



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Rapid City
SOUTH DAKOTA, ST. FRANCIS

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St. Francis Mission and St. Charles Church

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History:

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| 1846-1851 | Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., visited Chief Spotted Tail and the Brulé Indians |
| 1846-1851 | Benedictines visited the Rosebud Reservation (Brulé) from the Standing Rock Reservation |
| 1883 | Reverend Francis M. Craft served the Rosebud Reservation station |
| 1886-present | Jesuits (now Wisconsin Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and administered St. Francis Mission (Brulé) |
| 1886-1972
(transferred to
Sicangu Oyate Ho) | Jesuits established and administered St. Francis School (Brulé) |
| 1886-1972 | Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity (now Sacred Heart Province, Denver, Colorado) taught at the school |
| 1972-1980s | Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity have continued to evangelize the Rosebud Reservation parishes |
| 1977-1980s | Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family (Dubuque, Iowa) have evangelized the Rosebud Reservation parishes, e.g. St. Agnes Church, Parmelee and St. Peter Mission, Okreek |

Jesuits from St. Francis attended the following Indian parishes, missions, and stations:

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| 1884-1888 (became a parish) | Pine Ridge Reservation (Oglala) station |
| 1899-ca. 1960s (transferred to St. Peter's, Wood) | St. Peter Mission (Brulé), Okreek/ Oak Creek Rosebud Reservation |
| 1899-ca. 1960s (transferred to Sacred Heart, White River) | St. Ignatius Mission (Brulé), White River, Rosebud Reservation |

1905-1961 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission (Brulé), Red Leaf/ Black Pipe, Rosebud Reservation
1905-ca. 1970s (became a parish)	St. Bridget Mission (Brulé), Rosebud, Rosebud Reservation
1910-ca. 1960s (became a parish)	St. Peter/ Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission (Brulé), Wood/ White Thunder, Rosebud Reservation
1911-1913 (became a parish)	Yankton Reservation (Yankton) station
1911-1925 (closed)	St. Rita Mission (Brulé), Corn Creek, Rosebud Reservation
1911-1950 (closed)	Holy Rosary Mission (Brulé), Dog Ear, Rosebud Reservation
1911-1964 (closed)	St. Catherine Mission (Brulé), Bad Nation, Rosebud Reservation
1911-1975 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), Ring Thunder, Rosebud Reservation
1911-ca. 1975 (transferred to St. Agnes, Parmelee)	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), Upper Cutmeat, Rosebud Reservation
1912-ca. 1970s (transferred to St. Agnes, Parmelee)	Ss. Patrick and Bridget/ Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission (Brulé), He Dog, Rosebud Reservation
1912-present	St. Mary/ St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Brulé), Ironwood, Rosebud Reservation
1912-present	St. Patrick/ St. Andrew Mission (Brulé), Spring Creek, Rosebud Reservation
1913-1952 (closed)	Holy Family Mission (Brulé), Lower Cutmeat, Rosebud Reservation
1915-1946 (transferred to St. Thomas, Mission)	Guardian Angel Chapel (Brulé), Rosebud Boarding School, Rosebud Reservation
1926-1927 (closed)	Our Lady of Victory Mission (Brulé), Bull Creek, Rosebud Reservation
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Thomas, Mission)	St. Theresa Mission (Brulé), Hidden Timber, Rosebud Reservation
1926-1949 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), Lakeview, Rosebud Reservation
1926-present	St. Rose Mission (Brulé), Soldier Creek, Rosebud Reservation
1927-1961 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), White Horse Camp
1927-1975 (became a parish)	St. Agnes Mission (Brulé), Parmelee, Rosebud Reservation
1927-present	Holy Family Mission (Brulé), Horse Creek, Rosebud Reservation
1927-present	Immaculate Conception Mission (Brulé), Two Strike, Rosebud Reservation
1928-1949 (closed)	St. Mary Mission (Brulé), Little White River, Rosebud Reservation
1929-1949 (closed)	St. Mary Mission (Brulé), Hollow Horn Bear, Rosebud Reservation
1929-1951 (closed)	Holy Family/ St. Sophie Mission (Brulé), Cedar Butte, Rosebud Reservation
1930-1934 (transferred to St. Thomas, Mission)	St. Michael Mission (Brulé), Carrollton, Rosebud Reservation

1930-1945 (closed)	St. Francis Xavier Mission (Brulé), Bull Creek
1930-1956 (closed)	St. John the Apostle Mission (Brulé), Mosher
1930-1955 (became a parish)	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), Norris, Rosebud Reservation
1931-1951 (closed)	St. James the Apostle Mission (Brulé), Horse Shoe Butte, Rosebud Reservation
1931-ca. 1970 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission, Bull Creek (Brulé), Rosebud Reservation
1963-1970 (closed)	Sacred Hearts of Mary and Jesus Mission (Brulé), White Horse, Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	Antelope station (Brulé), Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	Sacred Heart Church (Brulé), Norris, Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Brulé), Upper Cutmeat, Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	St. Agnes Church (Brulé), Parmelee, Rosebud Reservation
1982-present	St. Bridget Church (Brulé), Rosebud, Rosebud Reservation
1982-present	St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Brulé), Mission, Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	Ss. Patrick and Bridget Mission (Brulé), He Dog, Rosebud Reservation
1982?-present	St. Peter Mission (Brulé), Okreek, Rosebud Reservation

History of St. Agnes Church

1927-ca. 1970s	Jesuits (formerly Missouri; now Wisconsin Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and attended St. Agnes Mission (Brulé), Parmelee, Rosebud Reservation, from St. Francis Mission, St. Francis
1975-1982?	Became a parish; Jesuits attended St. Agnes Church from St. Thomas, Mission
1982?-present	Jesuits have attended St. Agnes from St. Francis Mission

Jesuits from St. Agnes attended the following Brulé Indian missions on the Rosebud Reservation:

1975-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	Sacred Heart Mission, Upper Cutmeat
1975-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	Ss. Patrick and Bridget Mission, He Dog
1977-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	Sacred Heart Church, Norris

History of St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Unknown-1933	Jesuits (formerly Missouri; now Wisconsin Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and attended St. Thomas the Apostle Mission (Brulé), Mission, Rosebud Reservation, from St. Francis Mission, St. Francis
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1933-1982 Became a parish; Jesuits administered St. Thomas the
 Apostle Church
1982-present Jesuits have attended St. Thomas from St. Francis Mission

Jesuits from St. Thomas attended the following Brulé Indian missions on the
Rosebud Reservation:

1934-unknown (closed)	St. Theresa Mission, Hidden Timber
1934-unknown (closed)	St. Michael Mission, Carrollton
1946-unknown (closed)	Guardian Angel Chapel, Rosebud Boarding School, Rosebud
1975-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	Antelope station
1975-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	St. Agnes Church, Parmelee
1975-1982? (transferred to St. Francis, St. Francis)	St. Peter Mission, Okreek

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1846-1851, 1883-present

Volume: Approximately 2.5 cubic feet

Description: Sacramental records for St. Francis Mission and its attended
Indian parishes, missions, and stations; records for the years 1846-1881
are copies from the originals at the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis,
Missouri. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, administers the non-
current archival records as the St. Francis Mission Records:
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/SFM/SFM-main.shtml>.