



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Gallup*  
NEW MEXICO, GALLUP

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**Diocese of Gallup Archives**

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History: In 1939 the Diocese of Gallup was erected for northeastern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico from parts of the Dioceses of Santa Fe and Tucson. The Gallup Diocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Arizona and New Mexico:

1629-1672 (closed)	La Purísima Concepción de Aguico Mission (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico
1629-1680 (closed), 1699-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de Halona Mission (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1630-1632 (closed) (Gallup, 1939-present)	Kechipawan Visita (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico
1699-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Joseph/ San José de Laguna Mission (Laguna), Laguna Pueblo, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1629-1680 (closed), 1689-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	San Estevan del Rey/ San Estevan del Rey de Ácoma Church (Acoma), Acoma Pueblo, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico
1902-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Michael School (Navajo), St. Michaels, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1905-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Our Lady of Fatima Mission (Navajo), Chinle, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1905-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Anthony Mission (Navajo), Many Farms, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1910-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Francis of Assisi Church (Apache), Lumberton, Jicarilla Reservation, New Mexico
1914-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Mission (Navajo), Fort Defiance, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1914-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Mary Mission (Navajo), Tohatchi, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Round Rock Mission (Navajo), Round Rock, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Isabel Mission (Navajo), Lukachukai, Navajo Reservation, Arizona

1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Wheatfields Mission (Navajo), Wheatfields, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
after 1915-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Tsaile Mission (Navajo), Tsaile, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. John/ Tekakwitha Mission, Houck, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1920-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Joseph Church (Hopi and Navajo), Keams Canyon, Hopi Reservation, Arizona
1922-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Anthony Church (Zuni), Zuñi Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1923-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Anthony School (Zuni), Zuñi Pueblo, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico
1924-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Francis Church (Apache), Whiteriver, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Anthony Mission (Apache), Cedar Creek, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1928-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	St. Catherine Mission (Apache), Cibecue, Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
1935-present (Gallup, 1939-present)	Christ the King Church (Navajo), Shiprock, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1935-1995 (Gallup, 1939- present)	St. Joseph School (Laguna), Laguna Pueblo, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1939-present	Annunciation Church (Navajo), Chinle, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1941-present	St. Anthony Church (Navajo), Naschitti, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1943-present	St. Francis of Assisi Church (Navajo and others), Gallup, New Mexico
1946-ca. 1995 (closed)	St. Valerian Center (Navajo and others), Gallup, New Mexico
1950-present	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mission (Laguna), Encinal, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Laguna), Mesita, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present	St. Mary Margaret Mission (Laguna), Paraje, Laguna Reservation, New Mexico
1950-present	St. Elizabeth Mission (Laguna), Paguante, Laguna Reservation New Mexico
1955-present	St. Anne Church (Navajo), Klagetoh, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956-present	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Navajo), Kayenta, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956?-present	Our Lady of the Rosary Mission (Navajo), Greasewood, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1956-present	St. Jude Church (Navajo and Hopi), Tuba City, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1958-present	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Navajo), Page, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1962-1997 (closed)	St. Eleanor Church (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico
1962-present	St. Paul Church (Navajo), Crownpoint, New Mexico
1962-1975, 1981-1998 (closed)	San Ignacio Mission (Navajo), Star Lake, New Mexico
1963-present	St. Berard Church (Navajo), Navajo, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
after 1963-present	Sawmill Mission (Navajo), Sawmill, Navajo Reservation, Arizona

