



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

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History: The See of San Juan was erected in 1511 as the Diocese of Puerto Rico and a suffragan, first of the Province of Seville, Spain and then of the Province of Santiago de Cuba. In 1924 San Juan's name was changed to the Diocese of San Juan de Puerto Rico and in 1960 it was elevated to an archdiocese. In 1791, the diocese was restricted to the Island of Puerto Rico after previously including portions of the Caribbean and present-day Venezuela. Evangelization of Native Americans began after 1511 and the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista was erected in 1522. Taino Indians and Mestizos have been among the parishioners of this and a number of other parishes established before the 19th century.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans include the sacramental records of the Cathedral of San Juan and other early parishes.