



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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IDAHO, CATALDO

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Old Mission State Park

W-280

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00
Access: No restrictions
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History:

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| ca. 1814-1840s | Lay Iroquois Indians from Canada, who were employed by the Northwest Fur Company, intermarried and catechized among the Salish Indians |
| 1821 | Hudson Bay Company employees in the Pacific Northwest [Montana, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington] petitioned for priests from the Vicar General of Upper Louisiana, St. Louis |
| 1831, 1834, 1837, and 1841 | Four delegations of Salish, Iroquois, and Nez Perce Indians attempted to reach and request Jesuit missionaries from Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., in St. Louis whose diocese then apparently included Montana; only the first and fourth delegations reached St. Louis and made their requests whereas the others were killed in route by Indians from enemy tribes |
| 1840-1841 | In response to the fourth request, Reverend Pierre J. de Smet, S.J. visited the Coeur d'Alene, Kalispel, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Salish, and other tribes along the upper Missouri River and throughout the Northwest |
| 1843-1846 (closed) | Reverend Nicholas Point, S.J. established a mission among the Coeur d'Alene Indians |
| 1848-1877 (no longer Indian) | Jesuits (formerly Missouri, Turin, and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered Sacred Heart Mission (Coeur d'Alene), Cataldo |
| 1877-present | Coeur d'Alene Indians relocated to the Coeur d'Alene Reservation and Jesuits established and have administered Sacred Heart Mission, De Smet, Coeur d'Alene Reservation |

1930s-present In honor of their ancestors, Coeur d'Alene Indians
 have visited Sacred Heart Mission and cemetery,
 Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, annually on
 the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th)
1976 Old Mission State Park established at Sacred Heart
 Mission and declared a national landmark in
 1962

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1842-1930

Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: Facsimile records (including selected items within exhibits)
 comprised of correspondence, cemetery records, clippings, photographs,
 paintings and drawings by Reverends Nicholas Point, S.J. and Pierre J. De
 Smet, S.J. and video recording; re: Sacred Heart Mission, the Jesuits, and
 Chief Andrew Seltice (1854-1902) and Coeur d'Alene Indians; from Northwest
 Museum of Arts and Culture [Eastern Washington State Historical Society],
 Spokane, Washington, the Midwest Jesuit Archives [Jesuits Missouri
 Province], St. Louis, Missouri; and Gonzaga University [Jesuits Oregon
 Province Archives], Spokane, Washington.