



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Superior*  
WISCONSIN, BAYFIELD (RED CLIFF)

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**St. Francis Church**

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History:

1878-1893	Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Red Cliff Reservation station (Ojibwa) from Holy Family, Bayfield
1880-1893	Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (Joliet, Illinois) established and staffed Red Cliff Catholic Day School
1893-1927	Franciscans established and attended St. Francis Mission (Ojibwa) from Holy Family, Bayfield
1893-1896	Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate Staff the Red Cliff Government School (Ojibwa)
1896-1960 (closed)	Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate staff St. Francis School (Ojibwa)
1927-1960	Became a parish; Franciscans administered St. Francis Church
1960	Red Cliff students transferred to Holy Family School, Bayfield
1960-1964	Franciscans attended St. Francis Church from Holy Family, Bayfield
1964-present	Franciscans have administered St. Francis

From 1927-1960, Franciscans from St. Francis attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1927-1950 (transferred to Holy Family, Bayfield)	St. Joseph Mission, La Pointe
1927-1960 (transferred to Holy Family, Bayfield)	St. Anthony Mission, Belanger Settlement

Holdings of Indian mission and school records:

Inclusive dates: 1913-present

Volume: 2.3 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Francis Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

- A. Sacramental records, 1913-present, 3 volumes: for St. Francis and its Indian missions; baptisms, marriages, deaths, and first communions, 1913-present; confirmations, 1914-present
- B. Photographs, 1960s-1970s, 87 prints
- C. Subject file, 1950s-present, 2 cubic feet: alphabetically arranged