



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Great Falls-Billings*  
MONTANA, HAYS

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**St. Paul Mission and School**

**W-311**

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History:

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| 1884-1886    | Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) established and attended St. Paul Mission (Atsina, Assiniboine, and Métis) from St. Peter's, Fort Shaw |
| 1886-1970    | Jesuits administered St. Paul Mission   |
| 1887-1936    | Ursulines (Western Province, Santa Rosa, California) staffed St. Paul School  |
| 1936-1985    | School Sisters of St. Francis (United States Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) staffed the school   |
| 1970-1985    | Capuchins (St. Joseph Province, Detroit, Michigan) administered St. Paul's  |
| 1985-present | Jesuits have administered St. Paul's  |
| 1985-present | Jesuit Volunteers and Dominican Sisters (Sparkill, New York) have staffed the school  |

Jesuits and Capuchins from St. Paul's have attended the following missions among the Atsina and Assiniboine Indians and Métis of the Fort Belknap Reservation:

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| 1898-present | St. Thomas Mission, Lodge Pole    |
| 1924-present | Sacred Heart Church, Fort Belknap |
| 1940-present | St. Joseph Church, Zortman        |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1862-present

Volume: At least 7 volumes and 1 reel of microfilm (Diocese of Great Falls-Helena, reel 7; filmed to 1961)

Description: Sacramental records for St. Paul Mission and its attended Indian missions. It is believed that the school holds the student records, ca. 1985-present.