



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Crookston
MINNESOTA, CROOKSTON

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History: The Diocese of Crookston was erected in 1909 from a portion of the Diocese of Duluth. Within its area the following missions and parishes have served Ojibwa Indians:

1873-present (Crookston, 1909-present)	St. Benedict Church, White Earth
1879-present (Crookston, 1909-present)	St. Mary Mission, Red Lake
1895-ca. 1940 (no longer Indian) (Crookston, 1909-ca. 1940)	St. Michael Church, Mahnomen
1895-present (Crookston, 1909-present)	St. Joseph Mission, Beaulieu
1896-1964 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum/ Leech Lake
1903-present (Crookston, 1909-present)	St. Theodore Mission, Ponsford
1908-1917 (no longer Indian) (Crookston, 1909-1917)	Assumption Mission, Callaway
1910-present	St. Ann Church, Waubun
1911-present	Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ogema
1915-1966 (closed)	St. Gertrude Mission, Round Lake
1916-present	Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1918-present	St. Anne Church, Naytahwasch
1928-1971 (closed)	St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake
1935-1970 (closed)	St. Anne Mission, St. Vincent
1939-1974 (closed)	Christ the King Mission, Redby
1942-present	St. Francis Cabrini Mission, Big Elbow Lake

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1852-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.7 cubic feet and 18 reels of microfilm

Description: 9 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1928, 1932-present

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence arranged alphabetically by parish location and chronologically there under.

- A. Island Lake, St. Agnes Church, 1967-present, 1 folder
- B. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church and its Indian chapels and stations, 1928, 1932-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include the priests at St. Michael's responsible for the Indian missions and Bishops John H. Peschges, Francis J. Schenk, and Lawrence A. Glenn
- C. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1949-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Andrew Winczewski and Adrian Fox and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn
- D. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Church, 1940-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverends Roman Homar, O.S.B. and Benno Watrin, O.S.B. and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn
- E. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1944-present, 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Maurice Hurrle, Humphrey Zdechlik, Osmund J. Jacobs, and Constantine Thelen, and Bishop Francis Schenk, and Lawrence Glenn
- F. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1951-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverend Cassian A. Ossendorf and Bishops Francis and Lawrence Glenn
- G. Round Lake, St. Gertrude Church, 1948, 1958, 1962, 1965-1966, 1 folder
- H. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1940-present, 2 folders
- I. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, 1942-present, 2 folders: major correspondents include Reverends Valerian Thelen, O.S.B., Alban B. Fruth, and Bishops Francis Schenk and Lawrence Glenn

/2 "Parish Legal Deeds"

Inclusive dates: 1870s-present

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location; contains property records such as deeds, title abstracts, and articles of incorporation. There is 1 folder per Indian mission.

/3 Priests' Files

Inclusive dates: 1938-1939, 1945-present

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Correspondence between the bishops and St. John's Abbey, re: appointments, finances, and general administrative problems of Indian missions within the diocese.

/4 Financial and Statistical Reports

Inclusive dates: 1910-present

Volume: .6 cubic foot

Description: Annual reports arranged alphabetically by parish location.

- A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
- B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, 1916-present, 1 folder
- C. Big Elbow Lake, St. Francis Cabrini Mission, 1938-present, 1 folder
- D. Island Lake, St. Agnes Mission, 1927-1971, 1 folder
- E. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church, 1910-present, 1 folder
- F. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
- G. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, 1911-present, 1 folder
- H. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1910-present, 1 folder
- I. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1919-present, 1 folder
- J. Redby, Christ the King Mission, 1940-1976, 1 folder
- K. Round Lake, St. Gertrude Mission, 1928, 1930-1931, 1935-1936, 1952-1953, 1 folder
- L. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1911-present, 1 folder
- M. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, 1910-present, 1 folder

/5 "History of the Diocese"

Inclusive dates: 1868-present

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location; contains published histories and historical notes for Indian missions at or attended from Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Pembina, Ponsford, Red Lake, and White Earth.

/6 Photographs

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: 39 prints

Description:

- A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, n.d., 2 prints
- B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, n.d., 2 prints
- C. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, n.d., 3 prints
- D. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, n.d., 10 prints
- E. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, n.d., 2 prints
- F. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, n.d., 14 prints
- G. Waubun, St. Ann Church, n.d., 4 prints
- H. White Earth, St. Benedict Church, n.d., 2 prints

/7 "Diocesan General"

Inclusive dates: 1935-present

Volume: .3 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject or name of organization.

- A. "Indian: Bureau of [Catholic Indian] Missions," 1935-present, 4 folders: Correspondence and reports, re: primarily financial transactions; major correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the bishops, and superiors at Indian missions within the Diocese
- B. "Marquette League [for Catholic Indian Missions]," 1950s-present, 1 folder: correspondence between the bishops and the Marquette League, re: financial concerns at Indian missions

/8 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1852-1974

Volume: 18 reels of microfilm

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.

- A. Beaulieu, St. Joseph Church, 1900-1974
- B. Bejou, Immaculate Conception Mission, 1912-1974
- C. Mahnomen, St. Michael Church, 1908-1974
- D. Naytahwaush, St. Anne Church, 1934-1974
- E. Ogema, Most Holy Redeemer Mission, 1911-1974
- F. Ponsford, St. Theodore Church, 1903-1974
- G. Red Lake, Immaculate Conception Church, 1852-1974
- H. Waubun, St. Ann Church, 1915-1974
- I. White Earth, St. Benedict's Church, 1870-1974

/9 Diocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1946-present

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: *Our Northland Diocese* includes occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization within the diocese.