



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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History: Saint John Baptist de la Salle founded the Christian Brothers in 1680. The Midwest Province succeeded the St. Louis Province in 1955. However, Christian Brothers from both provinces have staffed the following Catholic schools serving American Indian students:

1907-1913	St. John School (Osage), Gray Horse, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma
1980s-present	De La Salle High School (Ojibwa and others), Minneapolis, Minnesota; few Indians
1980s-present	San Miguel School (Ojibwa and others), Minneapolis, Minnesota; few Indians
2001-present	De La Salle Blackfeet School (Siksika), Browning, Blackfeet Reservation, Montana

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1888-1913, n.d.

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: The records at the Christian Brothers Midwest Province Archives are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, the description is by record type.

- A. Correspondence, 1907, 1911, 1913, 16 letters; major correspondents include Brother James, Brother Emery, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
- B. "Diary-History," 1888-1910, 30 typed pages; authors unidentified; daily entries
- C. Histories [St. John School, Gray Horse, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma], ca. 1911, 1913, n.d., 35 pages:
 1. History of St. John School, ca. 1911, 9 pages; author unidentified
 2. History of St. John School for the years 1911-1912, written ca. 1913, 17 pages: author unidentified
 3. History of St. John School, n.d., 4 pages: author unidentified
 4. History of St. John School, n.d., 5 pages: author unidentified

- D. Contracts, 1907, 1913, 2 items:
 - 1. Contract (copy), September 4, 1913; with Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People, which includes an inventory of items at St. John School
 - 2. Agreement (copy), August 16, 1907; between the Christian Brothers and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
- E. "General Regulations" for students, n.d.
- F. "Prospectus for the St. John's Indian and Practical Agriculture School," n.d., 1 folder; discusses aim of School, regulations, accommodations, and courses
- G. Lists of students, 1908-1909, 1 folder