



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

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ST THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS

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In 1960, the See of St. Thomas was erected as the Territorial Prelature of the Virgin Islands, encompassing the United States Virgin Islands. In 1977 it was elevated to a diocese and suffragan of the Archdiocese of Washington (District of Columbia) and renamed the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

It is believed that Taino Indians were among the first parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul as well as other early parishes. The cathedral parish was erected in 1773. Initially it served St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix Islands and all of the former Dutch West Indies.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans include the sacramental records of the Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral and other early parishes.