



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Boise
IDAHO, LAPWAI

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Sacred Heart Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1877-1969	Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) from St. Joseph's, Culdesac established and attended Sacred Heart/ Nez Perce Mission (Nez Perce)
1970-1979	Became a parish; Jesuits administered Sacred Heart Church
1980-1989	Diocesan priests administered Sacred Heart
1990-present	Diocesan priests have attended Sacred Heart from St. James, Lewiston

History of St. Joseph Mission, School, and Children's Home

1874-1965 (closed)	Jesuits (formerly Turin and California, now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and administered St. Joseph Mission (Nez Perce), Culdesac/ Slickpoo, Nez Perce Reservation
1902-1969 (closed)	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (Los Angeles Province, Los Angeles, California)/ Sisters of St. Joseph (Lewiston, Idaho) established and staffed St. Joseph School
ca. 1945-unknown (closed)	Sisters of St. Joseph established and staffed St. Joseph Children's Home

Jesuits from St. Joseph's attended to students at the Fort Lapwai Government Indian School (Nez Perce), Lapwai, 1903-1909.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1894-present

Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot

Description: Sacramental records for Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph Mission.

- A. Sacred Heart Church, 1894-present, 6 volumes; re: baptisms, first communions, confirmations, and burials
- B. St. Joseph Mission, 1867-1893, ca. 1905, 1 volume; re: baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials, 1867-1893 with appended parish census, historical notes, biographical sketches of Reverend Joseph Cataldo, S.J., and his reminiscences of St. Joseph's, ca. 1905