



Guide to Catholic-Related Records outside the U.S. about Native Americans
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History: The Vicariate Apostolate of Nouvelle-France was erected in 1658 from the North American portion of the Diocese of Rouen (France). The Diocese of Québec succeeded the vicariate in 1674 and in 1819 it became a Metropolitan See. Until 1784, Québec included evangelization among Native Americans in the Great Lakes (Iroquois, Ojibwa, Wyandot, and others) and Mississippi River valley (Apalache, Choctaw, Tunica, and others) regions in the United States. From 1838 to 1843, the Metropolitan Sees of Québec and Baltimore jointly administered Indian evangelization in Idaho, western Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Description: Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans in the United States are unknown. However, U.S. repositories hold copies of the following records from the Québec Archdiocesan Archives.

Inclusive dates: Includes 1815-1880?

Volume: Possibly 1 cubic foot or more

Description: Known correspondence.

- A. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church (Métis and Ojibwa), Pembina and the Red River Valley, North Dakota, 1815-1880?, possibly 1,000 pages; majority in French; major correspondents include Archbishop Joseph-Octave Plessis of Québec, Bishop Alexander-Antonine Taché, O.M.I. of Sainte-Boniface, Reverends Severe Joseph Nicholas Dumoulin, Joseph Norbert Provencher, Georges Antoine Belcourt, Joseph Goiffon, J. Lafleche, Lawrence Simonet, and Jean Baptiste M. Genin, O.M.I., and Joseph Rolette. Also includes historical notes by Reverend Julius Belleau and biographies of Reverends Joseph Goiffon and Georges Belcourt; from the Archdiocesan Archives of Québec and/or Saint-Boniface
- B. "Belcourt, Reverend Georges Antoine," 1832-1857, ca. 70 letters to/from the Archbishop Joseph-Octave Plessis of Quebec and others describing his life as missionary among the Ojibwa Indians and Métis at Pembina and Turtle Mountain, Dakota Territory