860s, n.d., 10 volumes: includes catechisms and religious exercises in Ojibwa and Ottawa by Reverends Ignatius Mrak and Francis Pierz; a Ojibwa, French, and German dictionary in manuscript; and a copy of a Compendium of Catechism and Sermons in Ottawa, by Reverend Louis Sifferath

/13 "New Orleans, Archdiocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1860s

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot within 32 cubic feet

Description: Few letters between the Archbishop and missionaries or other bishops regarding Indian mission and school activities. A prominent correspondent is Reverend Adrian Rouquette, who evangelized the Choctaw Indians in Louisiana from 1850s-1860s.

/14 "Propaganda Fide S. Congregation de"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1873

Volume: Approximately 1% of 106 reels of microfilm

Description: The congresso records are divided into 4 series: the decisions of the congregation, the records referred to by a congregation or congresso, the records consulted by a congregation or congresso, and the answers sent to interested parties. Arrangement of the congresso records is alphabetical by country. The Notre Dame Archives has the "America Centrale" sub-series, which comprises the United States and all countries south to Panama. A published calendar to the "America Centrale" records indicated that U.S. Indian missions and schools are a topic but not a prominent one. Most U.S. Indian-related correspondence is with Bishops who administered missions and schools, e.g. Bishops Frederic Baraga, John Frédéric Résé, and Francis N. Blanchet and Indian missionaries at missions and schools, e.g. Reverends Stephen Badin, Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., and Florimond J. Bonduel.

/15 "Rosen, Peter"

Inclusive dates: 1882-1887

Volume: 87 items

Description: Reverend Rosen (1850-1906) was an Indian missionary in South Dakota. His papers contain primarily incoming correspondence. Major correspondents include Bishop Martin Marty and Reverends Edward Sorin, Alexius Granger, and George Willard.

/16 "St. Louis, Archdiocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840s

Volume: Few items within 1 cubic foot and 23 reels of microfilm

Description: Primarily records (copies) from the St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives plus 15 original letters by Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., 1841-1842.

/17 "Society for the Propagation of the Faith"

Inclusive dates: 1822-1930

Volume: Approximately 1 reel within 42 reels of microfilm

Description: The collection is comprised of letters and reports from the United States to the Paris Council, 1828-1930, 27 reels of microfilm, arranged by diocese; and letters and reports to the Lyon Council, 1822-1900, 15 reels of microfilm, arranged chronologically. The index to the correspondence indicated that U.S. Indian missions and schools were topics of discussion. Notable correspondents include Bishops Frederic Baraga, Francis N. Blanchet, and Martin Marty, O.S.B. and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

/18 "Vincennes, Diocese of"

Inclusive dates: 1799-1830s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .2 cubic foot within 2.0 cubic feet and 13 reels of microfilm

Description: Now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

- A. Correspondence (includes copies), 1830s, .1 cubic foot; major correspondents include Bishop Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur and Reverend Benjamin Petit
- B. Journal (copy) of Reverend Benjamin Petit, 1830s, 1 folder
- C. Journal of Reverend Jean F. Rivet, 1799-1803, 1 volume
- D. Historical notes of Reverend Celestine de la Hailandiere, Bishop of Vincennes from 1839-1847, n.d., 1 folder