



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Archdiocese of St. Louis  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

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History: The Diocese of St. Louis was erected in 1826 for the entire Louisiana Territory. With substantially reduced area, St. Louis was elevated to an archdiocese in 1947. The St. Louis Archdiocese and its predecessor included the following missions, parish, and schools which served American Indians:

1770-ca.1850s (no longer Indian)	St. Louis King of France Cathedral/Church/Mission (various and Métis), St. Louis, Missouri
1824-1831 (closed) (St. Louis, 1826-1831)	St. Regis Seminary (various), Florissant, Missouri
1836-1841 (closed)	Kickapoo Mission and School (Kickapoo), Missouri
1839-1847 (closed)	Sugar Creek Mission and School (Potawatomi), Kansas
1841-1850 (transferred to Diocese of Nesqually)	St. Mary Mission (Salish), Bitter Root River, Montana
1847-1849 (closed)	St. Francis Regis Mission (Miami), Missouri
1847-1870 (no longer Indian) (St. Louis, 1847-1850)	Osage Mission and School, Kansas
1848-1870s (no longer Indian) (St. Louis, 1848-1850)	St. Mary Mission and School (Potawatomi), St. Marys, Kansas

History of St. Louis King of France Cathedral

1770-ca.1850s (no longer Indian)	Various priests established and administered St. Louis King of France Cathedral/Church/ Mission (various and Métis), St. Louis, which had included a few American Indian parishioners
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1809 (December 28) Reverend Urbain Guillet, O.C.S.O. baptized Jean Baptiste "Pompey" Charbonneau (1805-1866), son of Toussaint Charbonneau and Sacagawea [Sacajawea] (Shoshoni)

1831 Narcisse (Salish) and Paul (Salish), from a Salish Indian delegation in Montana, died and were buried in the St. Louis Catholic cemetery

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates 1820s-1840s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .4 cubic foot

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Bishops' Papers: Bishop Joseph Rosati (1789-1843) Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description:

- A. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., "Diary (also copies)," 1822-1840, 3 volumes: includes references to Indian mission and school activities and requests for missionaries from Salish Indian delegations from Montana
- B. Correspondence, 1820s-1840, 1 folder: to Indian missionaries, including Reverend Charles F. Van Quickenborne, S.J., and to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, Italy

/2 Deceased Priests File

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840s

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname. Prominent Indian missionaries with files include:

- A. Badin, Reverend Stephen, 1828-1829, 2 letters
- B. Badin, Reverend Vincent, 1823-1838, 10 letters
- C. de Smet, Reverend Pierre-Jean, S.J., 1837, 1841, 1 letter and a report from the Rocky Mountain Mission
- D. Duerinck, Reverend J.B., 1834, 1 letter
- E. Hoecken, Reverend Christian, S.J., 1835-1844, 3 letters
- F. Mazzuchelli, Reverend Samuel, O.P., 1832-1839, 22 letters
- G. Petit, Benjamin, 1834, 1838, 2 letters
- H. Richard, Reverend Gabriel, 1822-1825, 5 letters
- I. Roux, Reverend Benedict, 1833-1839, 41 letters
- J. Van Quickenborne, Reverend Charles, S.J., 1823-1837, 32 letters
- K. Verhaegen, Reverend Peter, 1826-1841, 75 letters

/3 Correspondence with Bishops

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840s

Volume: Approximately 1 folder

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname. The files of Bishops Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Rémur, Louis W. Du Bourg, and Mathias Loras include some discussion of Catholic evangelization of American Indians.

/4 "Religious Women"

Inclusive dates: 1825-1831

Volume: Several letters

Description: Arranged alphabetically by community; includes files on the "Society of the Sacred Heart," re: Female Indian School, Florissant, Missouri.

/5 "Charles L. Souvay Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .15 cubic foot

Description: Records (copies), re: St. Louis Archdiocesan history copied by Reverend Souvay (former President of Kenrick Seminary) in archives throughout Europe and the United States. Records relating to Indian mission and school activities include portions of the following:

A. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. "Diary," 1822-1840, 3 volumes

B. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. "Memoirs," n.d., 202 pages

C. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. correspondence, 1820s-1840, 1 folder: many from the St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives

/6 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1770-ca. 1850s

Volume: Few entries within several volumes

Description: American Indian parishioners of St. Louis King of France Cathedral, St. Louis and St. Regis Seminary, Florissant; early 19<sup>th</sup> century sacramental records written in Latin or French.