1965-present	St. Patrick (Navajo), Chichiltah, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
ca. 1965-present	Good Shepherd Mission (Navajo), Pine Haven, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1966-present	St. Anne Mission (Acoma), Acomita, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico
1966-present	Santa Maria del Acoma Mission (Acoma), McCartys, Acoma Reservation, New Mexico
1968-present	All Saints Church (Navajo), Ganado, Navajo Reservation, Arizona
1970-present	Chuska Mission (Navajo), Chuska, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1970-present	St. Anthony Mission (Apache), Dulce, Jicarilla Reservation, New Mexico
1970-present	St. Bonaventure School (Navajo), Thoreau, New Mexico
1971-1989 (closed)	St. William Church (Navajo), West Gallup, New Mexico
1971-present	St. Philip Benizi Mission (Navajo), Church Rock, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1972-present	Good Shepherd Mission (Navajo), Pinehaven, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1972-1992	St. Catherine Mission (Navajo), Manuelito, New Mexico
1974-1994, 1999-present	Risen Savior Mission (Navajo), Bluewater, New Mexico
1974-present	Smith Lake Mission (Navajo), Smith Lake, New Mexico
1980-present	Crystal Mission (Navajo), Crystal, New Mexico
1982-2001 (closed)	Fence Lake Mission (Navajo?), Fence Lake, New Mexico
1982-present	San Lorenzo Church (Navajo) Tinaja, Ramah Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
1996-2002 (closed)	San Juan Catholic Center (Navajo), Kirtland, New Mexico

#### History of St. Valerian Center

1946-ca. 1995 (closed)	Franciscans (Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and administered St. Valerian Center (Navajo and others), Gallup
1967-ca. 1995	Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem/ Cornwell Heights, Pennsylvania) staffed St. Valerian's
ca. 1995-present	Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul (Western Province, Los Altos Hills, California) resided at St. Valerian's

Franciscans from St. Valerian's attended the following Indian schools and parish:

1946-1962 (closed)	Charles H. Burke Government School (Navajo) and Fort Wingate Government Vocational High School (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico
1962-1974	St. Eleanor Church (Navajo), Fort Wingate, New Mexico

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1777-1920, 1923-present

Volume: Approximately 66 cubic feet

Description: The Diocese of Gallup archives are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by type of record.

#### A. Bishops' Papers

Inclusive dates: 1939-2000

Volume: Approximately 34 cubic feet

Description:

1. Bishop Bernard Theodore Espelage (1892-1971), O.F.M., 1939-1969; less than 20% of approximately 6 cubic feet
2. Bishop Jerome Joseph Hastrich (1914-1995), 1969-1990; less than 10% of approximately 10 cubic feet
3. Bishop Donald Edmond Pelotte (Abenaki, 1945-), S.S.S., 1986-2008; approximately 32 cubic feet; Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup, 1986-1990; Bishop of Gallup, 1990-2000
  - a. Biography, coat of arms, photographs, 5 folders
  - b. Calendars, 1987-1990, 2 folders
  - c. Clippings, 3 folders; re: related articles from newspapers
  - d. Correspondence
    - 1) General, 1988-2000, approximately 20 cubic feet; accumulated at approximately 25 folders/year
    - 2) With other bishops, 1986-2000, approximately 8 cubic feet; accumulated at approximately 8 folders/year
  - e. Homilies, 1987-2000, 48 folders; online 2004-present, <http://www.dioceseofgallup.org/bishop/homilies/index.html>
  - f. Ordination, 1986, 2 folders
4. Appointment Book, 1940-1985, approximately 40% of 1 volume; re: ordinations of priests and deacons, necrology of priests and deacons, dedications of churches and schools, confirmations, and diocesan consultants' meetings

#### B. Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1777-1920, 1941-present

Volume: Approximately 1.5 cubic feet (over 30 volumes in part and 27 reels of microfilm in part)

Description: Divided by individual parishes and all parishes combined with the former arranged there under by an assigned volume number and microfilmed with each reel corresponding to one register; includes Indian or non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions.

1. Individual parishes, New Mexico
  - a. Microfilm (includes Acoma, San Estevan del Rey Church, Gallup, Sacred Heart Cathedral/ Church, Laguna, St. Joseph/ San José Church, and Zuni, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission), 1777-1920; 27 reels in part; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, and patents
  - b. Registers: Gallup, Sacred Heart Cathedral/ Church, 1941, 1 volume, baptisms; Laguna, St. Joseph/ San José Church, 1885-1900, 1 volume, baptisms; San Fidel, St. Joseph Church, 1920-1942, 3 volumes, baptisms; Smith Lake Mission, 1938-1940, 1 volume, baptisms

2. All parishes combined diocesan-wide, Arizona and New Mexico, 1941-present; approximately 40% of over 30 volumes plus 3 volumes indices; includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials for all parishes plus St. Valerian Chapel/ Center, Gallup

#### C. Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1923-2002

Volume: Approximately 16 cubic feet

Description: Divided by state, then arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; contains correspondence, histories, maps, membership lists, notes, and photos for Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations.

