



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Spokane
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History: The Diocese of Spokane was erected in 1913 from a portion of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Spokane Diocese reported 3,000 baptized Native American Catholics in 1999. Spokane and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions, parishes, and schools in Washington State:

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| 1847-1852 (closed) (Spokane, 1913) | St. Anne Mission (Cayuse), Wallula |
| 1847-1856 (closed), 1867-present (Spokane, 1913-1951) | St. Rose Mission (Yakama), Yakima River |
| 1847-1856 (closed) (Spokane, 1913) | St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission (Yakama), Yakima/ Yakima River |
| 1848-1883 (closed) (Spokane, 1913-present) | St. Paul Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Kettle Falls |
| 1849-1854 (closed) (Spokane, 1913-present) | St. Joseph Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Okanogan |
| 1849-ca. 1952 (closed) (Spokane, 1913- ca. 1952) | St. Francis Regis Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Colville |
| 1852-1920s? (no longer Indian)(Spokane, 1913-1920s) | Immaculate Conception Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Colville |
| 1852-1904 (closed) (Spokane, 1913) | Spokane Chapel/ Mission (Spokane), Spokane |
| 1873-1921 (closed) (Spokane, 1913-1921) | Providence of the Sacred Heart School (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Colville |

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| 1875-present (Spokane, 1913-1951) | St. Joseph School/ Academy (Yakama), Yakima |
| 1882-present (Spokane, 1913-1951) | St. Mary Church (Yakama), White Swan, Yakima Reservation |
| 1910-1920s (closed) (Spokane, 1913-1920s) | St. Louis Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Brewster/Monse |
| 1913-present | Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Kalispel), Cusick |
| 1915-1940s (closed) | St. Joachim Mission (Sanpoil), Bossburg |
| 1915-1940s (closed) | St. Ann Church (Sanpoil), Pia |
| 1915-present | Sacred Heart Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Nespelem, Colville Reservation |
| 1916-present | St. Rose of Lima Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Keller, Colville Reservation |
| 1920s-present | St. Jude Church (Kalispel), Usk |
| 1920-present | Sacred Heart Church (Spokane), Wellpinit |
| 1925-present | St. Michael Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Inchelium, Colville Reservation |
| 1938-1950 (closed) | St. Ignatius Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Rogers Bar |
| 1943-present | Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Spokane), Wellpinit/ West End, Spokane Reservation |
| 1886-present | St. Mary Mission (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation |
| 1945-ca. 1973 (closed) | St. Mary School (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation |
| 1945-present | St. Joseph Church (Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi), Omak, Colville Reservation |
| 1988-present | St. Philip Benizi Church (Spokane), Wellpinit/ Ford, Spokane Reservation |
| 1994-present | St. Aloysius Church (various), Spokane |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1883-present

Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: The Diocese of Spokane archives are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Bishops' Papers

Inclusive dates: 1915, 1917, and dates unknown

Volume: Approximately .6 cubic foot

Description: Divided by bishop and there under by topic and record type.

1. Bishop Augustin Magloire Alexandre Blanchet (1797-1887), dates unknown; approximately .5 cubic foot; clippings, correspondence (copies), and notes
2. Bishop Augustine Francis Schinner (1863-1937), 1915, 1917, few letters; includes the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians

B. Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1883-1990

Volume: Few reels of microfilm

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by parish name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials for Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations and/or a few Indian parishioners; microfilmed through 1990 with original records held by parishes.

1. Colville, Immaculate Conception Church, 1883-1990
2. Inchelium, St. Michael Mission, 1925-1990
3. Monse, St. Louis Church, 1910-1920s
4. Nespelem, Sacred Heart Mission, 1916-1990
5. Omak, St. Mary Church, 1945-1990
6. Usk, St. Jude Church, 1920s-1990
7. Wellpinit, Sacred Heart Church, 1920-1990
8. Westend, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1943-1990

C. Parish Files

Inclusive dates: After 1899-present

Volume: Approximately 1.2 cubic feet

Description: Correspondence, clippings, histories, reports, and photographs arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes the following Indian and non-Indian parishes with attended Indian missions and stations:

1. Colville, Immaculate Conception Church, 1937-present, .2 cubic foot
2. Colville, St. Francis Regis Mission, 1910-present, .2 cubic foot
3. Inchelium, St. Michael Mission, 1928-present, .2 cubic foot
4. Nespelem, Sacred Heart Church, 1915-present, .1 cubic foot
5. Omak, St. Mary Mission, 1899-present, .2 cubic foot
6. Usk, St. Jude Church, 1961-present, .2 cubic foot
7. Wellpinit, Sacred Heart Church, 1978-present, .1 cubic foot

D. Personnel Files

Inclusive dates: After 1913-present

Volume: Few folders

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname; mostly diocesan priests with few Jesuits included.

E. Religious Community Files

Inclusive dates: 1894-present

Volume: Approximately 1.1 cubic feet

Description: Clippings, correspondence, ephemera, histories, photographs, and reports arranged alphabetically by topic, i.e. "Indian Reservations" and community name.

1. "Indian Reservations," 1894-1947, .4 cubic foot; notable correspondents: Reverend Alphonsus Fletcher, S.J., 1914-1915; Reverend C. Caldi, S.J., 1919-1937, Reverend E. de Rouge, S.J., 1914-1915, Reverend H.J. Schuler, S.J., 19143-1915, Reverend Edward M. Griva, S.J., 1914-1919; History of the 50 years of my Missionary Life Among Indians and Whites from July 1894 til the End of September 1944 [typescript] by Reverend Edward M. Griva, S.J.; The Cayuse and Walla Walla [typescript] by Reverend Lyle Davis, S.J., 1947
2. "Jesuits and Jesuit History," 1958-1980s, .3 cubic foot; The Long Harvest, Life of Joseph M. Cataldo, S.J. [typescript, M.A. thesis] by Lucia Ahern, Nebraska State Teachers College, 1958; Story of Jesuit Father Joseph Joset, Missionary of the Coeur d'Alenes, 1975, KHQ television typescript; clippings and ephemera, 1930s-1980s
3. "Sisters of [Charity of] Providence," 1921-1980s, .4 cubic foot; includes Mother Joseph statue dedication, U.S. Capital, Washington, D.C., 1930s

F. Diocesan Newspapers

Inclusive dates: 1919-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: Occasional articles pertaining to American Indians and Catholic evangelization in the diocese have appeared in *The Inland Empire, Catholic Messenger*, 1919-1931, the *Inland Catholic*, 1934-1942, and *The Inland Register*, <http://www.dioceseofspokane.org/Communications/ir.htm>, 1942-present; the latter has been archived online, 2001-present.