



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Bismarck
NORTH DAKOTA, MANDAREE

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St. Anthony Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1889-1910 | Reverend Francis M. Craft built a school at Elbowoods, which became Immaculate Conception Mission (Arickara, Hidatsa, and Mandan) |
| 1910-1953 | Benedictines (Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota) and administered Sacred Heart/ Immaculate Conception Mission, which, due to the Garrison Dam Project, was moved to Mandaree and renamed St. Anthony Church |
| 1910-1936 | Benedictine Sisters (Sacred Heart Monastery, Richardton, North Dakota) staffed Sacred Heart School |
| 1936-1939 (closed) | Sacred Heart School continued |
| 1953-present | Benedictines have administered St. Anthony Church |

Benedictines from Elbowoods and Mandaree have administered the following Arickara, Hidatsa, and Mandan Indian missions:

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| 1906-1920 (transferred to St. Anthony's, Van Hook, North Dakota) | Holy Family/ St. Michael's Mission, Shell Creek/Shell Village |
| 1906-1969 (closed) | St. Andrew Mission, Nishu/ Armstrong (relocated eastern segment of the Reservation) |
| 1907-1921 (closed) | St. John Mission, Crow Heart's Landing |
| 1911-1920 (transferred to St. Anthony's, Van Hook) | St. Anthony's Mission, Independence |
| 1921-1951 (closed) | Sacred Heart Mission, Deep Water Creek |
| 1923-ca. 1924 (closed) | Indian Day School, Deep Water Creek |
| 1925-1969 (closed) | Holy Family Mission, Shell Creek/ Shell Village (relocated northern segment of the Reservation) |
| 1925-present | St. Anthony Mission, Mandaree/ Independence (relocated western segment of the Reservation and also mission center) |

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| 1928-present | St. Joseph Mission, Twin Buttes/ Crow's Heart/ Little Missouri (relocated southern segment of the Reservation) |
| 1953-1969 (closed) | Immaculate Conception Mission, Packineau Dam Site/ Elbowoods (relocated northeast segment of the Reservation) |
| 1955-1970 (closed) | Queen of Peace Mission, Raub |
| 1963-present | Sacred Heart Mission, White Shield |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1889-present

Volume: 2 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Anthony Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

- A. Sacramental records, 1889-present, 12 volumes: for St. Anthony Church and its Indian missions; baptisms, 1889-present, marriages, 1892-present, deaths, 1905-present, first communions, 1955-present, confirmations, 1929-present
- B. Subject files, 1950s-present, 1 cubic foot: Alphabetically arranged folders created by Reverends Aloysius Bittmann, O.S.B. and Stephen Kranz, O.S.B.; prominent subjects include Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions correspondence, diocesan correspondence, "Farm," financial and statistical statements, "Indian affairs," and "Tekakwitha Conference"