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Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Open: By appointment

Access: "Correspondence Files of Members of the Province with the Provincial"
are restricted during the lifetime of the individuals involved

Copying facilities: Yes

History: The Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Paul, Minnesota, have worked at
the following Indian missions among the Ojibwa Indians of Minnesota and the
Sisseton and Wahpeton Indian of South Dakota:

1923-1965 (closes)	St. Benedict's Mission, Peevey Ranch, South Dakota
1923-present	St. Matthew's Mission, Veblen, South Dakota
1927-present	Immaculate Conception Mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota
1935-1938 (closes)	Our Lady of the Snows Mission Sisseton, South Dakota
1938-1969 (closes)	Tekakwitha Indian Children's Home, Sisseton, South Dakota
1956-present	St. Joseph's Mission, Pickerel Lake, South Dakota
1958-present	St. Catherine's Mission, Sisseton, South Dakota
1962-present	St. Catherine's Mission, Squaw Lake, Minnesota

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume: Approximately 1.4 cubic feet

Description: An outline of a classification system has been developed, but
arrangement and description of the archival records has not begun.
Consequently, only approximations regarding dates and volume can be made.
Indian mission records are located in 3 series:

/1 "Provincial Administrations"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume Approximately .8 cubic foot

Description: This series is arranged chronologically by administration. Files
contain 4 basic types of records dealing with Indian mission activity.

- A. Correspondence between the provincials and the bishops regarding the Indian missions
- B. Records dealing with land or property
- C. Financial and statistical reports, monthly, quarterly, and annual, from the Indian missions to the province
- D. Mission newsletters, letters of solicitation, and the like

/2 "Correspondence Files of Members of the Province - with the Provincial"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1924-present

Volume: Approximately .5 cubic foot

Description: Files are divided into deceased and living members thereunder

arranged alphabetically by surname. A review of the files of some of the more prominent O.M.I. Indian missionaries revealed the following:

Deceased Members

Pohlen, Reverend John, 1931-1969, 4 folders:
primarily correspondence from the Missions and Children's Home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota, with former Provincials Reverend Aloys Rosenthal, Reverend Alphonse Simon, Reverend Edwin Guild, Stanley Sergot, and Reverend William Coovert

Living Members

1. Antus, Reverend Lawrence, 1959-1975, 2 folders:
regarding Immaculate Conception Mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincials Reverend Stanley Sergot, Reverend William Coovert, Reverend Leo Figge, and Reverend Francis George primarily
2. Bladus, Reverend Leonard, 1969-1979, 3 folders:
primarily correspondence from the Missions and Children's Home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota, with former Provincials Reverend Leo Figge, Reverend Francis George, and Reverend William Woestman
3. Fitzgerald, Reverend Vincent, 1956-1973, 1 folder:
primarily correspondence regarding Immaculate Conception mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, and St. Catherine's Church, Squaw Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincials Reverend Stanley Sergot, Reverend William Coovert, and Reverend Leo Figge
4. Hitpas, Reverend Thomas, 1973-1978, 1 folder:
primarily correspondence regarding Immaculate Conception mission, Nett Lake, Minnesota, with former Provincial Reverend William Woestman

/3 Photographs

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description: The majority of the photographs are from the missions and children's home on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota.