



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Duluth
MINNESOTA, GRAND MARAIS

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St. John Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1837 | Reverend I. Frederic Baraga visited Grand Portage (Ojibwa) |
| 1838-1839 | Reverend Francis Pierz established and administered St. Peter Chapel and School (Ojibwa), Grand Portage |
| 1842 | Reverend Pierz established and administered a chapel and school at Pigeon River (Ojibwa) |
| 1846-1848 | Diocesan priests attended the chapels at Grand Portage and Pigeon River from St. Joseph's, La Pointe, Wisconsin |
| 1848-unknown | Jesuits (Canadian Province, Toronto, Ontario, Canada) established and administered Immaculate Conception Mission, Pigeon River, which in 1849 was moved to Thunder Bay/ Fort William, Ontario, Canada |
| 1849-1856, 1858-1907 | Jesuits attended the stations and later missions at Grand Portage and Grand Marais from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay |
| 1856-1857 | A Jesuit resided at Grand Portage and established a school |
| 1865-1907 | Jesuits established and attended Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay |
| 1894-1907 | Jesuits established and attended St. Francis Xavier Mission, Grand Marais from Immaculate Conception, Thunder Bay |
| 1907-1933 | Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended St. John's/ St. Francis Xavier, Grand Marais from Holy Family, Cloquet |
| 1907-1933 | Benedictines attended Holy Rosary, Grand Portage from Holy Family, Cloquet |
| 1933-present | St. John's became a parish; Benedictines administered St. John Church, which became predominantly non-Indian by ca. 1950s |

Benedictines from St. John's attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

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| 1933-present | Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage |
| 1933-1940 (closed) | St. Francis Xavier Mission, Chippewa Village |

1939-1953 (closed) Cramer station
1939-1953 (closed) Good Harbor Hill station
1939-1956 (closed) Lutsen station
1939-1956 (closed) Hovlan station
1950-1953 (closed) Tofteovlan station

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1938-present

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Description: Sacramental records for St. John's Church and its attended Indian missions and stations.