



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of El Paso*  
TEXAS, SOCORRO

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**La Purísima Church**  
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: La Purísima Church is a non-Indian parish with many parishioners of American Indian descent.

1680	Tiwa and Jemez Indian refugees fled the 1680 Pueblo Revolt in New Mexico
By 1683-ca. 1850s (no longer Indian)	Franciscans (formerly Santa Cruz de Queretaro; then College of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico) established and administered La Purísima Church/ Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción del Socorro Mission (Tiwa, Jemez, and Mestizos)
1829, 1840	Floods destroyed La Purísima, which was then rebuilt

Franciscans from La Purísima attended the following Indian missions:

1852-1874	Corpus Christi de la Ysleta Mission (Tiwa), Ysleta
1852-1850s (no longer Indian)	San Elizario Mission (Tiwa and Mestizos), San Elizario

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1832-present

Volume: Several entries within many volumes

Description: Sacramental records for La Purísima Church and its attended Indian missions.