



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Helena*  
MONTANA, ST. IGNATIUS

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**St. Ignatius Mission**

**W-326**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1844-1854          | Reverend Pierre J. De Smet, S.J. established and Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) administered St. Ignatius Mission (Kalispel), Pend Oreille River, Washington |
| 1854-present       | Jesuits relocated and administered St. Ignatius Mission (Kootenai and Salish), Flathead/ Pend O'reille Reservation, St. Ignatius/ Snielemen, Montana   |
| 1864-1919          | Sisters of Charity of Providence (formerly Montreal; now Mother Joseph Province, Seattle, Washington) established and staffed St. Ignatius Boarding School (Kootenai and Salish) at the mission              |
| 1890-1972 (closed) | Ursulines (Western Province, Santa Rosa, California) staffed the school  |

Jesuits from St. Ignatius, Washington Territory, attended the following Indian mission and station:

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| 1848-1849     | St. Francis Borgia station (Kalispel), Flathead Lake, Montana                 |
| 1848-ca. 1854 | St. Paul Mission (Okanagan, Spokane, and others), Colville Valley, Washington |

Jesuits from St. Ignatius, Montana, have attended the following Indian missions and stations:

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| 1864-ca. 1880               | Dolores Mission (Kalispel? Kootenai?), Montana                |
| 1864-ca. 1880               | St. Louis Mission (Kalispel? Kootenai?), [Montana?]           |
| 1865-1866                   | Cootenay /Courtenay's Mission (Kootenai), Montana             |
| 1865-1866 (became a parish) | St. Mary's Mission (Salish), Stevensville/ Bitter Root Valley |

1896-present St. John Berchman Mission (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/  
Jocko Valley, Flathead Reservation  
1941-present Sacred Heart Mission (Salish), Arlee, Flathead  
Reservation

History of St. John Berchman Mission

1892-1897 (closed) The Ursulines (Western Province, Great Falls,  
Montana) established and administered St. John  
Berchman School (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/ Jocko  
Valley, Flathead Reservation  
1896-present Jesuits established and attended St. John Berchman  
Mission (Salish), Jocko/ Arlee/ Jocko Valley,  
Flathead Reservation, from St. Ignatius, St.  
Ignatius

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1864-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. Ignatius Mission and its attended  
Indian missions and stations.