



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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 NEW MEXICO, CROWNPOINT

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1961-1975 | Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) established and administered St. Paul Church (Navajo) |
| 1976-1977 | Dominicans (Most Holy Name of Jesus-Western Dominican Province, Oakland, California) administered St. Paul's |
| 1978 | Diocesan priests administered St. Paul's |
| 1979-1980 | Jesuits (California Province, Los Gatos, California) administered St. Paul's |
| 1980-present | Diocesan priests and Adorers of the Blood of Christ (St. Louis, Missouri) have shared administration of St. Paul's |

Various priests from St. Paul's have attended the following Navajo Indian missions in New Mexico:

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| 1962-1975; 1981-1998
(closed) | San Ignacio Mission, Star Lake |
| 1970-1974 (became a parish) | St. Bonaventure Mission and School, Thoreau |
| 1999-present | Risen Savior Mission, Bluewater |

History of St. Valerian and St. Bonaventure Missions

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| 1897-1938 | Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) established and administered St. Valerian Mission (Navajo), Smith Lake |
| 1938-1961
By 1970 | Diocesan priests administered St. Valerian's St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission relocated to Thoreau |
| 1970-1974 | Franciscans (St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio) attended St. Bonaventure from St. Paul's |
| 1974-1990s | Reverend Douglas A. McNeill administered St. Bonaventure |

1982-present Reverend McNeill established St. Bonaventure School/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Academy (Navajo), which has been staffed by lay teachers

Diocesan priests from St. Bonaventure attended the following Navajo Indian missions in New Mexico:

1974-1990s (closed) Smith Lake Mission, Smith Lake
1977-1994 (transferred to St. Paul's, Risen Savior Mission, Bluewater Crownpoint)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1897-present (bulk to 1929)

Volume: Approximately 6 cubic feet

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

A. Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1897-present

Volume: 7 volumes

Description: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission, St. Paul Mission, and San Diego Mission, Jemez Pueblo:

1. Combined registers: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission, St. Paul Mission, and San Diego Mission, Jemez Pueblo, 1897-present, 3 volumes
 - a. Baptisms, 1897-1935, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission with appended copies (typed) from San Diego Mission, Jemez Pueblo, 1898-1929; first communions, 1945-1963, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission; confirmations, 1938-1979, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission and St. Paul Mission; marriages, 1939-2002, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission?; and burials, 1943-2001, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission and St. Paul Mission; 1 volume
 - b. Baptisms, 1938-1985, re: St. Bonaventure/ St. Valerian Mission and St. Paul Mission; 1 volume
 - c. First communions, 1964-present; St. Paul Mission with a few St. Bonaventure Mission, 1 volume
2. St. Paul Mission, 1975-present, 2 volumes
 - a. Baptisms, 1985-present
 - b. Confirmations, 1975-present
3. St. Bonaventure Mission, 1970-present, 2 volumes
 - a. Baptisms, 1970-present
 - b. Confirmations, 1970-present

B. Other Records

Inclusive dates: 1897-present (bulk to 1929)

Volume: Approximately 5.5 cubic feet

Description: Bulletins, clippings and scrapbooks, photographs and albums, and financial records.