##### 1. Arizona:

- a. Chinle, Our Lady of Fatima Church with Many Farms mission, 1941-2000; 7 folders
- b. Cibecue, St. Catherine Church with Cedar Creek mission, 1946-1988; 7 folders
- c. Fort Defiance, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 1953-1995; 5 folders
- d. Ganado, All Saints Church with Klagetoh and Greasewood missions, 1956-2000; 7 folders
- e. Kayenta, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1968-2000; 4 folders
- f. Keams Canyon, St. Joseph Church with missions, 1940-2000; 6 folders
- g. Lukachukai, St. Isabel Church with Round Rock, Wheatfields, and Tsaile missions, 1924-1993; 7 folders
- h. St. Michaels, St. Michael's Mission, 1937-2002; 13 folders
- i. Tuba City, St. Jude Church, 1942-2001; 6 folders
- j. Whiteriver, St. Francis Church, 1942-2000; 5 folders

##### 2. New Mexico:

- a. Acoma, San Estevan del Rey Church with Acomita and McCartys missions, 1964-2000; 5 folders
- b. Chichiltah, St. Patrick Church, 1971-2000; 7 folders
- c. Church Rock, St. Philip Benizi Church, 1967-2000; 1 folder
- d. Crownpoint, St. Mary Church, 1965-1994; 8 folders
- e. Gallup, St. Valerian Chapel, 1983-1993; 1 folder
- f. Gallup, St. William Church with Manuelito Mission, 1971-1989; 6 folders
- g. Laguna, St. Joseph Church with Paraje, Paguate, Encinal, Seama, and Mesita missions, 1940-1999; 6 folders
- h. Lumberton, St. Francis of Assisi Church with Dulce mission, 1940-1999; 15 folders
- i. Navajo, St. Berard Church with Sawmill mission, 1962-2000; 6 folders
- j. Pinehaven, Good Shepherd Church, 1974-1998; 5 folders
- k. Shiprock, Christ the King Church, 1940-1998; 8 folders
- l. Thoreau, St. Bonaventure Church with Smith Lake and Bluewater missions, 1962-1999; 22 folders
- m. Tinaja, San Lorenzo Church, 1974-2000; 6 folders
- n. Tohatchi, New Mexico, St. Mary Church with Naschitti mission, 1940-2000; 7 folders
- o. Zuni, St. Anthony Church, 1953-2000; 11 folders

D. School Files

Inclusive dates: 1972-2000

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: Contain correspondence between the diocese and school principals, clippings histories, and yearbooks.

1. St. Michaels, St. Michael School, 1987-2000, 3 folders
2. Thoreau, St. Bonaventure School/ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Academy, 1972-2000, 11 folders
3. Zuni, St. Anthony School, 1993-2000, 1 folder

E. Files of Women's Religious Institutes

Inclusive dates: 1938-2000

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet

Description: Correspondence between the diocese and heads of congregations, re: Indian parishes and schools in part.

1. Auxiliaries of the Blessed Sacrament, 1989-1995; 1 folder
2. Franciscan Sisters of Peace, 1989-1992, 1 folder
3. Missionaries of Charity, 1980-2000, 6 folders
4. Benedictine Sisters, 1972-1991, 1 folder
5. Dominican Sisters, 1982-1993, 1 folder
6. Ursuline Sisters, 1981-1997, 1 folder
7. Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, 1981-2000, 5 folders
8. Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, 1975-1998, 2 folders
9. Sisters of Loretto, 1990, 1 folder
10. Sisters of Notre Dame, 1987-1997, 1 folder
11. School Sisters of Notre Dame, 1983-1991, 1 folder
12. General Correspondence, 1971-1992, ca. 15% of 30 folders
13. Individual Sisters, A-Z, 1938-1997, ca. 15% of 25 folders
14. Sisters Senate, 1970-2000, ca. 15% of 5 folders
15. Sisters Council, 1981-2000, ca. 15% of 3 folders
16. Saint Katharine Drexel, 1966-2000, 1 cubic foot; re: sainthood cause; correspondence with and printed material from primarily the postulator

F. Files of Men's Religious Institutes

Inclusive dates: 1940-present

Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet

Description: Franciscans, St. John the Baptist (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1940-1985, and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Albuquerque, New Mexico), 1985-present, Provinces; includes correspondence between the diocese and heads of the province, newsletters, and biographical/personnel files; re: Indian parishes and schools, in part.

