



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Great Falls-Billings*  
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**St. Labre School**

**W-291**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1884-1933                        | Mother Amadeus Dunne, O.S.U. and the Ursulines (Toledo, Ohio) established and staffed St. Labre School (Cheyenne)                                   |
| 1885-1897                        | Jesuits (Turin Province, Turin, Italy) administered St. Labre's   |
| 1899-1914                        | Diocesan priests administered St. Labre's   |
| 1914-1925                        | Society of St. Edmund (Swanton, Vermont) administered St. Labre's   |
| 1917                             | St. Labre was rebuilt following a destructive fire  |
| 1926-2004                        | Capuchins (St. Joseph's Province, Detroit, Michigan) administered St. Labre's   |
| 1933-ca. 1980                    | School Sisters of St. Francis (United States Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) staffed St. Labre's  |
| 1928-1938 (closed), 1947-present | St. Labre's established a high school   |
| 1967-1999 (closed), 2000-present | The St. Labre Youth and Family Services/ St. Labre Home/ Cheyenne Home was established first as a foster home and then as youth and family services |
| 1971-present                     | St. Labre's was incorporated  |
| 1978-1985                        | U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the school, then known as Labre Indian School  |
| 2001-present                     | The Catholic elementary schools at Pretty Eagle and St. Charles on the Crow Reservation became branch campuses of St. Labre                         |
| 2004-present                     | Lay administrators have administered St. Labre  |
| ca. 2004-present                 | A diocesan priest and a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth (Leavenworth, Kansas) have served the school   |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1926-present, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 24.5 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Labre School are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

**A. Administrative records**

Inclusive dates: 1889-present

Volume: Approximately 10 cubic feet

Description: Correspondence, deeds, maps, and meeting minutes.

**B. Board minutes**

Inclusive dates: 1927-present

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description:

1. Board of St. Labre Mission, 1927, 1930, 1933; 1 volume
2. Mission Board, 1970-1975; 2 volumes
3. Board of Directors, 1971-present; 5 volumes

**C. Student records**

Inclusive dates: 1928-present

Volume: Believed to be approximately 2 cubic feet

Description: High school transcripts arranged alphabetically.

**D. Publications**

Inclusive dates: 1948-present

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet

Description:

1. *The Arrow*, 1950-unknown; fundraising newsletter
2. *Bells of St. Labre*, 1948-unknown; fundraising newsletter
3. *The Chief*, 1953?-unknown; school yearbook
4. *Morning Star/ The Morning Star People*, 1965-present; ca. 1 cubic foot; fundraising newsletter
5. *The Race of Sorrows*, 1956-1971; ca. .5 cubic foot; fundraising newsletter
6. *A Portrait of Saint Labre Indian Mission through One Hundred Years: Ashland, Montana, 1884-1984*, Sister Carlan Kraman, S.S.F.
7. *Sandal Prints*, 1961?-1984?; fundraising newsletter

**E. Photographs**

Inclusive dates: 1926-present, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 7 cubic feet

Description: St. Labre School and Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indians, Capuchins, and School Sisters of St. Francis

1. Motion pictures by Finton Schaub, ca. 1930s-1960, n.d.; ca. 1 cubic foot
2. Still prints, 1926-, n.d.; ca. 6 cubic feet

F. Northern Cheyenne Heritage

Inclusive dates: ca. 1930s-1976

Volume: Approximately 2.5 cubic feet

Description:

1. Historical Incidents of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, 1956; transcript from recording of Rufus Wallowing, George American Horse, John Stands in Timber, and Henry Little Coyote; re: recollections, ca. 1876-1956
2. Interviews and Meetings, 1972-1976; 3 folders (transcripts) pertaining to 612 audio cassettes not included; re: folktales, songs, historical and cultural recollections, and business and cultural meetings; notable participants: Dan Honahni, James Medicine Bird, Roy Bull Coming, Kathryn Bull Coming, Charles Sitting Man, James Spear, and Russell Bull Coming
3. Rufus Wallowing Papers, ca. 1930-1965; ca. 2 cubic feet; correspondence, meeting minutes, and publications; re: Northern Cheyenne tribe governance and claims
4. The Cheyenne Journey, Rubie Sooktis, Religious Research Center, 1976; 1 folder
5. The Mission and the Northern Cheyenne Indians, an Anthropological Analysis of Its Current Operation and Probable Future, A Report for the St. Labre Mission, Ashland, Montana, of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, William H. Hodge, 1971; 1 report