



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Archdiocese of Detroit  
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History: Detroit was erected as a diocese in 1833 and an archdiocese in 1937. Previously the Michigan-Wisconsin region was part of the dioceses of Québec, 1674-1796, Baltimore, 1796-1808, Bardstown, Kentucky, 1808-1821, and Cincinnati, 1821-1838. Detroit was reduced to Michigan's Lower Peninsula in 1853. The Archdiocese of Detroit and its predecessors administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools:

1701-1830s (no longer Indian) (Detroit, 1833-ca. 1830s)	Sainte Anne Church (Métis and Wyandot), Detroit/ Fort St. Joseph, Michigan
1780-ca. 1840s (no longer Indian) (Detroit, 1833-ca. 1840s)	St. Ann Church (Ojibwa), Mackinac Island, Michigan
1829-present (Detroit, 1833-1882)	Holy Childhood of Jesus/ St. Peter Church, (Ottawa) Harbor Springs, Michigan
1830-1838 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission and School (Ottawa), Michigan
1830-present (Detroit, 1833-1882)	St. Mary Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Burt Lake/ Sheboygan Village, Michigan
1832-1893 (closed) (Detroit, 1833-1882)	St. Leopold Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Beaver Island, Michigan
1833-1835 (closed)	Winnebago Mission (Winnebago), Wisconsin
1833-ca. 1845 (no longer Indian)	Church of the Blessed Virgin (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Grand River, Michigan
1833-1853 (closed)	St. Vincent de Paul Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Manistique, Michigan
1833-present (Detroit, 1833-1882)	St. Ignatius/ St. Francis Xavier Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Middle Village/Middletown, Michigan
1834-ca. 1940 (no longer Indian) (Detroit, 1834-1853)	Holy Name of Mary Church (Ojibwa), Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

1836-1843 (no longer Indian)	St. John Neopomucene Church (Menominee), Little Chute, Wisconsin
1837-ca. 1930s (no longer Indian) (Detroit, 1837-1853)	St. Ignatius Loyola Church/ St. Ignace Mission (Ojibwa), St. Ignace, Michigan
1838-ca. 1870s (no longer Indian)	Sacred Heart of Mary/ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Ojibwa), Silver Creek, Michigan
ca. 1840-present (Detroit, ca. 1840- 1882)	Holy Cross/ St. Anthony Church (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Cross Village, Michigan
1843-present (Detroit, 1843-1853)	Most Holy Name of Jesus Church (Ojibwa), Assinins, Michigan
1847-1854 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission, Manistee, Michigan
1853-present (Detroit, 1853-1882)	Immaculate Conception/ St. Mary Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Peshabestown/Eagletown, Michigan
1859-1897 (closed), 1927-ca. 1937 (closed) (Detroit, 1859-1882)	St. Francis Solano Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Petoskey, Michigan
1861-1899 (closed) (Detroit, 1861- 1882)	St. Ignatius Mission (Ojibwa and Ottawa), Beaver Island, Michigan

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1704-1882

Volume: 1.3 cubic feet

Description: 3 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Manuscript Collections-Records of Bishops"

Inclusive dates: 1831-1867

Volume: .15 cubic foot

Description: Divided by bishop and arranged chronologically thereunder.

- A. "Bishop [John] Frédéric Résé (1791-1871), Administration, Correspondence and Official Papers," 1831-1841, approximately 45 items: primarily correspondence, two-thirds of which are copies, re: the Green Bay Mission in Wisconsin and the St. Joseph and the Grand River Missions in Michigan; major correspondents include government agents, Reverends Stephen T. Badin, Florimond Bonduel, Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., Henry Schoolcraft (Protestant), and Theodore Van den Broek
- B. "Bishop Peter Paul Lefevere, Administration, Correspondence and Official Papers," 1842-1867, approximately 100 items: primarily correspondence and reports, re: mostly financial matters of the missions at Grand River, L'Anse, and Arbre Croche in Michigan; major correspondents include Reverends Frederic Baraga, Ignatius Mrak, Francis Pierz, and Andrew Piret and representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

/2 "Manuscripts: Bound Volumes"

Inclusive dates: 1810, 1832-1882

Volume: .5 cubic foot

Description:

- A. "Letterbooks, Bishop Lefevere," 1843-1870, approximately 225 items:  
Letterpress books, indexed of outgoing correspondence to government officials and missionaries; prominent correspondents include Reverends Frederic Baraga, Ignatius Mrak, Francis Pierz, and Otto Skolla and the U.S. War Department
- B. "Letterbooks, Bishop Borgess (1826-1890)," 1873-1882, approximately 100 items: letterpress books, most indexed of outgoing correspondence with no more than 10 Indian-related letters per year; major correspondents include Reverends Louis Baroux, Edward Jacker, Ignatius Mrak, and P.S. Zorn
- C. "Letterbooks, Diocesan Officials," 1872-1882, approximately 50 items: letterpress books, partially indexed of outgoing correspondence with an average of less than 5 letters per year re: Indian evangelization
- D. "Financial Records," 1810, 1832-1841, 1843-1854, 1876-1882, 6 volumes: diocesan account books with reports or references to Indian missions and schools administered by Reverends Frederic Baraga, Florimund Bonduel, Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., Francis Pierz, and Gabriel Richard
- E. "Episcopal Registers," 1841-1882, 4 volumes: copies of circular letters, lists of appointments, suspensions, records of ordinations, blessings, and dedications; includes occasional references to Indian missions and missionaries

/3 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1704-1848

Volume: Several entries within 8 volumes and 3 reels of microfilm

Description: Sacramental records for Sainte Anne Church, Detroit.