



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Winona*  
MINNESOTA, WINONA

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History: The Diocese of Winona was erected in 1889. It included the St. Rose of Lima Church and School/ St. Francis Xavier Academy, Avoca, Minnesota, 1884-1896 (closed) (Winona, 1889-1896).

History of St. Rose of Lima Church and School/ St. Francis Xavier Academy

St. Rose of Lima Church and School/ St. Francis Xavier Academy, Avoca, Minnesota, included some Hunkpapa and Ojibwa Indian students.

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| 1882-1885          | The Society of the Holy Child Jesus (Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania) established and staffed St. Francis Xavier Academy, a boarding and day school for young ladies |
| 1880s              | The student body included Hunkpapa Indians from the Standing Rock Reservation under arrangements by Reverend Francis M. Craft                                  |
| 1885-1896 (closed) | The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (St. Paul Province, St. Paul, Minnesota) staffed St. Rose School/ St. Francis Xavier Academy                           |
| 1889               | A fire destroyed St. Rose of Lima Church   |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans are unknown.