



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans

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Diocese of Baker
OREGON, BEND

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Diocese of Baker Archives

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Hours: By appointment only
Access: Some restrictions apply
Copying Facilities: Yes

History: The Diocese of Baker City was erected from a portion of the Archdiocese of Portland in 1903 and renamed the Diocese of Baker in 1952. In 1999 the Baker Diocese reported fewer than 1,000 baptized Native American Catholics. Baker and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Oregon:

1865-present (Baker, 1903-present)	St. Andrew Mission (Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Nez Perce), Pendleton, Umatilla Reservation
1899-present (Baker, 1903-present)	Holy Family Mission (Paiute), Burns, Burns Reservation
1888-present (Baker, 1903-present)	St. Ann School (Cayuse, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Walla Walla), Pendleton, Umatilla Reservation
ca. 1908-present	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Klamath and Modoc), Chiloquin

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1847-present

Volume: Approximately 2.5 cubic feet

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1934-present

Volume: Several reels of microfilm, in part

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for Indian and non-Indian parishes that have had a few Indian parishioners and/or attended Indian missions, stations, and schools; parishes hold all records prior to 1934

A. Baker, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral

B. Bend, St. Francis Assisi Church

- C. Burns, Holy Family Mission
- D. Chiloquin, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission
- E. Hood River, Immaculate Conception Church
- F. Klamath, Sacred Heart Mission
- G. Madras, St. Patrick Church
- H. Pendleton, St. Andrew Mission
- I. Redmond, St. Thomas Church

/2 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1847-present

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of parishes and there under by name; includes correspondence between diocese and parishes, clippings, and cemetery records for parishes and attended missions and stations:

- A. Burns, Holy Family Mission, 1915-present, approximately 1 cubic foot
- B. La Grande, Early Missions, 1908, 1 folder
- C. Madras, St. Patrick Church, 1955-present, few items; re: Warm Springs Reservation
- D. Pendleton, St. Andrew Mission, 1907-present, approximately 1 cubic foot
- E. Umatilla Reservation, St. Joseph Mission, 1847-1921, 1 folder

/3 Personnel Files

Inclusive dates: 1910-present

Volume: Few folders

Description: Includes diocesan and religious priests, 1 folder/person arranged alphabetically

/4 Religious Community Files

Inclusive dates: ca. 1910-present

Volume: Approximately .2 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence between the diocese and the Jesuits; re: Native Americans evangelization and St. Andrew Mission, Pendleton.

/5 Files of Other Organizations

Inclusive dates: 1908-present

Volume: Several folders

Description: Correspondence between the diocese and Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, and Catholic Historical Society (Portland, Oregon).

/6 Archdiocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1870-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: The *Catholic Sentinel*, <http://www.sentinel.org/>, has included occasional articles on American Indians and Catholic evangelization throughout Oregon. It was established in 1870 and acquired by the Archdiocese of Portland, ca. 1920, when it became the official newspaper for both Portland and Baker.