G. Personnel Files: Diocesan Priests, Religious Priests, and Permanent Deacons

Inclusive dates: 1940-present

Volume: Estimated 40% of 15 cubic feet

Description: Biographical information, correspondence, and clippings; most contain 1 folder per person.

1. Deceased Priests, A-Z, 1940-present; estimated 40% of 8 cubic feet
2. Diaconate faculty correspondence, 1988-2000, 6 folders
3. Diaconate minutes, 1988-1997, 1 folder
4. Diaconate newsletter, *Diakonia*, 1987-2000; 1 folder
5. Diocesan Priests of other dioceses, A-Z, 1940-present; 40% of ca. 12 cubic feet
6. Native American Deacon and Lay Ministry Formation, 1985-1995; with *Native American Deacons' Handbook*, Diocese of Gallup, n.d.; 1 folder

7. Native American Deaconate Weekend, 1999; includes photos; 1 folder
8. Native American Deacons' Association, 1989; 1 folder
9. Permanent Deacons, A-Z, 1980s-present; estimated 40% of 4 cubic feet

#### H. Other Catholic Organizations

Inclusive dates: 1940-2000

Volume: Approximately 4 cubic feet

##### Description:

1. American Board of Catholic Missions, 1940-1990, 4 folders in part
2. Apostolic Delegation, 1940-1989, 6 folders in part
3. Black and Indian Mission Office [Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Indians and the Colored People], 1940-1990, 8 folders
4. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 1987-2000, 3 folders; correspondence with Monsignor Paul A. Lenz and newsletters
5. Casa San Martin, 1973-1989, 2 folders in part
6. Catholic Church Extension Society, 1940-2000, 27 folders in part
7. Gallup Catholic Indian Center [St. Valerian Center], 1946-1982, 1 folder
8. Gallup Diocesan Catholic Charities, 1 folder in part
9. Madonna House Winslow Arizona, 1994-2000, 1 folder in part
10. New Mexico Catholic Conference, 1991-2000, 3 folders in part
11. New Mexico Conference of Churches, 1994-2000, 1 folder in part
12. Southwest Indian Foundation
  - a. 1973-1996, 15 folders; includes correspondence with Reverend Douglas McNeil
  - b. 1988-2000; 3 folders; mostly correspondence with foundation
13. Talbot House, 1988-1999, 4 folders in part
14. Tekakwitha Conference, 1978-2000; 3 folders
15. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Native American Catholics, 1994-1995, 2 folders

#### I. General Diocesan Concerns

Inclusive dates: 1947-1948, 1964-1999

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

##### Description:

1. Diocese of Gallup Golden Jubilee [book], 1989, 1 folder in part
2. New Mexico 5<sup>th</sup> Centenary Celebration, 1991-1992, 4 folders in part
3. Native Americans, General
  - a. General, 1987-1997, 1 folder
  - b. Lay ministry, 1992-1999, 1 folder
  - c. Church Survey, 1981, 1 folder
  - d. Papal visit with, Phoenix, Arizona, 1987, 4 folders; clippings
4. Hopi Nation, 1992-1993, 1 folder
5. Navajo Indians
  - a. Mass in Navajo language, 1964-1987, 2 folders; correspondence and texts
  - b. Permission to marry non-Catholics, 1947-1948, 1 folder
  - c. Navajo Board, 1970-1980, 2 folders
  - d. Navajo meetings, 1970-1972, 1 folder
  - e. Navajo Nation, 1979-1999, 1 folder

J. Diocesan newspaper  
Inclusive dates: 1969-present  
Volume: Many articles

Description: *Voice of the Southwest*,

<http://www.dioceseofgallup.org/vosw/index.htm>, regularly includes several articles pertaining to American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese and is archived online, April 2007-ongoing.