



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00-5:00 and by appointment only

Access: No restrictions

Copying facilities: Yes

Inclusive dates: ca. 1900-1990, n.d.

Volume: At least 11 cubic feet

Description: 5 collections include Native Catholic records; selected images are available online within the American Indians of the Pacific Northwest Collection, <http://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/index.html>.

/1 "Cataldo, Joseph Benjamin Mary, S.J. Correspondence"

Inclusive dates: 1911, 1918

Volume: 4 letters

Description: By Reverend Cataldo; re: Indian evangelization in the Pacific Northwest.

/2 "Dowd, Edgar Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1935-1990, n.d.

Volume: Several photographs

Description: Selected images online include

- A. Sacred Heart Mission and School, De Smet, Coeur d'Alene Reservation, Idaho with Coeur d'Alene Indians, Jesuits and Sisters of Charity of Providence
- B. St. Ignatius Mission, St. Ignatius, Flathead Reservation, Montana with Salish Indians and Jesuits
- C. St. Mary Mission and School, Omak, Colville Reservation, Washington with Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi Indians, Jesuits, Lady Missionaries of Mary ["The Madams"], and Sisters of the Third Order of Penance of St. Dominic, Immaculate Heart of Mary Province (Kettle Falls, Washington)

/3 "Obersinner, Father, S.J., Collection"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1900-1959, n.d.

Volume: Several photographs

Description: Selected images online by Reverend Joseph L. Obersinner, S.J., regarding St. Mary Mission and School, Omak, Colville Reservation, Washington with Chelan, Entiat, Methow, Nespelim, Nez Perce, Okanogan, Paloos, Sanpoil, Senijextee, and Wenatchi Indian students, Jesuits, Lady Missionaries of Mary ["The Madams"], and Sisters of the Third Order of Penance of St. Dominic, Immaculate Heart of Mary Province (Kettle Falls, Washington), including Mother Mary Bonaventura, O.P., Sister Consuelo Fissler, O.P., Sister Maria Ilma Raufer, O.P., and Sister Rose Francis Seymour (Colville), O.P.

/4 "Post, John, S.J., Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1909-ca. 1935, n.d.

Volume: Several photographs

Description: Selected images online by Reverend John A. Post, S.J., which include Sacred Heart Mission and School, De Smet, Coeur d'Alene Reservation, Idaho with Coeur d'Alene Indians, Jesuits and Sisters of Charity of Providence.

/5 "Sister Providencia Tolan Papers"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1947-1976

Volume: Approximately 11 cubic feet

Description: Advocacy for the rights of American Indians by Sister Providencia Tolan, O.P., which focuses on concerns of urban Indians and the tribes in Montana.